



Storm Water Task Force
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MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION May 19, 2021

1. **Call to Order.** The tenth meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:33 PM by Chair Todd Thompson.
2. **Attendance-Roll Call.** The following Commission members were present via virtual meeting (Zoom): Garry Aronberg, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Eric Stein, Todd Thompson. Also in attendance were Tim Cusick, Councilman, Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works, John Mulligan, City Attorney.

Agenda. Moved to take Corps first in the agenda and then return to regular agenda – passed (Aronberg & Stein) - Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Citizen Participation; New Business; Old Business – (a) USACE Upper River Des Peres Flood Risk Study, (b) Relief Map Project, (c) USACE Upper River Des Peres Flood Risk Technical meeting update by Commission, (d) Flood Early Warning System update, (e) Request for Qualifications for Stormwater Planning update; Subcommittee Reports – FEWS, Communications; Miscellaneous Business – Sherwood Lake Update, Deer Creek Tunnel virtual tour; Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment.

3. **Minutes.** The May 4, 2021, minutes were not discussed.
4. **Citizen Comments.** A written public comment of Frank Ollendorf was presented. It is attached.
5. **New Business.**

- **USACE Flood Risk Management Study update**

Janet Buchanan planner, Joal Asunskis, hydraulics engineer, Jordan Lucas economist, Mathew Jones, project manager, Don Duncan, chief of hydraulics section, from USACE discussed progress and modifications of the study:

- Items that Corps is sharing are preliminary documents: the documents are works in process.
- A local preferred plan may be considered if Assistant Secretary of Army approves.
- Q & A with Corps:
 - Dry flood proof techniques are being examined by Corps:
 - Automatic barriers are being considered but are unlikely to be suitable.
 - Corps is in contact with FEMA to determine FEMA-approved mitigation methods.
 - Corps is working through the “cost” of “easements” including “filling” basement or converting basements to crawl spaces and relocating HAVC and laundry to a higher floor or to a new attached room.
 - It is not clear whether the Corps will consider lower flood insurance premiums in the economic analysis.
 - May 26 Corps review meeting is not the final decision on tentative selected plans (TSP).
 - A sensitivity analysis of a range of owner participation will be included in the future evaluation.
 - Loss of value of property when basement is lost will be considered in economic analysis.
 - Corps would use Commission water surface elevation and date information. That is, Corps will use U. City-accumulated highwater and date data that we send to the Corps.



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- The Corps will use the E-W Gateway damage mapping when we send a link to that data.
- Corps model did not show home flooding in 2008 storm.
- Economic analysis is continuing.
- Further discussion after Corps left the meeting.
 - The meeting attendees had a wide-ranging discussion of sources of information of damaged property.
 - Much information is available as paper documents in law suit discover data following storms in the past 10 to 15 years.
 - Repetitive claim report – 116 properties.
 - The Public Works and Planning Departments have some elevation certificates which will show elevation of lowest floor. But the records are unavailable for every structure in the floodplain.
 - City Manager approved contact with Overland about detention basin in park. An intergovernmental agreement is common way to approach another jurisdiction about use of property. Overland may ask for something in return.
 - Council seeks no more study session with the Corps
 - Council has no direct preference of floodproofing over structure elevation.
 - During a wide-ranging discussion on alternatives attendees discussed assembling data for transmission to the Corps and use by the Corps:
 - During the discussion, Mr. Karch created such a folder in our DropBox.
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1wbwgiu8077omb1/AAB3jf8Ddl_6vg7swxg21utja?dl=0
 - Mr. Stein offered to add nearby 2008 MSD rainfall gauge data;
 - Mr. Karch has added graphical data from MSD on 2008 flood.
 - Dr. Criss could add high water mark photos with survey data.
 - Mr. Mulligan suggested that there are buyouts occurring as part of the Olive @ I-170 project and it may be possible to share this some of that data.
 - Mr. Mulligan indicated that Wilson Ave buyout information is also available.

