

MEMORANDUM

May 9, 2013

TO:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Presentation and Discussion of the Battle Avenue Drainage Improvements

Study

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is bring forward to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) the presentation and discussion of the Battle Avenue Drainage Improvements Study.

Background

For years there have been properties in the Battle Avenue area that have experienced localized flooding, adjacent to both Alicia Drive and Academy Street. During the May 2010 flood there were approximately 10 properties that reported damage. A professional service agreement (COF Contract No. 2012-0144) with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. was approved on July 24, 2012, that included the development of a hydrologic and hydraulic model to determine existing conditions, flows and elevations, the development of alternative options to improve the localized flooding, and a detailed structural inspection/report of the bridge over sharps branch.

The properties we specifically looked at include 109, 111, 113-115, 407, and 409-412 Battle Avenue. We know these properties were significantly affected during the May 2010 Flood. The City is also aware of the ongoing flooding in these areas.

Now that the study is nearing completion, we are ready to present findings of the study to the Board, discuss the drainage improvement alternatives that were evaluated, and to recommend alternatives that result in the most effective solution to improve drainage within the study areas. The recommended options are as follows:

Project Alternative Options and Financial Impact

Basin 1 – Alicia Drive Area by 407 and 409-412 Battle Avenue.

Multiple options were investigate to include removing a downstream pedestrian bridge, channel maintenance, Battle Avenue bridge replacement, construction of a detention basin and flood proofing. All of the alternates explored had no impact of removing structures from the 50 and 100 year storm event. For this reason staff does not recommend moving forward with any type of capital project within Basin 1.

• Basin 2 – Academy Street Area by 109, 111, and 113-115 Battle Avenue.





Alternative 1 –Expansion of existing detention basin Water quality swale Flood proofing by home owners

> Engineer's Estimate = Sub-Total \$563,831 25% Contingency \$140,958 Engineering (10%) \$56,383 Surveying (3%) \$16,915 Total \$778,087

Alternative 2 –Storm Sewer System w/ minor road repair. The system does not include curb & gutter and paving the entire width of the roadways.

Bio-retention basin

Flood proofing by home owners

Engineer's Estimate = Sub-Total \$714,478

25% Contingency \$178,619

Engineering (10%) \$71,448

Surveying (3%) \$21,434

Total \$985,979

Add an additional \$1,000,000 to fully complete a roadway infrastructure project.

For both study areas, a third alternative option could be investigated, that being a voluntary home buyback program. Only several of the properties looked at in the study have experienced repeated damage to the structures. Home values in this area range from \$190k - \$440k. A few of the significantly affected property owners have expressed a willingness to entertain this option.

Total project funding included as part of FY2012-2013 Stormwater Budgeted under Capital; 89410 Drainage; Eng-Battle Ave Design and Construction at \$1,100,000. Current expenditures include the already approved Neel-Schaffer Drainage Study – \$46,500.00 (Not to Exceed).

Recommendation

Staff is looking for Board feedback and direction within basin 2 for either Alternate 1 or Alternate 2.

Battle Avenue Drainage Study Photos

May 1-2, 2010 Flooding

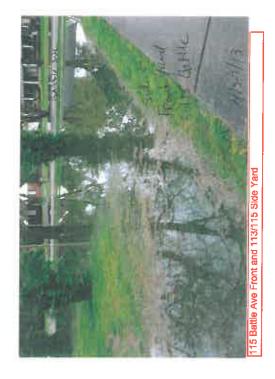


Looking South from 109 Battle Avenue



Looking Southwest from 109 Battle Avenue









Saturday April 27, 2013 Flooding









Monday April 29, 2013 - Flooding from Saturday April 27, 2013



109 Battle Avenue - City Pumping Operations



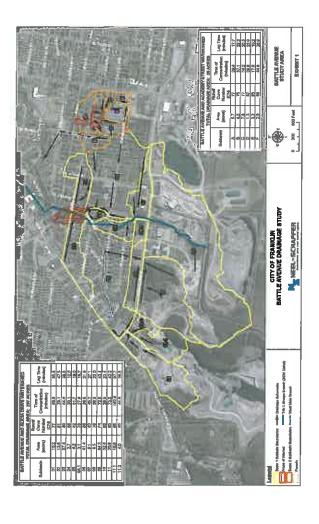
109 & 111 Battle Ave – City Pumping Operations



.09 Battle Ave Back Yard



109 Battle Ave Back Yard





111 Battle Avenue Back Yard



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