# STATE OF IOWA
## FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM
### PROGRESS REPORT

**PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT:** 11/1/2018 to 4/30/2019

**LOCAL CONTACT NAME:** Teri Goodmann  
**GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY:** City of Dubuque  
**ADDRESS:** 50 West 13th Street  
**Dubuque, IA 52001**  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 563-589-4110  
**PROJECT TITLE:** Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project  
**AGREEMENT NUMBER:** 2013-0  
**ACTIVITY COMPLETION TIMEFRAME:** 12/4/2013 to 12/31/2033

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West 32nd Street Detention Basin - U.S. EPA State Revolving Funds | Federal | $115,164 |  
West 32nd Street Detention Basin - Stormwater Utility Fees | Local/State | $36,242 |  
West 32nd Street Detention Basin - General Obligation Bonds | Local/State | $844,275 |  
Historic Millwork District - General Obligation Bonds | Local/State | $225,430 |  
Historic Millwork District - Stormwater Utility | Local/State | $502,809 |  
Lower Bee Branch Legal Services - U.S. EPA State Revolving Funds | Federal | $849,637 |  
Lower Bee Branch Engineering - U.S. EPA State Revolving Funds | Federal | $358,083 |  
Lower Bee Branch Engineering - Stormwater Utility | Local/State | $1,592,959 |  
Upper Bee Branch Creek Engineering - State Sales Tax Increment Bond | Local/State | $4,592,622 |  
Upper Bee Branch Creek Legal Services - State Sales Tax Increment Bond | Local/State | $167,254 |  
Upper Bee Branch Creek Engineering - Stormwater Utility Fees | Local/State | $2,376,951 |  
Upper Bee Branch Creek Engineering - General Obligation Bond | Local/State | $1,173,197 |  
Upper Bee Branch Creek Engineering - U.S. EPA State Revolving Funds | Federal | $6,342,564 |  
Flood Mitigation Maintenance Facility Design - State Sales Tax Increment Bond | Local/State | $177,131 |  
Flood Mitigation Gate Replacement - State Sales Tax Increment Bond | Local/State | $88,592 |  
17th Street/West Locust Storm Sewer Engineering - Sales Tax Increment Bond | Local/State | $1,574,488 |  
Impervious Surface Reduction - U.S. EPA State Revolving Funds | Federal | $1,659,739 |  
22nd Street Storm Sewer Engineering - Sales Tax Increment Bond | Local/State | $1,445,410 |  
**TOTAL** | $24,662,697 | | ($6,845,096) | |

**Property Acquisition & Easement:** $19,301,143

- Carter Road Detention Basin - Purchase/Deconstruction - Stormwater Utility Fees | Local/State | $140,833 |  
- West 32nd Street Detention Basin - Purchase/Deconstruction - General Obligation Bonds | Local/State | $2,144,713 |  
- Lower Bee Branch Creek - Purchase/Deconstruction/Maintenance of Housing - Storm Water Utility Fees | Local/State | $1,157,577 |  
- Lower and Upper Bee Branch Creek - Purchase/Deconstruction/Maintenance of Housing - General Obligation Bonds | Local/State | $13,676,887 |  
- Upper Bee Branch Creek - Purchase/Deconstruction/Maintenance of Housing - State Sales Tax Increment Bond | Local/State | $2,329,798 |  
- 17th Street/West Locust Storm Sewer Property Acquisition/Easements - Sales Tax Increment Bond | Local/State | $4,867 |  

The estimated cost of actual work that has been completed at the end of the reporting period (not a % of funds expended) is 61%.

The total funds approved are $34,756,556, the total funds expended are $26,479,520, and the project overrun/underrun is $8,278,036, resulting in a total of $35,903,767. This amount is less than the $98,494,178 approved by 69,590,208. The total funds approved are 209,929,536.

The estimated cost of actual work that has been completed at the end of the reporting period (which may even exceed the awarded amount) is $248,242,053.
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**Non-Public Investment - Entity**

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Project Status: entire project (Check One)

Description of significant activities this semi-annual term. Include comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives identified in your application. Attach pictures and a narrative. Status changes or delays, please explain reason.
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Person Completing this Report: Jennifer Larson, Budget Director

Date: 5/15/2019

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above information is accurate and true, and in accordance with the approved project plan and state and federal regulations and policies governing this award.

Signature of Authorized Representative or Governmental Entity
City of Dubuque Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project Progress Report Narrative (4-30-19)

PROJECT STATUS
While steady progress is being made on multiple phases of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, completion of a few of the phases were delayed beyond the milestone dates outlined in the original project application. When the bid for a contract associated with Phase 7 came in $9 million over budget, the shift in funding necessary to proceed affected the timeline of other phases.

**Phase 1 – Carter Road Detention Basin** [Complete]
Mowing and debris removal performed as planned.

**Phase 2 – W.32nd Street Detention Basin** [Complete]
Mowing and debris removal performed as planned. A controlled burn was performed in April of 2017.