6. Adjourned at 8:15 without consideration of other agenda items: motion passed. (Karch-Holly).

Intended Attachments in PDF file:

Agenda

Public comment_email from Frank Ollendorf

Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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**COMMISSION ON STORM WATER ISSUES
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING
PUBLIC ACCESS & PARTICIPATION**

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the May 19, 2021 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

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Those who wish to provide a comment during the "Citizen Participation" portion as indicated on the agenda; may provide written comments to Sinan Alpaslan ahead of the meeting.

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Please note, when submitting your comments, a **name and address must be provided**. Please also note if your comment is on an agenda or non-agenda item. If a name and address are not provided, the provided comment will not be recorded in the official record.

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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON STORM WATER ISSUES MEETING

May 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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6. NEW BUSINESS

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. US Army Corps of Engineers Upper River Des Peres Flood Risk Management Study – Update and discussion with the Army Corps team (updated list of questions compiled off recent meetings on this topic is attached – please see Attachment #1)
- b. Relief Map Project – Update (Commissioner Holly) – (please see Attachment #2)
- c. US Army Corps of Engineers Upper River Des Peres Flood Risk Management Study – Update to Commission from Technical Meetings attended by Commissioners Thompson, Karch and Staff member Alpaslan
- d. Flooding Early Warning System – Update
- e. Request for Proposals/Qualifications for Storm Water Master Plan – Update (please see Attachment #3)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Flood Early Warning System
- b. Communications

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Sherwood Lake Update
- b. Deer Creek Tunnel Virtual Walkthrough (approximately 4 min. video)

10. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Please call (314) 505-8572 or email salpaslan@ucitymo.org to confirm your attendance.

Questions from the Commission on Stormwater Issues and University City Council

13 May 2021

(Revised to include Commission Questions)

Questions that the Commission and/or City Council has for the USACE:

Councilman Cusick-

1. The 500 identified at-risk structures are based on what data?
2. How does our modeling coincide with the extent of actual flooded area experienced during prior flood events?
3. Your inundation modeling does not show where flooding has actually taken place?
4. Road bridges in the project reach show that opening are to small and is contributing to the flooding. Could increasing size of bridges increase conveyance and solve the problem?
5. Why can't the downstream tubes receive additional flow if channel modifications/bridge adjustments are made to increase conveyance?
6. How many at-risk structures are identified upstream of 82nd Avenue? There are no reports of flooding in these areas yet the inundation model shows flooding?
7. Question the BCR of acquisition at \$500K per structure. City has acquired 26 structures at total cost of \$4M which equates to \$160-180K per structure?
8. Repetitive loss structures will be forced by FEMA and local Floodplain Ordinance to be acquired?

Councilman Smotherson

1. I am located in the third ward. Why is flood insurance only identified in one alternative and not mentioned across all alternatives? The impact that each measure would have on Flood insurance premiums is critical to consider in your analysis of alternatives.

Councilman Clay

1. The NED plan would result in residents losing their basements. Is there any compensatory space added to their home as a result of the solution? (or financial compensation for loss of basement?)

City Manager Rose

1. A combination of detention basin and floodproofing is being considered. Will approval be needed in other jurisdiction (Overland)?

Mayor Crow

1. What if City of Overland determines they don't want this detention facility in their community what do we do?

Councilman McMahon

1. The elimination of basements resides in the plan. Do you proceed on the premise that 100 percent participation can be achieved?

Commission

1. Incorporate additional data (highwater marks, rainfall data, and dates). Revise 25-year flood boundary, and the homes being considered as beneficiaries and for improvements. Recognize at a minimum that the 2008 flood produced the highest stage since 1997 (24-years data on modern gage, with additional data in 70's) and has a 6-hour rainfall total that meets Atlas-40 25-year rainfall frequency. This flood did not overtop tube entrance or flood homes on Braddock/Coolidge/Archer. Is it reasonable to say 2008 was not a 25-year storm?
2. Revise buyout costs by using actual U City data, including Council Resolution 2010-16 establishing Voluntary Flood Buyout Policy
3. Survey resident's participation rates in floodproofing and incorporation into planning
4. Revise floodproofing costs. Include summary of the floodproofing being considered. Does dry floodproofing consider only filling basements, or does flash flooding scenario include alternate dry floodproofing?
5. Revise building elevation costs to consider loss of home value when eliminating basement and accommodating utilities in main floor. Appropriate to consider adding out-building and/or shed to offset lost basement? Would not make a property owner whole, but would be a more realistic compromise than putting the furnace into the den.
6. Report to the Commission on what revised costs (buyouts, floodproofing, building elevation) are used for revised TSP

