

Welcome!

The purpose of this meeting is to: Present the detailed screening evaluation of flood mitigation alternatives and strategies for the Ames

Community.

the City Council.

• Gather feedback on the strategies to present to

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The Study

Method Collect public input, develop and analyze alternatives and strategies, summarize impacts.

Focus

Determine impacts—positive and negative—of flood mitigation alternatives and strategies.

Goal

Present the best alternatives and strategies to City Council.

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Community Involvement





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Flooding 101

scape to reduce the magnitude of destructive power of floods."

Rural areas produce flood causing runoff at a slower rate than do urban areas.





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Flooding 101



Flood of Record - 2010 Flood (2.5 ft. from base) 0.2% Annual Chance Flood (2 ft. from base)

1993 Flood (0.5 ft. from base) 1% Annual Chance Flood (Base) (1996, 2008)

River Cross Section at Skunk River (below confluence with Squaw Creek)

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Normal Water Level





Flood Hydrology

The study team updated flood magnitudes and frequencies by engineering and statistical calculations and reviewed and updated flood maps.

USGS Gage	Source	Annual flood-probability discharge (cfs)			
		10-percent	2-percent	1-percent	0.2-percent
	Updated FFA	6,800	10,200	11,600	14,900
South Skunk River near Ames, IA	FEMA Effective Flows	6,280	9,000	10,100	12,600
	Updated FFA	8,260	15,800	20,000	32,600
Squaw Creek at Ames, IA	FEMA Effective Flows	7,570	13,700	17,000	26,300
	Updated FFA	14,500	24,100	28,900	41,800
South Skunk Kiver below Squaw Creek near Ames, IA	FEMA Effective Flows	12,700	19,700	23,000	31,400



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Evaluation Process



Since we last met in November, we conducted the Detailed Screening Process of Flood Mitigation Alternatives and Strategies. Criteria included: Level of Protection Provided Environmental Impacts

Project Cost

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Environmental Impacts Benefit Cost Analysis





and Ames August 8-11, 2010 Flood Extent





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Transposed Rainstorms

- 10.5 inches in 30 hours
- Ames, Iowa, August 8-11, 2010 10 inches
- July 24, 2010 13 inches in 48 hours
- Ames, Iowa, August 8-11, 2010 with Transposed 2nd Night of Rainfall 20% more rainfall

(1,000 year rainfall)

Upper Iowa River, Iowa, June 7-8, 2008

• Lake Delhi, Iowa, Dam Failure Event,

• Dubuque, Iowa (Galena, Illinois), July 27-28, 2011 11+ inches of rain in 13 hours, 0.1% annual chance rainfall

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Upper Iowa (77,000 acre-ft of runoff) Ames (69,000 acre-ft of runoff)

Lake Delhi Storm

(120,000 acre-ft of runoff)

Ames - Transposed (187,000 acre-ft of runoff)

Dubuque (103,000 acre-ft of runoff)







Flood Boundaries from Transposed Rainstorms

Confluence of Squaw Creek and Skunk River

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* Approximate boundaries based on modeled inundation







Water Surface Elevation Comparison



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	Squaw Creek	WSEL Compared	Skunk River	WSEL Compared
	At South	to Ames 2010	below Squaw	to Ames 2010
	Duff Ave	Storm at South	Creek At Highway	Storm at
	WSEL (ft)	Duff Ave (ft)	30 WSEL (ft)	Highway 30 (ft)
	888.5	-1.5	883.1	-3.3
Flood	889.0	-1.0	884.2	-2.2
d	891.0	+1.0	884.6	-1.8
R) Flood	891.8	+1.8	886.1	-0.3
	887.8	-2.2	886.1	-0.3
	890.0	0.0	886.4	0.0
	890.5	+0.5	887.6	+1.2
	891.9	+1.9	887.7	+1.3
	896.9	+6.9	889.6	+3.2



Flood Mitigation **Alternatives & Strategies**

Storage

- Centralized Flood Storage
- Regional Flood Storage
- Floodplain Storage
- Conservation Measures in Watershed

Protection

- Flood Water Diversion
- Conveyance Improvements
- Levee along Skunk River
- Levee along Squaw Creek

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Non-Structural

- Do Nothing
- Property Buyouts

• Flood Plain Ordinance Modification





Flood Mitigation **Alternatives & Strategies**





Floodwall



Dry Reservoir



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Levee with Roadway



Wetlands Restoration

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Reservoir





Screening Criteria The following criteria were used to evaluate flood mitigation alternatives and strategies.



