

TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer

RE: Iowa Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association
Project of the Year Award for Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration

DATE: October 23, 2017

INTRODUCTION

This memo discusses the award the City received at the Iowa Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association (IFSMA) Annual Fall Conference.

DISCUSSION

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.

On October 12, 2017, Engineering Department Project Manager Steve Sampson Brown attended the IFSMA Annual Fall Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. At the conference the City of Dubuque received the 2017 Project of the Year award for the Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project.

The Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project involved the removal of the buried Bee Branch storm sewer which was replaced with a 1,938-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.

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that Project Manager Steve Sampson Brown, be allowed to present this award to the City Council.

cc: Deron Muehring, Civil Engineer
Steve Sampson-Brown, Project Manager
Kristin Hill, Bee Branch Communications Specialist
Eric Vieth, Strand Associates