



# CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 13, 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 River bank repair on the Iowa River Corridor Trail south of Hills Bank is complete.
- Iowa Avenue Sewer Crossing repair is out for bid.
- Drafting 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.
- Met with FEMA regarding the status of the Iowa River water main crossings.
- The project for the Boys Baseball Electrical Repair is out to bid.
- The electrical repair at Riverside Festival Stage is being completed.

## **Water Division**

- Continued replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) – in-house project – near completion
- Continue to work with Engineering for design and schedule on the 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6). 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.
- Information clarifying the PW and Hazard Mitigation funding for the Peninsula well houses and respective electrical equipment has been accepted by FEMA. An updated PW and Hazard Mitigation Plan is being created with FEMA for CW 3, CW 4, & SW 4 – the final draft should be submitted this week
- Hazard Mitigation report from Howard R. Green is expected to be complete by early May.
- Continuing to work with Steve Long to identify funding for additional Hazard Mitigation Projects.

## **Planning and Community Development**

- The latest allocation from the Community Foundation of Johnson County (managed by City staff) has assisted 10 families with slightly over \$27,000 in mortgage/rental assistance.
- To date, the Community Foundation funds have assisted 34 families with nearly \$85,000 in assistance.
- Staff has disbursed \$1,188,000 in Federal and State Jumpstart funds to 50 homeowners and staff is actively working with an additional 21 homeowners.
- Staff is reaching out to flood victims that may still need assistance through advertising on the Government channel and going to the affected neighborhoods to meet with residents.
- Staff is working with the University and Coralville to plan for the commemoration events to be held in mid-June.
- Two households have received down payment assistance in the last week.