



**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Cleanup Cooperative Grant Agreement

**DATE:** October 11, 2016

In December of 2015, the City of Dubuque submitted an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting \$200,000 in Brownfields Cleanup Grant Program assistance to help finance the cleanup of the Blum Brownfields site.

Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments of the Blum Brownfields site identified lead, arsenic, PAHs, and other contaminants in the soil and determined that the removal of the contaminants, estimated to cost \$277,000, is required to fully utilize the site for its intended purpose.

City Engineer Gus Psihoyos recommends City Council approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in order to secure the use of \$200,000 in Brownfields Cleanup grant funds for the Blum Brownfields Site at 501 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street to make full use of the property as necessary for the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

I concur with the recommendation and respectfully request Mayor and City Council approval.

  
Michael C. Van Milligen

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Attachment

cc: Crenna Brumwell, City Attorney  
Cindy Steinhauser, Assistant City Manager  
Teri Goodmann, Assistant City Manager  
Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer