

BEE BRANCH RESTORATION
ALIGNMENT STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second 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.

The Bee Branch Citizen Advisory Committee (see back for members) has been established to voice the needs and views of impacted residents as the community seeks a solution to the flooding problem.

The solution should best meet the engineering criteria, community values and economic constraints identified by the **Bee Branch Citizen Advisory Committee**.

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.

BBCAC MEETING NOTES

At the second BBCAC meeting in December, the committee members established the following project objectives (in no particular order):

1. Solve the flooding problem
2. Minimize property acquisitions
3. Preserve public safety
4. Preserve pedestrian crossings
5. Preserve basic commercial services
6. Manage upstream flow
7. Enhance recreation (park areas)
8. Prevent standing water
9. Preserve Comiskey Park
10. Prevent the loss of jobs
11. Find an affordable solution

What will solve the flooding problem?

Engineers are needed to help answer this question. Committee members have asked the engineers to show the potential benefits of the open channel, more detention basins, a bigger storm sewer, runoff reduction controls, stormwater pumping, and various improvements to the existing sewers.

Since then, engineers have put together a computer model to try and reproduce the flooding witnessed in the North End and Washington Street neighborhoods. You might have noticed a survey crew recording elevations and other data used to build the model. The committee members were shown that the model generally reflects the flooding they saw in 1999 and in 2002. Now the engineers will use the computer model

to show how each potential solution would get rid of, or reduce the flooding problem.

Where will the project be built?

Every solution listed above will affect the area. Part of this study is to identify how and where. To help answer these two questions the citizens on the committee listed the top seven items (in order of importance):

1. Preserve local businesses & services
2. Minimize residential property acquisitions
3. Find an affordable solution
4. Preserve neighborhood access/connectivity
5. Minimize health and safety risks
6. Enhance the quality of life
7. Protect the environment

The City Council asked the Committee about a possible **building permit moratorium**. Following the Committee's recommendation, the City Council established a moratorium on building permits for the construction of new homes or commercial properties. The moratorium will expire on May 29, 2004. That is the likely date that the study will end.

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.

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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:

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 Zelinskas (WHKS) at 582-5481 or
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