

North Branch Ecorse Creek – Public Information Meeting Agenda and Summary

Meeting Location: Warren Valley Golf and Banquet Center, 26116 West Warren Avenue, Dearborn Heights, MI

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, August 17, 2011, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

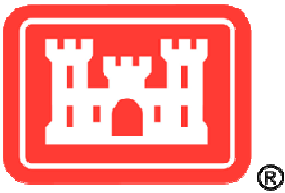
Attendees: See attachment

Agenda Items

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Brief Study Overview
- 3) Review of Alternatives Formulation
 - Screening Analysis
 - Formulated Alternatives
 - Alternative 1: Without Project
 - Alternative 2: Corps 1988 Detention Basin
 - Alternative 3: Wayne County 2008 Greenway
 - Alternative 4: Single Optimized Detention Facility
 - Alternative 5: Detention Facilities with a greenway channel (w/ varying channel widths) and associated road crossing improvements from Madison Street to Allen Road
 - Alternative 6: Single Optimized Detention Facility with a greenway channel (with varying widths) from Madison Street to the Detroit River
 - Alternatives Performance Comparison
- 4) Selected Alternative
- 5) Next Steps
- 6) Question and Answer
- 7) Project Contact Information
- 8) Project Contacts
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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 - Wayne County
 - Greg Tupancy, Project Manager: (313)224.7558 or gtupancy@co.wayne.mi.us
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 - Ecorse Creek Website: <http://www.nbecorsecreek.com/>

Attachments

- Presentation Handout



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Attendees – See the attached attendees list for the Public Information Meeting.

Agenda Overview:

Mike Donahue, URS project principal and moderator, provided an overview of the agenda, addressed housekeeping items, and presented the goals of the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions:

Mike Donahue extended the initial welcome to attendees. Colonel Derosier issued thanks to the attendees for their participation, and Wayne County for their partnership.

Introductions were made to the project team, including Adam Fox, John Niemiec, Paul Allarding, Emily Schaefer, Jan Hauser, Jeremy Cook, and Della Young. Introductions of the audience/participants followed.

Study Overview:

Adam Fox, Corps water resources planner, showed a virtual tour of the study. The video will be available on the project website. Adam provided a brief overview of additional elements of the study. Adam indicated that the plan selection is based on what provides the greatest benefit, which includes economic considerations.

Alternatives Formulation – Detailed Review of the Alternatives:

Jeremy Cook, HDR economist, provided detailed information on alternative options analyzed for the project. Information included the anticipated costs, damages, damage reduction, benefit/cost ratio, and net benefits for each plan.

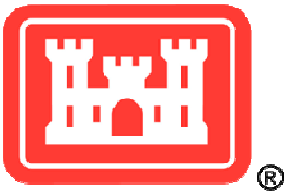
Selected Alternative:

Jeremy Cook described Alternative 6 as the recommended plan, based on the benefit-cost ratio of 2.1 and the net benefit of 7.6, which is the greatest net benefit of the potential alternatives.

Next Steps:

Mike Donahue discussed the next steps for the project. This is the final public information meeting; the next several weeks will be dedicated to submitting draft documents (General Reevaluation Report and Environmental Impact Statement) to the Corps and Wayne County for review. A submittal of the final draft of the documents will be delivered to the Corps and made available for public comment.

Comment, and Question and Answer Portion:



Mike Donahue facilitated the questions and answer portion of the meeting. The following are general comments, questions, and responses generated at the meeting.

- **(Comment)** The high water level on my property has potential to affect my garage. I would like to know who to contact regarding bank reinforcement to reduce soil erosion. **(Response)** The team can direct you to toward contacts to work with for bank reinforcement work following the meeting.
- **(Comment)** According to photo #2, relating to the Single Optimized Detention Facility with a Greenway Channel, there is an area south of Powers Avenue that could be optimized for a secondary detention basin. **(Response)** Some of the area south of Powers Avenue is privately owned. If a decision is made to acquire property in that vicinity, the analysis has already assumed full market cost for the land acquisition.
- **(Question)** What is the difference between a retention basin and a detention basin? **(Answer)** A retention basin will always contain some water, while a detention basin typically holds water for a period of time.
- **(Question)** When the Wayne County plan was derived, I had an understanding that approximately 95% of people would no longer need flood insurance. Is that correct? **(Answer)** In the late 1990s, Dearborn Heights completed a FEMA mapping survey which moved a significant number of residents out of the flood insurance program who are not paying national flood insurance. Following this project, FEMA would need to complete a revised map amendment, which would potentially take more residents out of flood insurance program.

Conclusion:

Contact information is included at the bottom of the meeting agenda. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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