



# CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 3, 2009  
To: City Council  
From: Rick Fosse, Director of Public Works  
Jeff Davidson, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Re: Update: Flood-related activities

## **Engineering and Public Works Administration**

- Work with staff to develop the applications for the Community Disaster Grants.
- Iowa Avenue Sewer Crossing bids received. Low bidder is Judds Brothers Construction from Lincoln, NE.
- Sent letter to request the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a reconnaissance study for multiple projects along the Iowa River.
- Developing plans for the repair of flood damaged infrastructure.
- Work with Water Division to determine repair and replacement plans for the Iowa River water main crossings.
- The electrical repair at Boys Baseball Electrical Repair is complete.
- Working with the Iowa DOT to reallocate the FHWA emergency repairs funds for Park Road Bridge and Dubuque Street to the elevation Project.
- Met with the University regarding plan for mitigation at Mayflower Residence Hall.
- Met with EDA in regards to the Park Road / Dubuque Street and Wastewater Applications.
- Discussion with the Army Corps of Engineers in regards to the construction plans and schedule for the Section 14 Iowa River Bank Stabilization along Dubuque Street downstream from the Park Road Bridge.

## **Water Division**

- Continued replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) – in-house project – (just a few left)
- Continue to work with Engineering for design and schedule on the 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)
  1. HRG will provide design, specifications and inspection bid documents for the two projects (temporary and permanent repair). A preliminary estimated cost for the projects has been forwarded to FEMA. We're awaiting HRG's scope of services contract and fee for these projects
  2. FEMA has completed PW for the temporary repair
  3. FEMA is working on the PW and Hazard Mitigation to replace both river crossings
- Information clarifying the PW and Hazard Mitigation funding for the Peninsula well houses and respective electrical equipment has been accepted by FEMA.
  1. An updated PW and Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted, signed and is being reviewed for 'obligation' by FEMA for CW 3, CW 4, & SW 4
  2. We are awaiting a technical opinion on the potential negative impact of the flood on the capacity of CW3 & CW4 in order to submit to FEMA
- Hazard Mitigation report from Howard R. Green is expected to be completed by next week.
- Continuing to work with Steve Long to identify funding for additional Hazard Mitigation Projects.

## **Streets Division**

- Pavement repair/replacement on Stevens Drive (PW# 6742)

## **Planning and Community Development**

Staff continues to work on the projects and activities identified in last week's report. Updated items include:

- Staff distributed \$28,000 this past week in State and Federal Jumpstart funds
- Staff continues to work with and process Rental Rehabilitation applications and projects
- Staff continues to work with the various committees serving on the Long Term Recovery Committee to create a long term recovery plan.
- The Green Shirts will be back in Iowa City this week to do further needs-assessments in the flooded neighborhoods.
- Staff will attend the commemoration events to be held in the Idyllwild and Park View Terrace neighborhoods on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- For the upcoming Business Rental Assistance Program, we have 37 applications requesting more than \$500,000. The State is still waiting on HUD's approval of the program. When that happens, we will get a contract with the State for this program and be able to begin awarding funds.
- For the Jumpstart Small Business Disaster Recovery program, which closed on April 15, we had 56 total applications. 51 were funded for a total of \$1,241,288.
- Immediately after the flood, we partnered with the Chamber and Coralville to award businesses up to \$5,000 for flood clean up expenses. We awarded 18 businesses a total of \$74,432.