**Phase 3 – Historic Millwork District** [Complete]
Pervious pavements are inspected and cleaned per adopted schedule.

**Phase 4 – Lower Bee Branch Creek Restoration** [Milestone Completion Date: June of 2015]
In 2017, two of the more significant elements of Phase 4 have been completed: the Lower Bee Branch Creek Basin Overlook and the Lower Bee Branch Floating Islands. The only remaining component is related to the security system measures to be complete in the summer of 2019.

The Leisure Services Department continues mowing and trash/debris removal as needed.

**Phase 5 – Flood Mitigation Gate Replacement** [Milestone Completion Date: June of 2015]
In April of 2017, a series of possible enhancements were proposed by the design engineer that improved access to the facility; an updated, more reliable electrical service; and provided space for the use of additional, temporary pumps to augment the existing, permanent pumps. The estimated cost for the improvements exceeded $3.3 million, considerably more than the budget. Due to the record rainfalls in 2010 and 2011 that have impacted the Bee Branch Watershed, it was prudent to consider if even the modest improvements were sufficient. Therefore, the City reached out to the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) for possible assistance. The initial response was that the USACE might be able to partner with the City but that the timing of the project would be delayed with federal USACE funding levels an uncertainty. Since then, the City worked to further develop improvements to the facility that would indeed improve drainage when the gates are open and when operating under Mississippi “flood” conditions when the gates are closed.

Per the Bee Branch Stormwater Pumping Station Preliminary Engineering Report, five alternative options were evaluated. The preferred alternative includes the:

- Replacement of the existing flood gates;
- Installation of an additional flood gate;
- Replacement of the existing flood pumps and installation of additional pumps;
- Replacement and updating of the electrical service to current standards;
Installation on an additional back-up generator for the additional pumps to address the needed resiliency being demanded by the storms of recent years, including the July 2017 storm event.

This alternative was chosen because it best addresses the flooding that has been occurring since 1999. It also provides for additional resiliency options as rainstorms increase in both depth and intensity. For example, it provides for additional space for a third culvert from the basin to the Mississippi River.

This represents an expanded scope over what was originally proposed in the City’s State Flood Mitigation Program application which considered just the replacement of the gates at an estimated cost of $4,512,464.00. The expanded project that now involves the other aforementioned improvements is estimated at $10,435,000.00. Therefore, the City sought additional grant funding to offset the cost associated with the expanded scope.

The City was notified by the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) that the City was awarded $2,500,000.00 in grant funding for the 16th Street Detention Basin Flood Gates Project – the Flood Mitigation Gate & Pump Replacement. The EDA also provided a Financial Assistance Award agreement (Agreement) for the City’s consideration. Per the Agreement, the City’s share of the Project cost is $6,635,000.00. The EDA grant would only cover a portion of the construction costs associated with the Project which is estimated to be $9,135,000. The $1,300,000 in estimated engineering and design costs would be outside of the grant and the sole responsibility of the City. Therefore, the City costs would include both the local match of $6,635,000 and the engineering/design fees of $1,300,000 for a total of $7,935,000 [$6,635,000 + $1,300,000].

The schedule for the improvements is now as follows:

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**Phase 6 – Impervious Surface Reduction** [Milestone Completion Date: December of 2033]

To date 80 of 240 impervious alleys have been converted into green alley, pervious pavement systems. The $9.4 million in SRF sponsorship funding has been exhausted as anticipated. The construction of green alley pervious pavement systems will resume in 2020.

The Public Works Department continues to inspect the pervious pavement systems on a semi-annual basis, vacuum sweeping them annually and more frequently on an as-needed basis.
Phase 7 – Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration [Milestone Completion Date: December of 2016]

The improvements were to be bid and constructed under multiple contracts. One contract came in $9 million over the City budget. Therefore, it looked as if the $9 million shortfall would delay the bidding and construction of the final Phase 7 improvements involving the installation of culverts through railroad property in order to pass floodwaters from the Phase 7 improvements to the Phase 4, Lower Bee Branch Creek, improvements. But in early 2016, it was announced that the City would receive $9 million through the HUD National Disaster Resiliency Competition (HUD NDRC) to cover the shortfall associated with Phase 7 of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project. In order to remain eligible for the $9 million in HUD funding for the improvements through the railroad property, the City had to wait until a grant agreement between HUD and the State and an agreement between the State and the City was in place. This was accomplished in October of 2016. In March of 2017, in accordance with HUD requirements, the City executed a new contract with the City’s consulting engineers to provide engineering design services for the improvements through the railroad property. And in June of 2017, the City Council authorized the hiring of Ahlers & Cooney law firm to provide legal services pertaining to the negotiations with the owner of the railroad, Canadian Pacific (CP) and other property acquisitions necessary for the improvements. Since then, the engineering work required to produce the final design plans was initiated. In July of 2017, the City and CP executed the Amended and Substituted Service Agreement reflecting the current approach to install the tunneled culvert system and establishing a new expiration date of December 31, 2018.

