

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2012/13 STORM SEWER OUTLET EROSION CONTROL (PINEHURST DRIVE IN GREEN SUBDIVISION – 5TH ADDITION)

BACKGROUND:

This annual program provides for stabilization of eroded areas due to discharges of the storm sewer system into streams, channels, swales, gullies, or drainage ways in residential areas. This program provides a more permanent control of the erosion and reduces recurring maintenance costs in these areas.

The 2012/13 project outlet locations include Pinehurst Drive in the Green Subdivision 5th Addition and behind Windsor Oaks at 1100 Adams Street. The work anticipated for the Windsor Oaks area is the management/removal of crown vetch that has grown in the area. This invasive plant will continue to grow and spread throughout the area and will be detrimental to native plants in the area.

This particular project is for re-stabilization of the creek channel at Pinehurst Drive in Green Subdivision 5th Addition. The area has seen erosion of the banks that were stabilized with treated timbers. Those timbers have passed their useful functionality and need to be replaced.

Staff contracted with Clappsaddle Garber Associates (CGA) to analyze the creek flows and develop options for the stabilization. Staff and CGA met with area residents on-site to review options. All residents agreed on the work to be performed, but wanted the length of the stabilization increased to protect an additional downstream area. As such, a bid alternate for the additional length was added to the project. This bid alternate would have only been recommended for award if pricing remained within budget.

Unfortunately, when this project was bid on September 17, 2014, no bids were received.

After receiving no bids, staff followed up with the plan holders to find out why they had not bid. The general response was that they are too busy to perform the work, or that the relatively small amount of work is not cost effective for them due to the distance that out of town bidders would need to travel to Ames.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of no bids for the 2012/13 Storm Sewer Outlet Erosion Control (Pinehurst Drive in Green Subdivision 5th Addition).

- b. Direct staff to evaluate alternatives for accomplishing the creek stabilization this year.
2. Direct staff to immediately rebid the project

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It was hoped that this project would make it possible to repair the creek banks yet this fall. In light of the lack of bids, staff has begun to communicate with potential bidders regarding the best way to package the work and attract bids or quotes to accomplish this goal.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1, thereby accepting the report of no bids for this project and directing staff to evaluate alternatives for accomplishing the creek stabilization this year.