



# CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 12, 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
- Bidding Asbestos removal 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. A meeting with City staff and the U. of I. representatives will occur next week to review design.
- 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. Final information needed to complete the application should be submitted by the end of this week.
  
- Kevin Slutts presented a program on the Flood of '08 efforts at the Water Division at the Iowa American Water Works Seminar in Des Moines on 11/6/09.

## **PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**The City received notice that two CDBG public infrastructure grant applications were funded. Iowa City received \$5 million to assist with the moving of the north wastewater treatment facility and \$6,596,300 to assist with the construction of a pump station and stormwater outlets as well as two flood gates to protect the Rocky Shore Drive/Highway 6 area.**

**The City also received notice that the CDBG funded buyout program was awarded \$11.7 million to acquire 52 properties in the Park View Terrace neighborhood. The CDBG program adds to the HMGP funded buyout program for the acquisition of 40 flood damaged homes.**

The City expects to hear about the status of the CDBG applications for the raising of Dubuque Street and the replacement of the Park Road bridge project along with the three levee projects in the near future.

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.

Doug Ongie attended the Case Management Subcommittee meeting on Friday, October 6.

Four staff members from the Iowa Department of Economic Development spent three days in the Planning Department and Accounting Department last week monitoring and reviewing the CDBG funded project files.

A group affiliated with the EPA Smart Growth funded Riverfront Crossings project is in town this week for a series of planning workshops on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Johnson County Human Services building.

The first three homes are now occupied as part of the Single Family New Homes program. This is a CDBG funded program to replace homes lost to the flood. A total of 40 homes will be constructed, three are now occupied and three more will be occupied by the end of this week. Over one-half will be occupied by Thanksgiving.