



## Rain causes landslides, sinkholes in Anderson Twp.

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Heavy rains and saturated ground have caused multiple problems around Anderson Township.

The Hamilton County Engineer's Office reported a landslide in the 2100 block of Elstun Road earlier this week, a manhole collapsed at the entrance to Kellogg Park and a large sinkhole formed behind two businesses on Beechmont Avenue.

A private sewer line collapsed behind Adams Heating Co. and Plants By Wolfangel causing a large sinkhole in the parking lot last week.

On Elstun Road, the Little Miami River came up to the bottom of the hill and the slope started to slip, causing the pavement to crack and pulling apart a culvert pipe, said Kirk Music, maintenance supervisor for the eastern division of the county Engineer's Office.

"We're looking at what we have to do to fix it," Music said. "We're not sure when or how to repair it or how much it will cost."

Music said they have a geotechnical engineer looking at the problem.

They may create a pier wall to hold the hillside, which consists of drilling holes into the rock and making large concrete columns, Music said.

The culvert pipe would then be replaced and the road would be built on top.

The landslide is near the dead end of Elstun Road, across from Skytop Pavilion on Beechmont Avenue. One lane of traffic will be maintained until repairs are complete.

Music said there are smaller landslide issues on Birney, Asbury and Eight Mile roads that the engineer's office is monitoring. Those pavement cracks will likely be filled with a fibrous sealer.

A manhole sank near the entrance to Kellogg Park, near the Ohio River, and fell onto the sanitary sewer line, said Anderson Township Park District Executive Director Ken Kushner.

The sinkhole took out part of the park driveway and started to swallow the park sign before it was removed, Kushner said.

"We're not sure what caused it," he said.

"(Metropolitan Sewer District) and their



A landslide pulled apart a culvert pipe and cracked the pavement on Elstun Road.



A sinkhole swallowed a manhole cover at the entrance to Kellogg Park.

contractors are trying to figure out what happened and how to fix it.”

Sewage will have to be rerouted until the problem is fixed and crews are not sure if the sinkhole undermined pavement on Kellogg Avenue, Kushner said.

The park is closed until further notice.

Anderson Township Public Works Director Richard Shelley said one resident on Asbury Road was affected by a landslide, but there are more calls about standing water.

“The ground is so saturated, there is nowhere for the water to go,” he said.

Cincinnati received 13.52 inches of rain in April, making it the second wettest month on record, according to the National Weather Service.

Last July, problems with a storm water outfall pipe leading to the Ohio River caused a large sinkhole at the intersection of Kellogg Avenue and Asbury Road.

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