



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. 15th 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 Goodman, Assistant City Manager
Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer