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City Receives Project of the Year Award for Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Iowa Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association (IFSMA) has named the Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration its 2017 Project of the Year. City of Dubuque Engineering Department Project Manager Steve Sampson-Brown accepted the award at the IFSMA Annual Fall Conference in Ames on October 12, 2017.

The annual IFSMA awards recognize individuals and projects that represent the best in the floodplain and stormwater management profession. The Project of the Year Award recognizes excellence in stormwater or floodplain management within the State of Iowa.

The Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project involved the removal of the buried Bee Branch storm sewer which was replaced with a 2,300-foot long creek and green space. It also included utility relocations and the construction of two vehicular bridges, a multi-use trail, a permeable parking lot, a stepped amphitheater, a play area with slides, and scenic overlooks. The Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration is one of several infrastructure improvements the City of Dubuque is making as part of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project to address severe and frequent flash flooding in the Bee Branch Watershed.

IFSMA is an organization of professionals involved in floodplain management, flood hazard mitigation, stormwater management, the National Flood Insurance Program, and flood preparedness, warning, and recovery.

IFSMA represents the interests of flood hazard specialists from local and state government, consulting engineers, research community, insurance industry, and the citizens of Iowa. Its members have experience in the fields of engineering, hydrologic forecasting, community planning, enforcement, emergency response, water resources, and many others.

To learn more about the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/beebranch. For more information on IFSMA, visit <http://www.iowafloods.org>.

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