Questions that the USACE has for City Council/Commission:

1. Does the Commission or Council have a feel for public preference on structure elevation versus floodproofing?
2. How would the City like to work on outreach to City of Overland?
3. Does the City have or have access to repetitive loss data, damage information, or claims information that they could provide to the USACE?
4. Who from the City will be participating in the TSP milestone meeting on May 26th? And speaking on the City's behalf? (We are anticipating Sinan)
5. What do you suggest in terms of presenting to the City Council once more (perhaps on the 24th of May) in anticipation of the TSP?
6. Can you provide actual (not modeled) flood elevation data referenced during the Commission Q&A?

A relief map of University City, California, showing topographic contours and a street grid. A thick black outline defines the city's irregular boundary. A network of red lines is overlaid on the map, representing a storm water relief project. The map uses a color gradient from brown/orange (higher elevation) to blue (lower elevation/water).

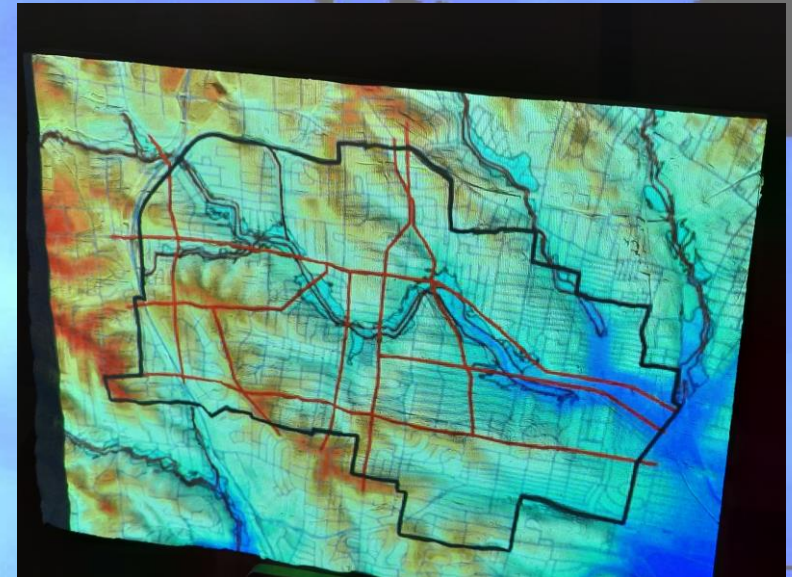
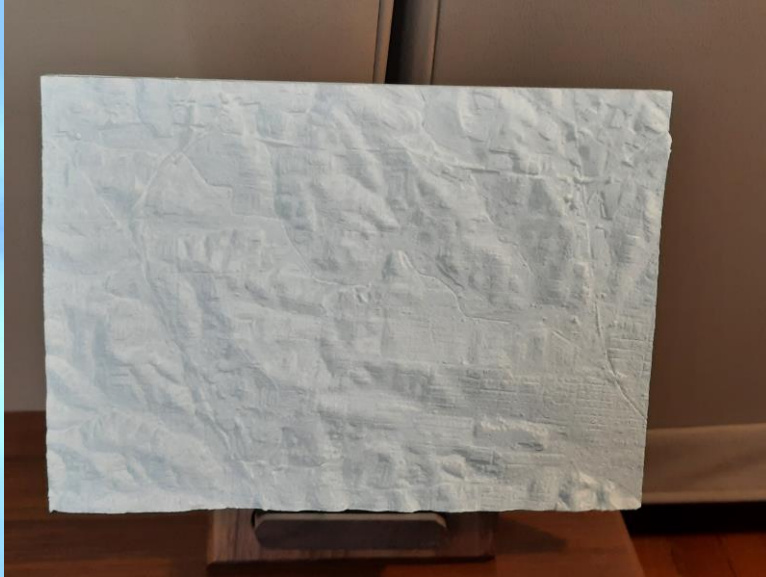
University City Commission on
Storm Water
Relief Map Project



