



TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager
FROM: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer *(Handwritten signature of Gus Psihoyos)*
DATE: April 26, 2016
SUBJECT: Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project Update

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to request the opportunity to make a presentation to the City Council in order to provide an update on the various phases of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

BACKGROUND

On November 18, 2013 the City Council passed Resolution 335-13 adopting the 2013 Drainage Basin Master Plan Amendment. The amended Drainage Basin Master Plan outlined several improvements throughout the Bee Branch watershed to mitigate the effects of future flooding and disasters. Collectively, the improvements form the basis of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Phases of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project

Phase	Description	Status
1	Carter Road Detention Basin	Complete
2	West 32 nd Street Detention Basin	Complete
3	Historic Millwork District	Complete
4	Lower Bee Branch Creek Restoration	Functional
5	Flood Mitigation Gate Replacement	Under Design
6	Impervious Surface Reduction (Green Alleys)	Under Construction
7	Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration	Under Construction
8	22 nd Street Storm Sewer Improvements	
9	Flood Mitigation Maintenance Facility	
10	North End Storm Sewer Improvements	
11	Water Plant Flood Protection	
12	17 th Street Storm Sewer Improvements	

The Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project represents a multi-phased, fiscally responsible investment. It reflects a holistic approach to mitigate flooding as it will

improve water quality, stimulate investment, and enhance the quality of life of watershed residents.

DISCUSSION

Work continues on multiple phases of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, most notably the Impervious Surface Reduction (Green Alleys) and the Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project phases. Construction can result in significant impacts to citizens, businesses, and the community as a whole. Therefore, it is appropriate to keep the City Council and Dubuque citizens updated on the various elements of the multi-phase project.

REQUESTED ACTION

I respectfully request that the City Council agenda allow for a presentation on the status of the multi-phase Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

Attach.

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