

ITEM # 14
DATE: 01-27-09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SOUTHWEST AMES STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS (NEAR GREENBRIAR PARK)

BACKGROUND:

This project is to provide a permanent solution to the storm water drainage issue created by the undersized culverts under the bike path west of Greenbriar Park. These culverts restrict the flow of the unnamed creek significantly enough that during high water events, water is forced through Greenbriar Park and onto the nearby golf course (Coldwater Golf Links). This project will redirect the unnamed creek resulting in storm water release into Worle Creek and decreased flooding in Greenbriar Park and Coldwater Golf Links. Improvements to Greenbriar Park planned for 2010/11 will create a trail head for the overall Shared Use Path System from south Ames, and will allow this area to become a useful addition to the park system.

Snyder and Associates has completed plans and specifications with a total estimated construction cost of \$365,500. Engineering design and administration is estimated in the amount of \$60,000. This brings total estimated costs to \$425,500. Total financing is programmed in 2009/10 at \$475,000 from G.O. Bonds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Southwest Ames Storm Water Management Improvements (near Greenbriar Park) by establishing February 18, 2009, as the date of letting and February 24, 2009, as the date for report of bids and award of contract. Although budgeted in 2009/10, funds may be advanced to allow construction to begin.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approving this project as soon as possible will allow construction of improvements to begin prior to potential late-spring flooding.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Southwest Ames Storm Water Management Improvements (near Greenbriar Park) by establishing February 18, 2009, as the date of letting and February 24, 2009, as the date for report of bids and award of contract. Although budgeted in 2009/10, funds may be advanced to allow construction to begin.