



TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer

DATE: March 13, 2018

RE: Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, HUD National Disaster Resilience Grant, Infrastructure Contract #13-NDRI-011, Status of Funded Activities

## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this memorandum is to set a public hearing on the status of funded activities associated with the infrastructure improvements associated with the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project funded in part by the \$23.3 million in HUD National Disaster Resilience Grant specifically for infrastructure. A public hearing is required per the funding contract (Contract #13-NDRI-011) with the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

## **BACKGROUND**

In January 2016, the State was awarded \$95.7 million in HUD National Disaster Resiliency Competition grant funds. Per the award, the City of Dubuque is to receive \$8.4 million for a comprehensive "Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program" to help residents address residual impacts from the flooding experienced within the Bee Branch Watershed. The City is also to receive \$23.3 million for storm water infrastructure improvements associated with the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project. The infrastructure improvements are as follows:

1. Bee Branch Railroad Culvert Infrastructure Improvements involving the installation of culverts from the Lower Bee Branch Creek, through Canadian Pacific Railway property, to the Upper Bee Branch north of Garfield Avenue;
2. 22nd Street/Kaufmann Ave Storm Sewer Improvements involving the installation of a large diameter storm sewer from 22nd & Elm up Kaufmann Avenue to the Kaufmann & Kane intersection. The work includes inlets and local sewer connections to the storm sewer and the complete reconstruction of the street and other underground utilities along street right-of-way corridor.
3. 17th Street/W. Locust Street Storm Sewer Improvements involving the installation of a 96-inch diameter pipe from the Lower Bee Branch Creek through

the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks to 17th Street then to the west along 17th Street and finally west along W. Locust Street towards Angella St. The work includes inlets and local sewer connections to the storm sewer and the complete reconstruction of the street and other underground utilities along street right-of-way corridor.

In October of 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution 362-16, authorizing the execution of a contract (Contract #13-NDRI-011) with the Iowa Economic Development Authority as a requirement for the City's receipt of \$23,309,600.00 in CDBG Disaster Recovery – National Disaster Resiliency funds for the infrastructure improvements associated with the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

### **DISCUSSION**

As a requirement set forth by Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, local governments receiving funds must hold a public hearing on the status of a funded activity during the project. This requirement is extended to the City of Dubuque through the City's contract with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (contract #13-NDRI-011), the funding contract that outlines the City's receipt of \$23.3 million in CDBG Disaster Recovery – National Disaster Resiliency funds for the infrastructure improvements associated with the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend holding a public hearing on the status of funded activities associated with the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project infrastructure improvements funded in part by the \$23.3 million in HUD CDGB National Disaster Resilience Grant specifically for infrastructure per funding contract #13-NDRI-011.

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

I respectfully request adoption of the attached resolution setting a public hearing on the status of funded activities associated with the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project infrastructure improvements funded in part by the \$23.3 million in HUD CDGB National Disaster Resilience Grant specifically for infrastructure per funding contract #13-NDRI-011.

Attach.

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