Hydraulic Performance – Flood protection achieved by lowering the height of flood water and reducing the quantity of flood water during the 100-year flood, 500-year flood (Ames 2010 Flood), and the Dubuque extreme rainfall event.



Performance Criteria – Based on the criteria above, each alternative will receive a 🔽 or 🔀 if it meets the objectives of the study.

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the 50-year life of the project including capital costs, operation and maintenance costs.

- Annual Benefits Annual dollar value of property damage prevented.
- Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) Annual Benefits divided by Annual Cost. When BCR is greater than 1, the project is justified economically.

Annual Benefits	
\$3,250,900	



BCR

- Wetlands
- Surface Water
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources

Is this alternative

free of major

environmental

impacts?

Regulated materials

Environmental

Concerns – Identifies the main environmental impacts of each alternative or strategy.

Do the benefits







Flood Damage Areas (Red = High \$ Damage Area)



100-Year Flood Event

40% of total Structures and 99% of total Property Value





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500-Year Flood Event

60% of total Structures and 99% of total Property Value





Conservation Measures in Watershed

The Conservation Measures in the Watershed alternative evaluates small detention sites that could contribute to flood reduction, and the construction of wetlands administered under the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.



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Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Centralized Storage

The Centralized Storage alternative includes the evaluation of Squaw Creek Dry Detention facility and Ames Lake Reservoir.

Hydraulic Performance

Performance Criteria

Does it meet at least a 500-year level of protection? (Skunk River only;

100-year level on Squaw)

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Benefit Cost Analysis

Annual Cost (including O&M)

Annual Benefits

BCR

\$11,966,036

\$3,250,900

0.27

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Farmland
- Parks, recreation areas & conservation areas
- Wetlands
- Surface Water
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Regional Flood Storage The Regional Flood Storage alternative includes the evaluation of 14 storage sites.

Hydraulic Performance

Performance Criteria

Does it meet at least a 500-year level of protection? (100-year level on Squaw; 100-year level on Skunk)

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Benefit Cost Analysis Annual Cost

(including O&M)

\$8,772,727

Annual Benefits

BCR

\$3,217,700

0.37

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Farmland
- Parks, recreation areas & conservation areas
- Wetlands
- Surface Water
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Floodplain Storage The Floodplain Storage alternative achieves additional floodplain storage by raising 3 roads by 5 feet, and modifying 3 bridges/culverts.

Does it meet at least a 500-year level of protection? (Reduced 100-year flood height of 2-ft. on Squaw)

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Benefit Cost Analysis

Annual Cost (including O&M)

Annual Benefits

BCR

\$2,786,900

1.13

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Farmland
- Parks, recreation areas & conservation areas
- Wetlands
- Surface Water
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials
- Environmental justice

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Diversion 1

The Diversion 1 alternative includes diverting flood waters around Ames by diverting Squaw Creek at Cameron School Road to the Skunk River via the Ada Hayden Reservoir.

Hydraulic Performance

Performance Criteria

Does it meet at least a 500-year level of protection?

(Reduced 100-year flood height of 5-ft on Squaw)

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Benefit Cost Analysis

Annual Cost (including O&M)

Annual Benefits

BCR

\$2,972,329

\$3,042,700

1.02

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Farmland
- Parks, recreation areas & conservation areas
- Wetlands
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials
- Environmental justice

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Diversion 2

The Diversion 2 alternative includes diverting flood waters around Ames by diverting Squaw Creek upstream from Cameron School Road, to the Skunk River downstream from the Ames Municipal Airport.

Performance Criteria

Does it meet at least a 500-year level of protection? (Reduced 100-year flood height of 5-ft on Squaw; 100-year protection on Skunk)

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Benefit Cost Analysis Annual Cost **Annual Benefits** BCR (including O&M) \$66,094,687 \$3,192,300 0.05

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Farmland
- Parks, recreation areas & conservation areas
- Wetlands
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials
- Environmental justice

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Conveyance Improvements (Clear Channel)

improvements and/or the removal of bridge obstructions.

The Conveyance Improvements alternative involves the clearing or excavating of river channel

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Benefit Cost Analysis

Annual Cost (including O&M)

\$177,641

Annual Benefits

BCR

\$2,436,700

13.72

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Farmland
- Surface water
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Conveyance Improvements (US Hwy 30 Bridge Improvement)

improvements and/or the removal of bridge obstructions.

