

The video talks about the village of Marissa, Illinois and how over the last 5 years, the city has been consistently flooding. They talk about how they "don't know why" it's happening but the problem seems clear. There's been an uptick in rainfall but not one in the amount or quality of the drainage systems. According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, climate change has severely increased the amount of rainfall over the past 100+ years. Therefore, the one drainage system in Marissa is not enough. However, the village doesn't have the funds to move out of the area or to add/fix the draining systems, similar to what's happening in Centerville. I believe that the responsibility to get this done falls to the state/any other local government as the people can't pay for it themselves. I'm not sure why the village of Marissa isn't getting the state's attention but it could be a similar reason to why Centerville isn't either: there is a large population of Black and brown people and so the government doesn't see them as of much of a priority. However, these are people's lives and livelihoods being in danger, if the floods get worse, people could get injured or ill and drown and there's little chance that first responders would be able to save them because of the flooding. When it comes to situations like these where it's life or death for the residents, I don't believe it should matter if they can pay or not because their lives are in danger and that's more important than monetary value.