



# CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 22, 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**

- The Parkview Terrace Neighborhood meeting will be Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Water Plant
- The Idyllwild Neighborhood meeting will be Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Water Plant
- Working with the FEMA Long Term Recovery Group to set up a Toolbox Workshop. The preliminary date for the workshop is the morning of February 24 in meeting room A of the Library. The ToolBox workshop is a collection of recovery tools that can help community's ongoing long-term recovery from the recent disasters. It includes a guide to recovery resources developed especially for Iowa communities receiving ESF #14 LTCR support. The attached pdf gives additional background on this workshop.
- Rick Fosse is serving on a Floodplain Management Panel facilitated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to examine state regulations and policies in light of the flooding experienced in 2008. Our first meeting was January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with FEMA regarding our ongoing flood recovery and federal reimbursement.
- Developing concept statements for FHWA repair projects
- Evaluating the damage assessment of the Iowa River Power Dam

## **Water**

- Went over status of flood damaged equipment with Melissa Miller (for insurance claim preparation).
- Replacing meters in flooded areas as heating systems are restored.
- Meeting with HR Green tomorrow to verify measurements for VFD and soft-start replacement
- Still waiting for a schedule on the 12<sup>th</sup> river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)

## **Wastewater**

Plant Maintenance Crew work this week:

- All flow meter work is complete at the North Influent Pump Bldg.
- Replacement flow meter on order for North Filter Bldg.
- Iowa Ave. Siphon Structure Flow detector is installed

Additional items to complete:

- Finish work on Valve Actuators in Sludge Pump Bldg. – 2 out of 5 remain to be done.
- Complete installation of 2 water heaters
- Install 2 air conditioners at North Admin
- Finish repair of grinder controls – 2 out of 3 remain
- Repair Influent wet well float alarms
- Bar Screen gate actuator repairs – 1 out of 2 remain
- Troubleshoot and repair #2 old Secondary Clarifier - trips out.
- Troubleshoot and repair Recirculation Station VFD - trips out

- Complete repairs of Humus Pump Station
- Complete duct and heat exchanger clean up
- Remove old Admin Bldg. boiler
- Relocate River Street Stormwater Station controls – higher elevation
- Convert West Park Lift station to submersible pump system
- Install Iowa Ave. siphon flow monitor system
- Replace Iowa Ave. Siphon system

### **Planning and Community Development**

Currently working with 49 of the 124 applicants for state and federal Jumpstart funds. All of the Jumpstart State funds (\$686, 196) have been committed and approximately \$555,000 in Jumpstart federal funds have been committed.

The Community Foundation of Johnson County currently has \$57,000 earmarked for mortgage/rental payment assistance. Over \$41,000 has been committed and checks are issued monthly to 17 households.

The \$11.5 million Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Acquisition application was submitted to Iowa Homeland Security on January 13 and it is anticipated that the review will take two to three months. Staff members are working with homeowners on the details involved in the acquisition and also explaining the appeals process if they are not satisfied with the offer of 112% of assessed value. Staff members are also working on the demolition process once the home has been acquired.

Working with the Public Works/Engineering and Housing Inspection Services staff to prepare for the neighborhood meetings on January 22 and 29.