CONSTRUCTION SAFETY ACTIVITY BOOK
STAY CLEAR. STAY SAFE!

CAUTION
DO NOT ENTER

Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project
Upper Bee Branch Creek construction is starting soon!

Construction is expected to begin in spring 2015 and be completed in late 2016.

Hello!
This book will help you learn how to stay safe around construction zones.

Notes for Teachers & Parents

What is going to happen?
The Bee Branch Creek currently runs through culverts underground. To help prevent flooding, the City of Dubuque is restoring the creek to an open waterway. The process of taking the creek out of the concrete channel is called daylighting. Daylighting the creek will help move stormwater more safely through the floodprone area and improve water quality.

What is most important?
The City of Dubuque places the highest priority on construction safety. We realize the creek restoration project is in a residential area where children play and walk to and from school everyday. Please review each of the following pages with your student or child to help them understand the dangers of construction zones and the importance of practicing safe behavior.

Make sure they know that construction zones are not playgrounds. Help them remember to: “Stay clear. Stay safe.”

Where is it?
The Upper Bee Branch will be a 2,300-foot long creek and green space from where the Lower Bee Branch Creek ends just south of Garfield Avenue north to East 24th Street. Construction will start at the railroad tracks by Dubuque Furniture and Flooring and proceed up Kniest St. and Elm St. to Comiskey Park.
Construction zones are any location where active construction is underway and where construction equipment is stored.
**CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TIPS**

Stay clear. Stay safe.

Staying clear of construction zones will help keep you safe. Follow these 10 construction safety tips at all times.

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**10 Construction Safety Tips You Need To Know**

- Stay clear of construction zones whenever possible. Big machines, dirt and rocks in the area are very dangerous. Stay clear and stay safe!

- Do not walk, run, ride, climb or play in or around construction trucks, equipment, fences or dirt piles.

- Stay outside orange cones, construction fences and barricades at all times.

- Red, yellow and orange signs mean something is very dangerous. Do not enter the area. Stay away!

- Sometimes the sidewalk or path you use to walk to school, the playground or a friend’s house will be closed. Obey the signs and go a different way. Not following the signs is very dangerous and could result in you getting seriously hurt.

- Never take a shortcut through a construction zone. Always stay outside the fence and walk around the construction site.

- Slow down and follow signs that tell you where to walk, skateboard or bicycle. The signs will show you the safe way to go.

- Stop, look and listen for moving construction equipment like bulldozers and dump trucks. Stay as far away from them as possible.

- Only cross the street at crosswalks. Look both ways and listen carefully for cars and trucks before crossing. Never cross in front of a moving vehicle or between parked cars.

- If you see a child climbing on construction trucks, equipment, fences or dirt piles, tell an adult. If you can’t find an adult, call 9-1-1 to report what you see.
BEE BRANCH WATERSHED FUN FACTS

A watershed is an area of land that drains to the same place. The Bee Branch Watershed drains to the Bee Branch Creek which goes to the Mississippi River.

Over 50% of the people in Dubuque either work or live in the Bee Branch Watershed.

The Bee Branch Watershed is approximately 6.5 square miles.

During construction of the Upper Bee Branch Creek over 200,000 cubic yards of soil will be removed from the site. That is 22,000 dump trucks full of dirt!

The Bee Branch Creek is currently buried underground. The water flows through large concrete tunnels called storm sewers. Through a process called “daylighting” the creek will be restored to flow above ground like it did over 100 years ago.

Most of the time the Bee Branch Creek water level will be 1 1/2 to 2 feet deep, but when it rains the water will be deeper and flow faster. DO NOT play in or near the creek when it rains and the water is high.

The Upper Bee Branch Creek will be 2,300-foot long. That’s the same as 6 football fields!

The Upper Bee Branch Creek will be home to many types of fish and other cool critters!
CONSTRUCTION ZONE

The map below shows where the construction zone will be located.

Will the construction zone be near....

your school?
your house?
a friend’s house?
a park where you play?
a restaurant where you eat?
a store where you shop?
Stay clear. Stay safe.

Bike Safety Tips

- Be sure to obey traffic signs, signals and road markings.
- Always wear your helmet when you ride.
- Be seen! Wear bright colors and use reflectors when riding.
- When riding on the street always ride in a straight line and in the same direction as traffic.
- Never ride your bike through a construction zone.
- Do not ride in ditches or over potholes. You may fall down and get hurt.
- Watch out for opening doors from parked cars!
- Be smart! Do not wear headphones or earbuds near construction zones.
- Get off and walk your bike when riding near a construction zone.
CONSTRUCTION SIGNS

Learn to recognize construction signs. Understand what they mean.