The Conveyance Improvements alternative involves the clearing or excavating of river channel

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Benefit Cost Analysis

Annual Cost (including O&M)

\$467,190

Annual Benefits

BCR

\$2,097,300

4.49

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Farmland
- Surface water
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Conveyance Improvements (South Duff Bridge Improvement & Clear Channel) The Conveyance Improvements alternative involves the clearing or excavating of river channel

improvements and/or the removal of bridge obstructions.

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Benefit Cost Analysis Annual Cost **Annual Benefits** BCR (including O&M) \$284,599 \$2,086,900 7.33

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Farmland
- Surface water
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Levee Protection to 100-Year

The Levees alternatives evaluates protection to the 100-year flood level protecting property areas along Skunk River and Squaw Creek by constructing a levee (berm/floodwall) combination.

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Benefit Cost Analysis

nnual Cost cluding O&M)	Annual Benefits	BCR
kunk River	Skunk River	Skunk Ri
\$290,817	\$121,400	0.42
quaw Creek	Squaw Creek	Squaw Cr
\$366,931	\$174,600	0.48

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials
- Environmental justice

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Levee Protection to 500-Year

The Levees alternatives evaluates protection to the 500-year flood level protecting property areas along Skunk River and Squaw Creek by constructing a levee (berm/floodwall) combination.

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Benefit Cost Analysis

nnual Cost cluding O&M)	Annual Benefits	BCR
kunk River	Skunk River	Skunk Ri
\$321,902	\$198,100	0.62
quaw Creek	Squaw Creek	Squaw Cr
\$462,844	\$174,600	0.38

Environmental Concerns

- Land use
- Threatened & endangered species
- Transportation
- Cultural resources historical & archaeological
- Socio-economic resources
- Regulated materials
- Environmental justice

Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

Environmental Concerns

Environmental	Alternatives / Strategies						
Concerns	Conservation Measures	Centralized Flood Storage	Regional Flood Storage	Floodplain Storage			
Land Use	Impacts to Agricultural land. (1,326 acres)	Impacts to residential & agricultural land uses NW of Ames. Residential, agricultural and Public Lands NE of Ames & Story City. Housing developments in Western Story County and Eastern Boone County. Scattered farm residences in both counties. (10,660 acres)	Impacts to residential developments, cemeteries, and agricultural land. (7,355 acres)	Impacts to residential area (ISU housing), recreation land, parks and conservation land, and agricultural land uses. (709 acres)	Impacts and com Municip and agri (1,370 a		
Farmland	Impacted.	Impacted.	Impacted.	Impacted.	Impacte		
Parks, Recreation Areas & Conservation Areas	No impact.	Impacts to Story City Park, River Bend Municipal Golf Course, 12 conservation and recreation areas between Ames and Story City.	Impacts to the Bob Pyle Marsh WMA.	Impacts to Skunk River Greenbelt WMA, Crooked Bend WMA, Bear Creek Area, and Soper's Mill County Park, Veenker Memorial Golf Course, part of the Ames High Prairie State Preserve, the Furman Aquatic Park in Ames, and the ISU Stable Run Disc Golf Course.	Would d Club and creating		
Wetlands	Would increase existing wetland conservation areas in partnership with the Iowa Dept of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.	Impacts to approximately 840 acres.	Impacts to approximately 800 acres.	Impacts to approximately 540 acres.	Impacts		
Surface Water	No impact.	Impacts to approximately 15 miles of Skunk River and approximately 7.5 miles of Squaw Creek.	Impacts to approximately 5.5 miles of Skunk River; approximately 5.3 miles of the Keigley Branch of the Skunk River; approximately 3.0 miles of Bear Creek, and approximately 2.8 miles of Long Dick Creek. This alternative would also flood approximately 10.5 miles of Squaw Creek, approximately 2.7 miles of Montgomery Creek, and approximately 2.6 miles of Onion Creek.	Impacts to approximately 6.5 miles of Squaw Creek and approximately 2.5 miles of Skunk River.	No impa construc create a channel would a and Squ		
Threatened & Endangered Species	No impact.	Potential impacts.	Potential impacts.	Potential impacts.	Potentia		
Cultural Resourc- es – Historical & Archaeological	No impact.	Impacts to 93 archaeological sites and 17 historic structures with the construction of SR-1, and 17 archaeological sites and 46 historic structures with the construction of SC-1.	Impacts to 18 archaeological sites and 22 historic structures.	Impacts to 66 archaeological sites and 5 historic structures.	Impacts historic		
Socio-Economic Resources	No impact.	Impacts to approximately 150 residences from construction of SR-1 and 75 residences from construction of SC-1. Construction of SR-1 and SC-1 would preclude further development in and near affected areas. Construction of SR-1 would also affect Story City's wastewater treatment plant, a school and associated athletic facilities, and 2-3 businesses in Story City.	Impacts to approximately 110 residences, farms, and acreages.	Impacts to part of the ISU housing area, approximately 25 residences, 2 businesses, a golf course, and a water park.	Impacts 25-resid business clear zo		
Environmental Justice	No impacts.	Impacts to minorities, low-income, elderly and LEP populations.	No impacts.	Impacts to minorities, low-income, elderly and LEP populations.	Impacts and LEP		
Transportation	No impacts.	Impacts to US 69, Broad Street in Story City, 130th, 150th, 170th, 180th, and 190th Streets, as well as local roads with the construction of SR-1. Construction of SC-1 would affect 140th, 150th, 160th, 170th, and 180th Streets. Potential impacts to airspace at the Ames Municipal Airport.	Impacts to 100th, 110th, 120th, 130th, 140th, 150th, and 160th Streets, as well as local roads. Potential impacts to airspace at the Ames Municipal Airport.	Impacts to 150th, 160th, 170th, and 190th Streets. Would also require raising the following roads 5 feet and modifying bridges/culverts at these locations: Boone County Road 160 at Squaw Creek, Story County Road 170 at the Skunk River, and 13th Street in Ames at Squaw Creek. Potential impacts to airspace at the Ames Municipal Airport.	Would c includin Avenue, Avenue, and 530 to be co reconstr UPRR tr Municip		
Noise	Construction of any alternatives	selected would be temporary and intermitter	nt. It is not anticipated that any acceptable no	ise levels would be generated by constructio	n of the s		
Regulated Materials	No impacts.	15 leaking UST's within 1 mile of SR- 1. 1 leaking UST is within the proposed footprint of SR-1.	15 leaking UST's, 1 Iowa contaminated site and 1 non-NPL Superfund site.	10 leaking UST sites, 1 non-NPL Superfund site, and 1 Iowa contaminated site within 1 mile of the 13th Avenue site in Ames.	5 leakin		
Air Quality	No impacts.	Would generate minor amounts of emissions from construction equipment and fugitive dust from soil disturbance.	Would generate minor amounts of emissions from construction equipment and fugitive dust from soil disturbance.	Would generate minor amounts of emissions from construction equipment and fugitive dust from soil disturbance.	Would g emissior and fugi		
Is this alternative free of major environmental impacts?			X	X			

