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City Draining West 32nd Street Detention Basin Today

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque Engineering Department will drain the West 32nd Street detention basin today, June 13, for maintenance.

Detention basins store accumulated stormwater runoff and slowly release it downstream. The West 32nd Street detention basin is part of Dubuque’s stormwater management system and includes a “wet pond” at its upper level, which is a “permanent pool” where water is stored before flowing through the rest of the facility. The wet pond will be emptied today by allowing the stormwater to flow downstream through the facility and enter the larger stormwater system. The purpose of this maintenance is to control the duckweed growing on the surface of the wet pond, as recommended by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The project is expected to be completed by tomorrow morning, June 14.

For additional information on stormwater management, please contact the City of Dubuque Engineering Department at 563-589-4270 or engineer@cityofdubuque.org.

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