

On the evenings of May 3rd and 5th, the City's storm water project manager and watershed area managers along with the project engineer from Michael Baker Engineering met with area residents to verify existing conditions information in the planning study.

Danee McGee, the storm water project manager, described to the Residents the purpose of the project, introduced the City team, and asked residents to sign in.

She described the planning process and that this was the existing conditions phase. Major capital improvement project and residents should have received mailers with information on meetings and a website for additional information. Further phases later will include the City Design Standard Alternative, Alternative Analyses, Real Estate phase regarding easement acquisition, Construction Documents, Permitting, Bid Phase and Construction.

Danee and Doug indicated that if the residents could fill out 3x5 cards, they could email or send information to her for our use in moving forward with the project. The City is asking for feedback from residents on flooding problems they may have experienced and to contact Danee with information including photos.

Easements will need to be acquired as part of the process and some residents expressed concern with signing any easements without some understanding of the potential impact of the proposed improvements.

The group then began a walk to look at the conditions in the field.

Neighbors expressed concern of an increase of storm water runoff within in the proposed improvements and wanted to ensure that no increase in problems would occur. Danee indicated that the replacement of the existing pipes with new box culverts would help alleviate the current situation.

One resident indicated that Briar Creek needs to be dredged – accumulating sediment may be causing part of the problem.

Doug indicated that the Briar Creek floodplain was a major watershed and that improving the culvert at Sharon Road would likely just cause an increase in problems downstream. Danee indicated that the City will look at alternatives that do not raise the 100-year FEMA flood plain. The City would look at what is happening to the timing of the flood flows from the Hampton system while Briar Creek is peaking.

Danee distributed maps showing the limits of the project. Residents asked questions regarding the maps and the group broke into smaller separate discussions basically discussing some observations they have had on recent flooding and past flooding. Two of the residents agreed that the August 2008 flood was higher than the 1995(?) flood.

Residents along Hampton iterated that during most rain events, the banks are overtopping and backyards are getting wet. Some house and out structure flooding has happened in recent years.