**Road Closed**
Stay outside the barricade. Do not walk, ride your bike or skateboard on the road.

**Orange Cones**
The area is dangerous. Do not enter the construction zone. Always stay outside orange cones.

**Stop/Do Not Enter**
Red signs mean danger. Stop! Do not enter the area.

**Sidewalk Closed**
Do not use this sidewalk. Find the nearest crosswalk and look both ways before crossing the street to use a different sidewalk.

**Caution! Do Not Enter**
Red tape also means danger. Stop! Do not enter the area.

**Road Work Ahead**
A construction zone is located up the road. Pay attention and be very careful.

**Pedestrian Detour**
When the sidewalk is closed you will need to go a different way. These signs show you the safe way to walk or bicycle.

**Detour**
The road or sidewalk is closed. People and cars will need to go a different way.

**Chain Link and Orange Construction Fences**
Do not enter the area. Do not climb on the fence.
Use the clues to complete the puzzle.

**DOWN**

1. Stay outside ______ cones and construction fences.
3. Only cross streets at ______.
5. Stop, look and ______ for construction vehicles.
7. Safety first! Always ______ attention to your surroundings.
9. Do not wear head ______ or earbuds near construction zones.

**ACROSS**

2. When a sidewalk is closed ______ the sign and go a different way.
4. Avoid going near ______ zones whenever possible.
6. Always remember to:
   Stay clear. _____ safe.
8. Do not walk, ride or ______ in construction zones.
10. Follow ______ that tell you where it is safe to walk or ride your bike.

Always remember:
Stay clear. Stay Safe.
Find the words listed in the word bank below. Hint: They can be found horizontally and vertically.

**WORD BANK**

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Bee Branch Creek Safety Quiz

Take the quiz to see how much you know about construction safety.

**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

(Circle the correct answer.)

1. When should you play near construction sites?
   a. On the weekends
   b. After School
   c. Never

2. When is it okay to run, skateboard, play loud music or talk on a cell phone near construction zones?
   a. When school’s out
   b. When work has stopped
   c. Never

3. Where should you cross the street near a construction zone?
   a. In the middle of the street
   b. Only at crosswalks
   c. Anywhere you want

4. Crossing only at crosswalks will:
   a. Keep you safe
   b. Cause an accident
   c. Get you lost

5. Which of the following is safe and will not cause harm?
   a. Playing near exposed wires
   b. Taking a shortcut through a construction zone
   c. None of the above

**SAFE OR UNSAFE**

(Circle the correct answer.)

1. Alyssa and Cody decide to ride their bikes through a construction zone as a shortcut to school. SAFE / UNSAFE

2. Brayden and his friends jump inside a construction vehicle. SAFE / UNSAFE

3. Nora needs to cross the street. She knows she should use the crosswalk and wait for the walk light, but crossing now would be faster. She looks to make sure there are no cars coming and then runs across the street. SAFE / UNSAFE

**FILL IN THE BLANK**

1. Stay clear. Stay

   ____________.
## Safe or Unsafe?

Read each sentence and decide if the action was safe or unsafe.

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<td>Climbing the fence that blocks off the construction zone is:</td>
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<td>Two friends playing near a construction zone are being:</td>
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**Stay Clear. Stay Safe.**
Safety Maze

Help the kids get to school safely. Remember: Stay Clear. Stay Safe!

Start Here

DO NOT ENTER

DETOUR

SIDEWALK CLOSED
CROSS HERE

ROAD CLOSED
COLORING PAGE

Color the construction cones and signs below. Talk about the meanings of each sign.

STAY CLEAR. STAY SAFE!

Do not walk, bike or play near construction zones. Always obey construction signs to stay safe.
Answers
Find the answers to the safety activities and quizzes below. How did you do?

Safety Crossword Puzzle

Down
1. Orange
3. Crosswalks
5. Listen
7. Pay
9. Phones

Across
2. Obey
4. Construction
6. Stay
8. Play
10. Signs

Safety Quiz

Multiple Choice
1. c. Never
2. c. Never
3. b. Only at crosswalks
4. a. Keep you safe
5. c. None of the above

Safe or Unsafe
1. Unsafe
2. Unsafe
3. Unsafe
4. Unsafe
5. Safe
6. Safe
7. Unsafe
8. Unsafe

Word Search

B R S A F E T Y H O T
E K I U O B E Y C S L
E M D E T O U R D I X
B L E G H B R F E G F
R I W Q S X O Z O N E
A S A P T J A K T B N
N T L O O K D U G V C
C E K L P Z W C O N E
H N B U L L D O Z E R
I’m staying outside the fence. If I stay clear I will stay safe.