

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: EASEMENT WITH IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2006/07
ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL STREET LOW POINT DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS (STANTON AVENUE AND CHAMBERLAIN STREET)**

BACKGROUND:

This is the annual program for drainage improvements to decrease flooding at low points. Low point drainage improvements are not focused on residential street locations, but rather on those locations most in need of the improvements as affected by standing water, flooding, and insufficient pipe capacity. During heavy rain, some areas become flooded and damage to private property occasionally occurs. This program provides for installation of drainage improvements to decrease this flooding at low points. These improvements may include construction of detention areas, new pipe systems, and replacement systems for increasing the ability to control runoff so that it can be carried by downstream systems.

As part of this project, an easement is required to connect new storm sewer to a culvert on Iowa State University (ISU) property south of Lake LaVerne. Before the Board of Regents can approve the easement, it must be approved by City Council. It will then be forwarded to the Board of Regents for their approval and sent back to the City for signatures and to be recorded. The easement will be granted at no cost to the City, but there will be some financial arrangement for reimbursing ISU for tree removal and replacement and for grading and seeding as part of this project/easement acquisition. With the easement in place, work can begin on the project this summer when ISU is in summer session.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the storm sewer easement with ISU.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By accepting the easement, work will be able to occur outside of ISU's spring and fall semesters and will minimize the impact to the traveling public.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the storm sewer easement with ISU.

