

# Flood at the 1803 House

## August 4, 2020

The 1803 House property was flooded after heavy rains in Emmaus. The house was surrounded by water and the damage was mostly in the basement. The water was up to the ceiling and then trickled into the 1st floor. The pictures below were taken by our board member and in-house photographer Jill Cramer several hours after the flooding occurred. They tell the scary story of how it all happened. Jill said, "It camp up fast and went down just as fast!"



**Photos 1-3...**It all began with the retention pond over flowing into the cul-de-sac and into the 1803 House property. Debris caught in fence shows how high water came over the fence. Note debris wrapped around kiosk.



**Photos 4-7...**Water then swept up to kitchen porch area and actually unraveled the hose, which had been coiled up at the spigot, depositing debris onto the porch and causing the lawn and soil to erode away. The small creek became a small raging river.



**Photos 8-10...**Raging water tore away the fence line in front of the house and eroded a very large area at the bank along the tracks with water level shown by debris at tree.



**Photo 14-16...**a mighty crew of volunteers cleaned out the whole basement, but sadly not much was salvageable. One beautiful glimmer of hope were the flowers that survived in the backyard.

**Photos 11-13...**The water was up to the basement ceiling and came through the floorboards to the first floor. The furnace was under water and everything in the basement including the oil tank were swirling and floating around.