



**TO:** Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager  
**FROM:** Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** Audubon School Right of Way Plat  
**DATE:** June 25, 2015

## INTRODUCTION

This memo provides information regarding the platting and acceptance of right of way east of Lincoln Avenue abutting the Audubon School Property in association with the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project.

## BACKGROUND

In December of 2001, the City Council formally adopted the Drainage Basin Master Plan prepared by HDR Engineering, Inc. (Omaha, Nebraska). Based on the study, approximately 1,150 homes and businesses in the Bee Branch Watershed are at risk of flood damage.

In December of 2004, the City Council adopted the alignment of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project based on the work and recommendation of the Bee Branch Citizen Advisory Committee. The adopted alignment crossed the railroad yard at 506 Garfield Avenue now owned by Canadian Pacific.

In April of 2011, the City Council approved and authorized the execution of the River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism (RECAT) grant agreement to fund the trail portion of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project.

## DISCUSSION

The property is required to construct the multi-use trail and for installation of the sanitary interceptor sewer as part of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project.

The Dubuque Community School District Board has agreed to sell the property for the appraised value of \$13,314.47. The City's offer was based upon a recent appraisal of comparable vacant lots on Washington Street that was completed by appraiser Bob Felderman. Earlier this month, the City Council adopted a Resolution approving the Offer to Buy Real Estate and Acceptance.



## **RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that the City Council approve the Acquisition Plat of Lot B of Lot 2 of Mineral Lot 314 and Lot B of Lot 3 of Mineral Lot 314, prepared by IIW, P.C., which provides the property required to construct the multi-use trail and sanitary interceptor sewer as part of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project.

## **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

I respectfully request approval of the Acquisition Plat of Lot B of Lot 2 of Mineral Lot 314 and Lot B of Lot 3 of Mineral Lot 314, and acceptance of the dedication of said lots for Right of Way purposes, through the adoption of the enclosed resolution.

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