Progress Since Last Commission Meeting

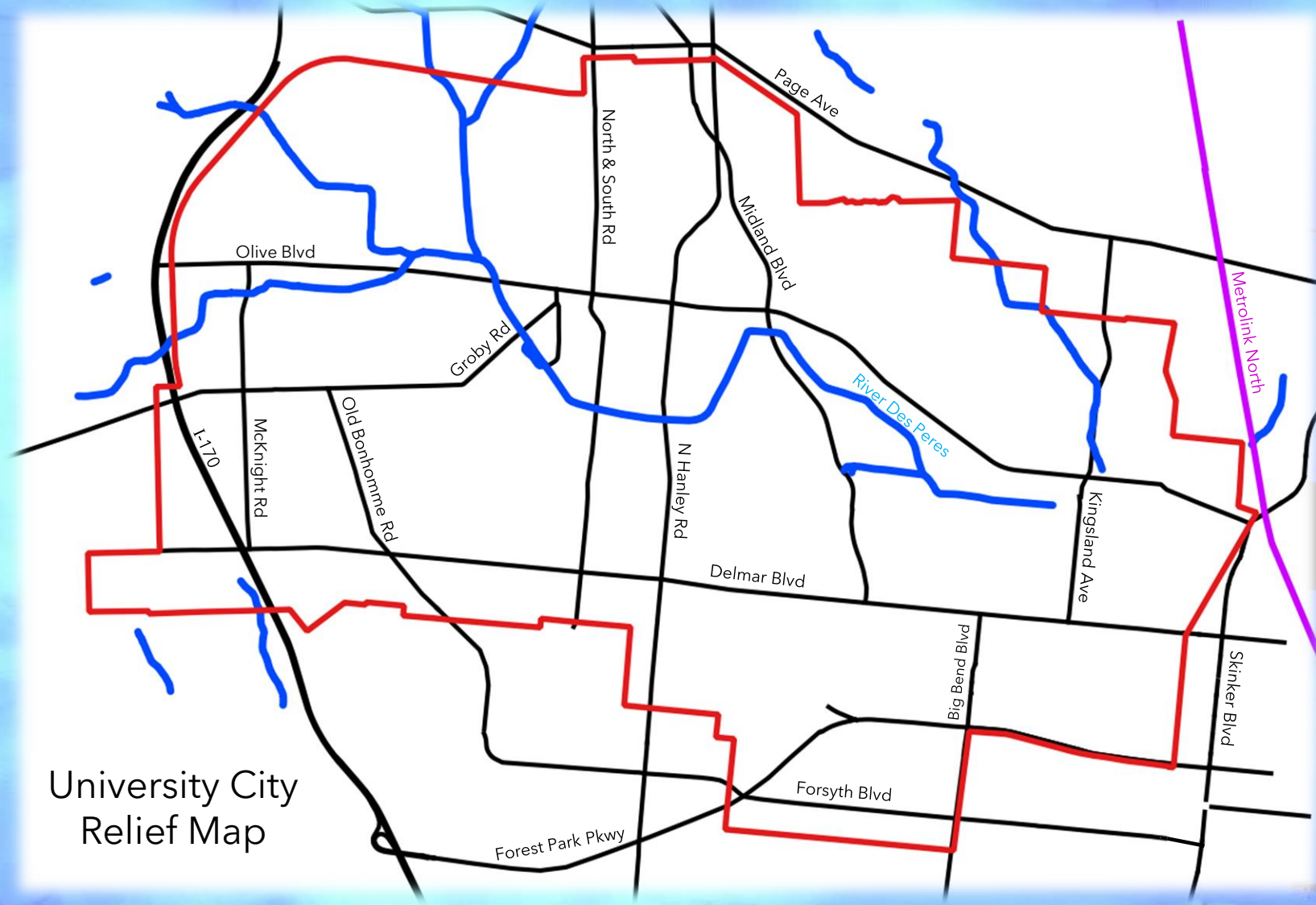
- Commission Delayed Go-Ahead on 3D Printed Relief Map Pending Commission Members Having Opportunity to View the Prototype Model Personally
- All Commission Members Plus Councilperson Cusick Have Now Seen Model
- Based Upon What I Believe Was a Consensus, I Conducted Projection Experiments on the Prototype Model
 - 3 D Model, Basic Reference Markings on Model & Supplemental Fly-Thru's

