

BEE BRANCH RESTORATION
ALIGNMENT STUDY
NEWSLETTER #1
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first issue of the Bee Branch Restoration Alignment Study newsletter. You are receiving this newsletter because your home or business is located in an area that may be affected by flooding.

In August 2003, the Dubuque City Council formed the Bee Branch Citizen Advisory Committee (BBCAC) to work with the engineering consulting firm Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM), along with the local engineering firm WHKS & Co. to determine the location and preliminary design of a means to channel water out of the North End and Washington Street neighborhoods.

The citizen committee members have been appointed to represent the needs and views of impacted residents in seeking a solution to the flooding problem. Collectively, the BBCAC represents the locations, interests, and viewpoints in the following areas:

- Elm Street property owner
- Prince Street property owner
- Washington St. property owner
- Johnson Street property owner
- Jackson Street property owner
- Cedar Street property owner
- Maple Street property owner
- Business owner
- Business manager
- Developer
- Realtor
- Kniest Street resident
- Elm Street resident
- Senior citizen
- Flooded resident
- School PTA
- Church
- Soil and Conservation District

(See back for BBCAC members)



BBCAC MISSION STATEMENT

The Citizen Committee will work with the engineering consultants to develop and recommend a preliminary design and alignment for the proposed open waterway and other components to solve flooding between the 16th Street Detention Basin and 24th Street.

The solution should best meet the engineering criteria, community values and economic constraints identified by the BBCAC.

BBCAC MEETINGS

At the first BBCAC meeting in September, discussion included project objectives and constraints such as solving the (Bee Branch) flooding problem, minimizing acquisitions, maintaining safety, preserving Comiskey Park, and preventing the loss of jobs. These objectives and constraints will be finalized at the next meeting and will form the basis for developing and evaluating Bee Branch flooding solutions.

The BBCAC is scheduled to meet five more times over the next 12-month period. During this time, the committee will form a consensus on where the Bee Branch flood flows come from, how floodwater flows through the North End and Bee Branch area, what kinds of potential solutions may be considered, what the impacts of these solutions may be, how those solutions and alternatives will be evaluated, where any potential improvement should be located; and what the final solution will look like, who it will impact and how those impacts will be minimized.

E-Mail ANY of your stormwater related questions or comments to:

Stormwater@cityofdubuque.org

What is the Bee Branch Creek Advisory Committee (BBCAC)?

The Bee Branch Creek Advisory Committee is made up of some of your neighbors and their goal is to represent your interests as they help determine the details of the solution to alleviate **flooding in the Bee Branch area**. They may seek your input on potential solutions or issues associated with developing a Bee Branch flooding solution. You should feel free to contact them if you have questions or if you would like to convey concerns or provide input.

BBCAC MEMBERS

Dr. Charles Winterwood (Chair)
Jim Lansing
Audrey Morey
David Shaw
Michelle Harry
John Gronen
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Everyone is welcome to attend Bee Branch Citizen Advisory Committee (BBCAC) meetings to learn more about the Bee Branch flooding problem, potential solutions, and how the BBCAC works.

Upcoming BBCAC meetings are **tentatively** scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at Comiskey Park, for the following dates:

Dec. 4, 2003: Basis for Alternative Evaluation
Jan. 29, 2004: Alternatives Evaluation
Feb. 26, 2004: Alternatives Evaluation
Mar. 25, 2004: Preferred Alternative
May 27, 2004: Recommendations

If you wish to attend, please contact City Engineering at 589-4270 to verify the meeting times and dates.

A number of other public outreach/input activities will take place as part of the project including public meetings, neighborhood meetings, and possibly a public survey or open house.

QUESTIONS OR INPUT

Questions or input can be directed to any of your neighbors on the BBCAC, including Charlie Winterwood (BBCAC Chair) at 588-2783.

Other Project Contacts:

Tony Zelinkas (WHKS) at 582-5481 or
Gus Psihoyos (City of Dubuque) at 589-4275.

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