



# CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 19, 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**

- Preparing application to the EDA for funding for the Dubuque Street / Park Road and Wastewater projects.
- Project development for the Federal Highway Permanent Repair Project.
- Met with FEMA to discuss the remaining project worksheets to be written.
- Waiting to receive FEMA's decision in regards to the Animal Shelter.
- Received authorization from the Iowa DNR for construction of the Iowa Avenue Sewer Crossing replacement.
- Project planning for demolition of the homes acquired with the HMGP buyout funds.
- Review of various flood related projects.

## **Water Division**

- Replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) as residents move in... (this is really accelerating with the nice weather).
- Working with Engineering for design and schedule on the 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)
- Will meet with Deb Mansfield on Thursday to review FEMA PW's.
- Met with HRG on 2/24/09 to review Hazard Mitigation project... we expect a draft report on Friday 3/20/09.
- Attended the U. of I. Flood Symposium last week.

## **Wastewater Division**

Plant Maintenance Crew work this week:

- North Plant, Humus pumping station replacement of controls, electrical, heater, exhaust fan – complete
- North Plant Sludge Pump basement, #1 sludge transfer pump repaired, installed and operationally tested – complete

*Additional items to complete:*

- Complete duct and heat exchanger clean up
- Remove old Admin Bldg. boiler
- Relocate River Street Storm water Station controls – higher elevation
- Convert West Park Lift station to submersible pump system
- Replace Iowa Ave. Siphon system

## **Planning and Community Development**

- Staff is working with 60 households to provide Jumpstart State #1 #2 and CDBG funding for housing repair/rehabilitation, downpayment assistance and interim mortgage assistance.
- Of the remaining applicants whose income is 150% of median or less, 19 households remain eligible to receive funding. There are 35 households over 150% of median and staff hopes to find additional funding sources for those households.
- Nasseem attended the case management subcommittee meeting last week; volunteer efforts and fundraising were discussed.
- David Purdy and Sue Dulek continue to work on the HMGP administrative plan.

- David is also developing grants for the Community Disaster application and getting updated information about the other possible funding options, which are outlined in this week's Council memo from Jeff Davidson.
- The Community Foundation mortgage and rental assistance is complete. 24 families were assisted with slightly over \$57,000.
- The CDBG funded Single-Family New Construction Unit Production program was unveiled this week. Staff is working with builders, developers and lenders to develop 15-17 new homes that will be available to persons making less than the median income. The CDBG funds will be used as downpayment assistance. More information can be found at [www.icgov.org/newhomes](http://www.icgov.org/newhomes) .