



# CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 5, 2009  
To: City Council  
From: Director of Public Works  
Director of Planning and Community Development  
Re: Update: Flood-related activities

## **Engineering Division**

- EDA additional information gathering
- Constructing structures for siphon sewer
- West Side Levee preliminary approval of floodway redelineation
- Met with Crandic Railroad
- Identified RFQ requirements for Wastewater design
- Writing extensions for FEMA property acquisitions project worksheets
- Finishing design for Sandusky storm sewer
- Identifying ROW and design for sidewalk infill by Rochester
- Demolition of 3 more 404 HMPG Flood buyout homes
- Completing Asbestos survey for 8 more HMPG properties

## **Water Division**

- Continued working with Engineering & Howard R. Green (HRG) for design on replacement of two 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)
  1. HRG is under contract to provide design, specifications bid documents and inspection for the two projects - approved by Council on 10-6-09.
  2. Confirmation of FEMA staff changes and continued funding for this project was received from Deb Mansfield.
  3. 50% review is due by 11/6/09
- The HRG Hazard Mitigation Study is complete.
  1. Projects and cost estimates from this report were used to define the scope and cost estimates for the Peninsula well field site and will be used to apply for additional mitigation funding.
- The PW and Hazard Mitigation Plan for CW 3, CW 4, SW 4, JW 2 and the respective electrical systems has been 'obligated' by FEMA.
- We have completed our review of a draft design, bid, and inspection contract for the Hazard Mitigation projects for CW 3, CW 4, SW4, JW 2 and the respective electrical systems from HRG. A contract proposal will be submitted to City Council for approval.

- The HRG Hazard Mitigation Study is being used for additional funding request for hazard mitigation for plant site well houses. We are currently working with Dave Purdy.
  1. We have submitted information to FEMA for the Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) to ascertain our eligibility.
  2. We received communication from FEMA that the BCA looks favorable.

### **Planning and Community Development**

- Staff continues to review Jumpstart applications for disbursing State Jumpstart 2 and State Jumpstart 3 funding for housing rehab/repair, down payment assistance, and interim mortgage assistance. A total of \$1.42 million in State Jumpstart funding has been used to assist 65 flood-impacted residential households and \$802,000 in Federal Jumpstart funding has been used to assist 17 households.
- Staff participated in a disaster recovery teleconference on Wednesday, November 4 with staff from the Iowa Department of Economic Development, Iowa Finance Authority and the Rebuild Iowa Office.
- Two Planning staff members attended a workshop in Des Moines on October 30 to learn about the duplication of benefits calculation for the upcoming CDBG funded buyout program.
- Four staff members from the Iowa Department of Economic Development were in the Planning Department offices on November 3 – 5 monitoring and reviewing the Supplemental CDBG flood related projects and files.
- Two properties in Parkview Terrace were acquired by the City in the last week, which brings the total number of properties acquired to 24. Of the 24 properties that have been acquired, 21 have been purchased in the HMGP program and three in the Community Disaster Grants Program.
- As one year anniversaries roll around for the distribution of Jumpstart Business Recovery forgivable loans, staff has begun stamping Promissory notes paid and sending the notes to the recipients. There were 51 Jumpstart Business Recovery Forgivable loans made between November, 2009 and May 2010 for a total of \$1.29 million.
- The Business Rental Assistance Program has had 50 applications for \$797,000. To date, 45 have been funded for a total of \$739,000. 4 applications are still pending documentation and 1 is ineligible.