

Blacksnake Creek Stormwater Separation Improvements

Conceptual Design Public Comments



Public Meeting Oct. 9, 2014

Lindbergh Elementary School gymnasium

2812 St. Joseph Ave.

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Comments (written and verbal)

Public comments received will be considered during preliminary and detailed design.

Detention Basin

- Proponent of 100-year solution (Burnside resident experiences flooding)
- Bug control and open water?
- Basin will result in loss of portion of property
- Pay \$170.00 a month to FEMA - ridiculous! Can't sell my house because of it!
- Impact on existing recreational amenities
- Request for link regarding federal requirements for combined sewer overflow control
- Push west to keep his trees, etc. (lives on the east side of cul-de-sac on Cook Road.)
- Drainage concerns
- Appearance of basin
- Will you use aggregate surface? If it is clay material it will be swamp-like and could be attractive for mosquitoes
- Access concerns: public access to my backyard
- Aesthetics of losing the trees
- Easements versus property acquisition
- Do not want a levee in my backyard
- Question on timing of release of the USACE report
- What type of soil was considered in the feasibility study/conceptual design and budget of the basin?
- Rip Rap class aggregate recommended in the main creek channel with a mix Rip Rap to smaller aggregate in the dry bank area to help with soil drying and mosquitoes
- Where will the current sewer main and underground phone cabling be located? Please provide a conceptual plan for relocating these two utilities.
- Would the service and access road gravel surfaces be upgraded to an asphalt/concrete material? Building codes don't allow addition of gravel driveways.
- What is preventing the two surfaces from being combined into one road, with a gate located at the entrance off of Cook Road? Reduce the cost by having one 12' wide surface vs. 2-12' wide surfaces and a fence.
- Are there future plans for upgrading the dry basin to a wet basin? What is that expected timeframe?
- What additional amenities are planned and what is the public access plan?
- What is the conceptual plan for the buffer between public and private land?
- Construction timing
- Individual property impact concerns

Comments related to the basin's technical design referred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Roadways

- Consider a roundabout at Karnes Road and St. Joseph Avenue (some discussion for and some against)
- What is the traffic count at Karnes Road and St. Joseph Avenue during the Holiday Park season?
- Extend Northwest Parkway at Karnes Road and St. Joseph Avenue to I-229, rather than Cook Road improvements, creating a gateway to St. Joseph

Conveyance Alignment

- General agreement with selected alignment
- Uncertain on stream channel conveyance method – provide more information

General/Miscellaneous

- Keep the basketball courts in the vicinity of Northside
- Would like to accomplish Krug Park restoration project
- Concerns over easements/acquisition

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Feedback on Top Public Goals for the Project

Top Three

- Safety - improve public safety
- Flood control
- Reduce congestion

Tell Us What You Think About Green Solutions

What do you think of the following green solutions strategies?

Top Four (in order mentioned)

- Transform vacant lots into community gardens
- Restore streams & natural wet places
- Create water features along parkways & parks
- Soak through pavement

What would you like to see in your community?

Top Three

- Restore streams & natural wet places
- Create water features along parkways & parks
- Provide habitat for birds & butterflies