Projection Experiment



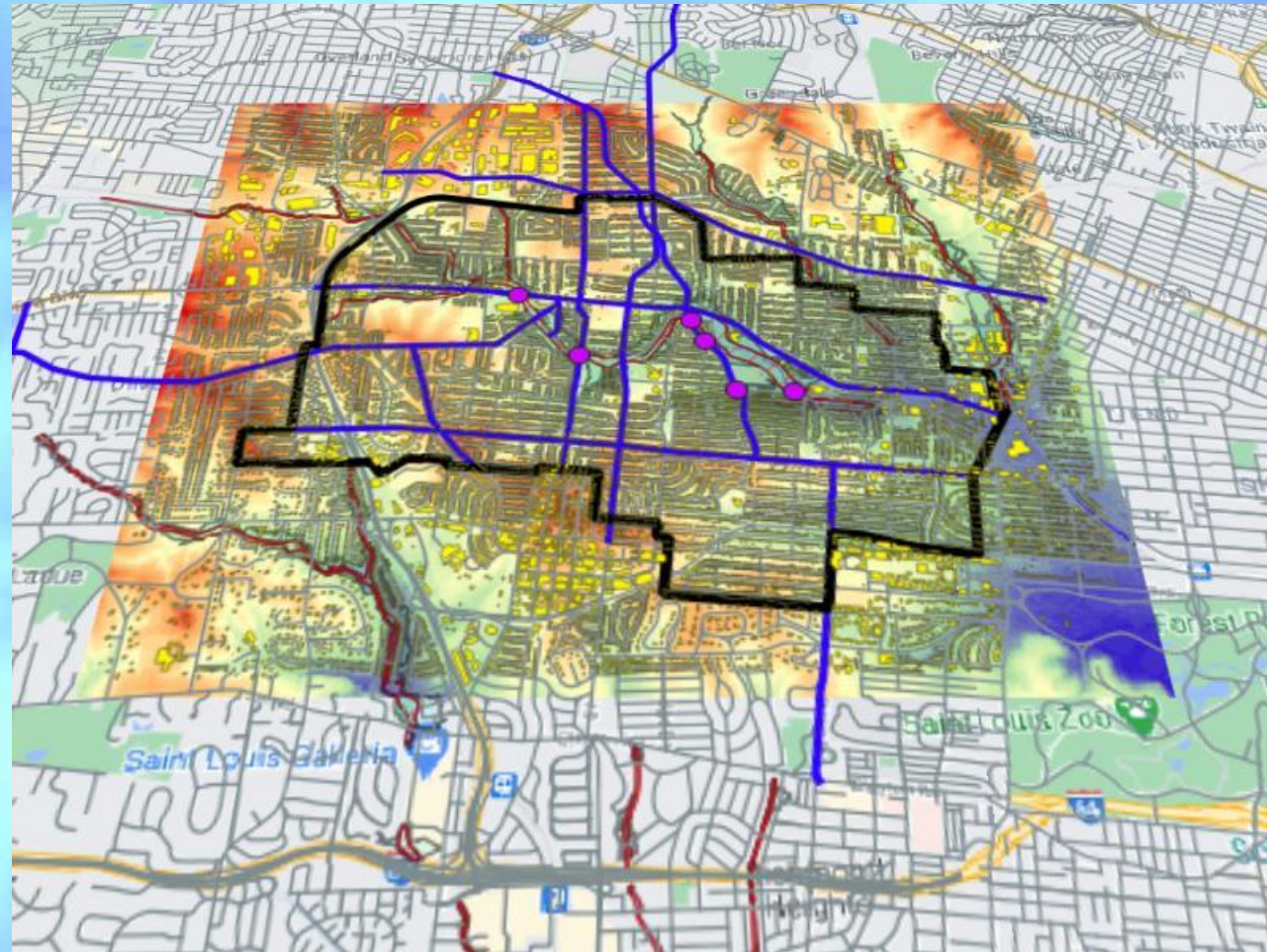


Basic Reference Markings





Fly-Thru Example





Estimated Grand Total Relief Map Project

- Three-dimensional printing
- Stand Materials
- Artist Labor and Materials
- Incidentals (@ 10% of subtotal)
- 8 -12 Week Execution Time

\$1739.59

\$234.92

\$625.00

\$260.00

\$2859.51



Work Ahead

- Seek endorsement of Commission; if "GO" work on more detailed description of work, drawings, schedule, deliverables & responsibilities
- Explore next steps for city approval based on full estimate
- Explore possible educational collaboration with UCHS arts and STEM
- Continue to geocode and add survey responses and US Corps of Engineers buyout recommendations
- Investigate slope gradients vs purely elevations and survey trends
- Import US Corps of Engineers 2021 inundation shapefiles into model

Inundation Map

Updated based on 2008 flood extents

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FEMA (1% Risk)

All items

Inundation Boundary (25yr s1)