	Alternatives / Strategies						
	Regional Flood Storage	Floodplain Storage	Diversion	Conveyance Improvements	Levees along Skunk Riv Creek		
es.	Impacts to residential developments, cemeteries, and agricultural land. (7,355 acres)	Impacts to residential area (ISU housing), recreation land, parks and conservation land, and agricultural land uses. (709 acres)	Impacts to small areas of residential and commercial, southern edge of Ames Municipal Airport, recreation, conservation, and agricultural land. (1,370 acres)	Impacts to small areas of commercial land adjacent to South Duff Road Bridge, open space, agricultural land adjacent to US 30 bridge. (70 acres)	Impacts to commercia agricultural land. (10 a		
	Impacted.	Impacted.	Impacted.	Impacted.	No impact.		
nd ⁄	Impacts to the Bob Pyle Marsh WMA.	Impacts to Skunk River Greenbelt WMA, Crooked Bend WMA, Bear Creek Area, and Soper's Mill County Park, Veenker Memorial Golf Course, part of the Ames High Prairie State Preserve, the Furman Aquatic Park in Ames, and the ISU Stable Run Disc Golf Course.	Would divide the Ames Golf and Country Club and the Ada Hayden Heritage Park by creating a channel through these areas.	No impact.	No impact.		
	Impacts to approximately 800 acres.	Impacts to approximately 540 acres.	Impacts to approximately 10 acres.	No impact.	No impact.		
ink aw	Impacts to approximately 5.5 miles of Skunk River; approximately 5.3 miles of the Keigley Branch of the Skunk River; approximately 3.0 miles of Bear Creek, and approximately 2.8 miles of Long Dick Creek. This alternative would also flood approximately 10.5 miles of Squaw Creek, approximately 2.7 miles of Montgomery Creek, and approximately 2.6 miles of Onion Creek.	Impacts to approximately 6.5 miles of Squaw Creek and approximately 2.5 miles of Skunk River.	No impacts to existing streams; however construction of these diversions would create a total of 17 miles of new stream channel. Construction of these diversions would affect flow in both the Skunk River and Squaw Creek.	Impacts to short stretches of stream channel near the South Duff Bridge and the Highway 30 Bridge during construction.	No impact.		
	Potential impacts.	Potential impacts.	Potential impacts.	Potential impacts.	Potential impacts.		
, of of	Impacts to 18 archaeological sites and 22 historic structures.	Impacts to 66 archaeological sites and 5 historic structures.	Impacts to 9 archaeological sites and 7 historic structures.	Impacts to 3 archaeological sites and 2 historic structures.	Impacts to 3 archaeolo and 24 historic structu		
ces ory ol	Impacts to approximately 110 residences, farms, and acreages.	Impacts to part of the ISU housing area, approximately 25 residences, 2 businesses, a golf course, and a water park.	Impacts to approximately 60 residences, a 25-residence trailer park, approximately 5 businesses, and the approach lighting in the clear zone of the Ames Municipal Airport.	Impacts to businesses adjacent to the South Duff Road bridge and open space and agricultural land adjacent to the US 30 bridge.	Impacts to approximat businesses.		
y	No impacts.	Impacts to minorities, low-income, elderly and LEP populations.	Impacts to minorities, low-income, elderly and LEP populations.	No impact.	Impacts to minorities, elderly and LEP popula		
າ 1 nd ce	Impacts to 100th, 110th, 120th, 130th, 140th, 150th, and 160th Streets, as well as local roads. Potential impacts to airspace at the Ames Municipal Airport.	Impacts to 150th, 160th, 170th, and 190th Streets. Would also require raising the following roads 5 feet and modifying bridges/culverts at these locations: Boone County Road 160 at Squaw Creek, Story County Road 170 at the Skunk River, and 13th Street in Ames at Squaw Creek. Potential impacts to airspace at the Ames Municipal Airport.	Would cut across several roads in Ames, including US 30, Lincoln Way, South Duff Avenue, George Washington Carver Avenue, 180th Street, 520th Avenue, and 530th Avenue. Bridges would need to be constructed, or in some cases, reconstructed. Potential impacts to the UPRR tracks and airspace at the Ames Municipal Airport.	Temporary impacts to roads within the Project Area. Would also require the lengthening the Hwy 30 Bridge over the Skunk River and the South Duff Bridge over Squaw Creek. Impacts to the approach lighting at the southern end of the runway at Ames Municipal Airport and potential impacts to the airspace.	Temporary impacts to the Project Area. Poter to the UPRR tracks and the Ames Municipal Ai		
ten	tent. It is not anticipated that any acceptable noise levels would be generated by construction of the selected alternatives.						
	15 leaking UST's, 1 Iowa contaminated site and 1 non-NPL Superfund site.	10 leaking UST sites, 1 non-NPL Superfund site, and 1 Iowa contaminated site within 1 mile of the 13th Avenue site in Ames.	5 leaking USTs within 1 mile.	31 leaking UST sites, 2 non-NPL Superfund site, and 6 no leaking USTs within the proposed footprint s are within 1 mile.	45 leaking UST sites, 6 NPL Superfund sites, a contaminated sites are mile. 1 leaking UST is l the footprint of the Squ levee.		
	Would generate minor amounts of emissions from construction equipment and fugitive dust from soil disturbance.	Would generate minor amounts of emissions from construction equipment and fugitive dust from soil disturbance.	Would generate minor amounts of emissions from construction equipment and fugitive dust from soil disturbance.	Would generate minor amounts of emissions from construction equipment and fugitive dust from soil disturbance.	No impacts.		

Get Involved!

We want to hear from you: Complete a comment form today • Visit us at www.cityofames.org and click the Flood Mitigation Study link • Email us at amesfloodstudy@cityofames.org

- Send mail to: City of Ames Attn: John Dunn **300 E. 5th Street** Ames, IA 50010

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Comment Guidelines

- Come up to the podium one person at a time.
- State and spell your name.
- You have 5 minutes to speak, as to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to be heard.
- Please allow everyone to comment once before commenting a second time.
- Be kind and courteous to all.

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