In February of 2019, the City awarded the construction contract for the Upper Bee Branch Creek Railroad Culverts Project in the amount of $25,900,000.00, which was 1.24% over the engineer’s estimate. With the contract executed, the Contractor has mobilized to the site. The Upper Bee Branch Creek Railroad Culverts Project (Project) represents the final contract associated with the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project (Phase 4 & 7 of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project). The improvements will allow for the efficient flow of floodwaters from the recently completed upper Bee Branch Creek improvements, through the railroad yard on Garfield Avenue, to the lower Bee Branch Creek. Project elements include the installation of six, 8-foot diameter culverts under the railroad tracks using tunneling methods. This allows for the railroad operation to continue unimpeded during the construction project. In addition to the culverts under the railroad tracks, the Project includes the extension of the box culverts installed under Garfield Avenue as part of the upper Bee Branch Creek improvements to a new buried junction chamber, or transition structure where the flow from the upper Bee Branch Creek will join with flow from the Bee Branch storm sewer from Pine Street. The combined flow will then flow under the railroad tracks through the tunneled pipes mentioned previously into the lower Bee Branch Creek. An outfall structure will be constructed where the water will flow into the lower Bee Branch Creek. This will include a headwall for the culverts, a flood gate with pump station to control the depth of water in the upper Bee Branch Creek, topped by a concrete pad that will allow access to the culverts and gate from above while also providing a plaza area for citizens to overlook the lower Bee Branch Creek. The Project also incorporates the existing box culverts underneath the railroad tracks into the flood control system.
The proposed schedule for construction is that the improvements will be functional for flood mitigation sometime in the summer or fall of 2020 with the project complete by July 1, 2021. follows:

**Phase 8 – 22nd St/Kaufmann Ave Storm Sewer Impr.** [Milestone Completion Date: December of 2016]

Engineering consultants are under contract designing the improvements for the entire stretch of the project limits. The construction contract for the first segment of the improvements, from Elm Street to White Street, was awarded in April of 2018 in the amount of $2,548,366.71. It is now complete. The construction contract for the final segment, from White Street to Francis Street, was awarded in March of 2019 in the amount of $2,349,054.47. Construction is now underway and expected to be complete by December of 2019.

**Phase 9 – Flood Mitigation Maintenance Facility** [Milestone Completion Date: June 2020]

The City has purchased the two properties required for the facility. Site clearing activities are under way, first addressing the environmental issues with the property. The City has been working with the US EPA to develop the scope of the cleanup activities for the brownfield site. The site has also been enrolled in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources voluntary Land Recycling Program. Cleanup activity has been initiated and is expected to be complete by early 2020.

**Phase 10 – North End Storm Sewer Improvements** [Milestone Completion Date: December 2017]

This phase of the project has been delayed in conjunction with the delays associated with Phase 4 and Phase 7 as they must be completed first.

**Phase 11 – Water Plant Flood Control** [Milestone Completion Date: June 2020]

The USACE created a sophisticated computer model that can predict the depth of inundation, time to inundation, and inundation paths at critical infrastructure for hypothetical levee breach scenarios. The USACE levee breach analysis was not initiated because of any known imminent risk of failure to the levee protecting Dubuque, but instead as an effort to improve emergency planning and communication of the potential risks associated with the levee. The main goal of their work was to further advance the USACE’s new computer software tool [HEC-RAS 5.0]. It also helped to further their mission to ensure that the public understands the risks of “living behind a levee.” In 2015, the City hired engineering consultant HDR to advance the 2-D modeling work started by the USACE. HDR refined the model by adding break lines to better match the existing terrain, spatially varied flow path characteristics, and incorporated the existence of buildings within the model. The City will be able to utilize the model when designing the flood control/prevention system to protect the City’s sole potable water treatment plant from flooding. The modeling and study is complete and will aid in the design of the water plant flood protection system.
Phase 12 – 17th St/W. Locust Storm Sewer Improvements. [Milestone Completion Date: December 2020]

The first segment, between Pine Street and Elm Street, was completed in late 2017 for $1,155,286.32. The second and final segment, between Elm Street and Heeb Street is currently under construction. With a construction contract of $3,720,555.75, the work started in June of 2018 and will be finished by the end of June 2019.
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Construction complete on first segment from Elm Street to Jackson Street
Construction finishing up on first segment from Jackson Street to White Street
Looking west up 22nd Street: Construction finished through White Street, now under construction from White Street through Central.
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Looking east down 17th Street from White Street [5-15-19]
Looking west down 17th Street from White Street [5-15-19]

Preliminary work on the downstream end of the Upper Bee Branch Creek Railroad Culverts Project [5-15-19]