2010 Wilson B/O Resolution

All items

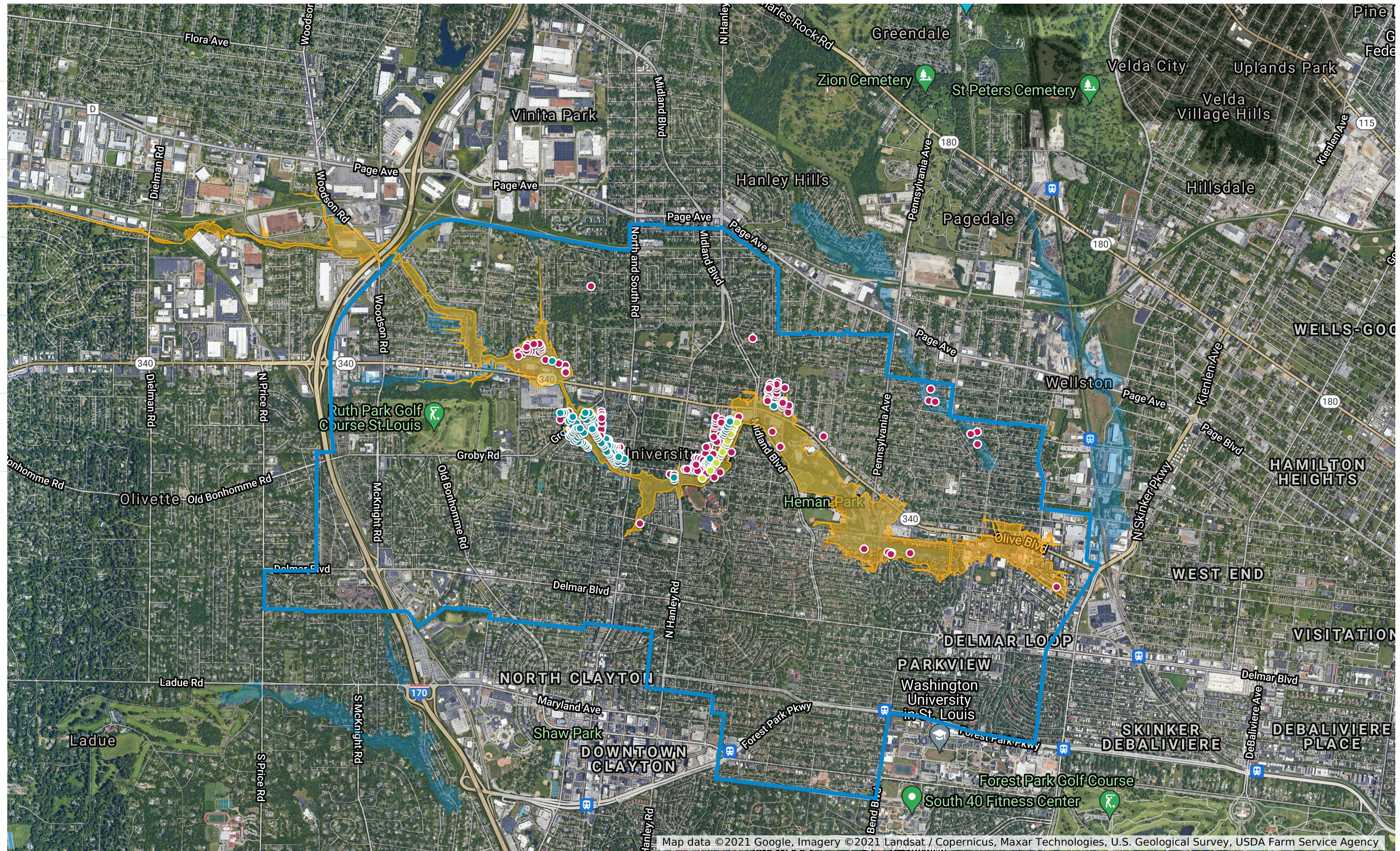
2010 Buyout Resolution.csv

All items

2008_Flood_Extent.csv

All items

Inundation boundaries from US Corps of Engineers 2021 Study as of May (these are NOT Public)
FEMA Layers Added



MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TO: Todd Thompson, Chairman – Commission on Storm Water Issues

FROM: Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works, Staff Liaison to Commission

DATE: April 30, 2021

RE: Evaluation of submittals in response to Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for Stormwater Master Plan – Update

The department received 7 submittals of qualifications from engineering firms in response to the City's RFQ that closed on March 16.

Staff has shortlisted the submittals to the following three firms and set up interviews in the first week of May for additional examination:

- 1) HR Green-Reitz&Jens
- 2) EDM Incorporated
- 3) Intuition & Logic-AMPM Consulting

Staff evaluation interview panel will outline the results of the interviews and provide a selection recommendation to the Commission. This action can be completed at a Commission meeting or a Subcommittee meeting.

Following the Commission's evaluation and the development of the Commission's recommendation to City Council in the matter, staff will work to prepare the item for inclusion in a Council meeting agenda for the approval of a services contract with the selected firm. The possible remaining Fiscal Year 2021 regular Council meeting dates for this action are: May 24, June 14, and June 28.

Please advise of any comments and revisions to this plan as the Commission deems necessary for the Stormwater Master Plan consultant evaluation.

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From: Sinan Alpaslan <salpaslan@ucitymo.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 8:11 PM
To: Garry Aronberg <garonberg@sbcglobal.net> (garonberg@sbcglobal.net)
Subject: FW: Commission on Stormwater Issues May 16, 2001

Garry – please find below public comment for the meeting for your use.



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Citizen's Comment
Frank Ollendorff
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Thanks for your much needed attention to RDP. I know this is a very high priority for our City Manager and City Council. All U City bridges over RDP have been rebuilt (1980-2004) to current standards for 100 year storm. County refused our request for widening new bridges at Midland and at Hanley, as did State Hwy Dpt for new Olive bridge. All three remain dams at heavy rainfall. North of Olive channel was 100 percent rebuilt by MSD/Corps of Engineers/U City to stop erosion and flooding, however it has not been maintained (major overgrowth). Over 60 percent of RDP channel has been widened and rebuilt for 100 year storm. The new study you are pursuing is badly needed. I believe it is possible to protect many more U City resident's homes and businesses, minimizing forced buyouts.

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