ITEM #<u>46</u> DATE: <u>06-14-22</u>

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2516 LINCOLN WAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT STORM DRAIN EASEMENT

BACKGROUND:

This Storm Sewer Easement request was initially on the May 10, 2022 agenda. The City did not receive a signed easement prior to the City Council Meeting and the item was pulled from the agenda. Staff has now received a signed copy of the easement and it is ready for City Council approval. On the direction of the City Attorney's office updates to the easement document have been made in paragraph 1 in order to grant "..to the City a perpetual easement for storm sewer purposes over, under, and across the area..." This language was added in order to clarify that the easement did not just apply to area only "over" the storm sewer.

The property owner, F F & F of Ames, LLC has submitted a Minor Site Development Plan application for a two-story bar and restaurant to be constructed at 2516 Lincoln Way. Presently, this is a vacant site. Previous development consisted of three buildings constructed across three lots. The previous buildings were constructed over the in-place box culvert constructed in 1935. This culvert conveys College Creek under the site as well as beneath the building at 122 Hayward Avenue. Ultimately, College Creek flows towards Lake LaVerne on the Iowa State University Campus. A map of the area is in Attachment A.

At the time of redevelopment at 122 Hayward Avenue, it was determined that the culvert could stay in place as long as an existing conditions assessment of the existing box culvert was performed, in-situ condition of the existing box culvert for load/vibration impacts had to be monitored during construction, and a post-construction assessment of the existing box culvert had to be completed, all at the developer's expense.

There are a total of four properties that site atop the box culvert, the property at 2516 Lincoln Way that is set for redevelopment, 122 Hayward Avenue that was redeveloped in 2015, Lot X, the City owned parking area, and 110 Hayward Avenue Rear currently used for parking. (See Attachment A)

Staff directed the property owner of 2516 Lincoln Way to go through the same process and enter into an easement agreement with the City. On April 25, 2022 City Staff along with engineers on behalf of the developer conducted an inspection of the box culvert and deemed it safe to proceed with construction over the structure.

Attached is the proposed easement agreement and easement exhibit to be entered into if City Council approves. **The easement gives the ability to perform maintenance to**

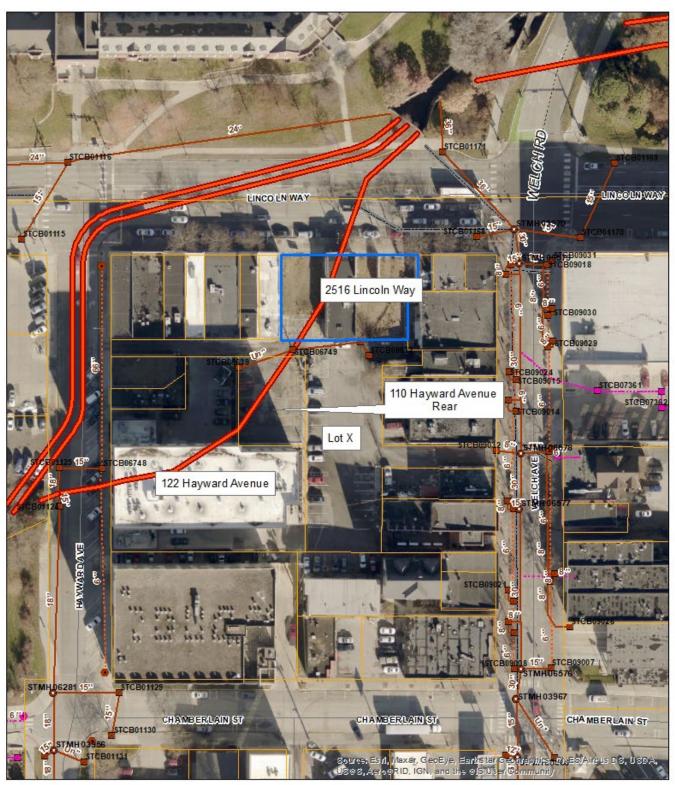
the box culvert and the City has no liability for damage to the property. The applicant will provide a signed final copy prior to the City Council meeting on Tuesday.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve the proposed easement for the box culvert.
- 2. Do not approve the proposed easement for the box culvert.
- 3. Refer this item back to staff or the applicant for more information.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

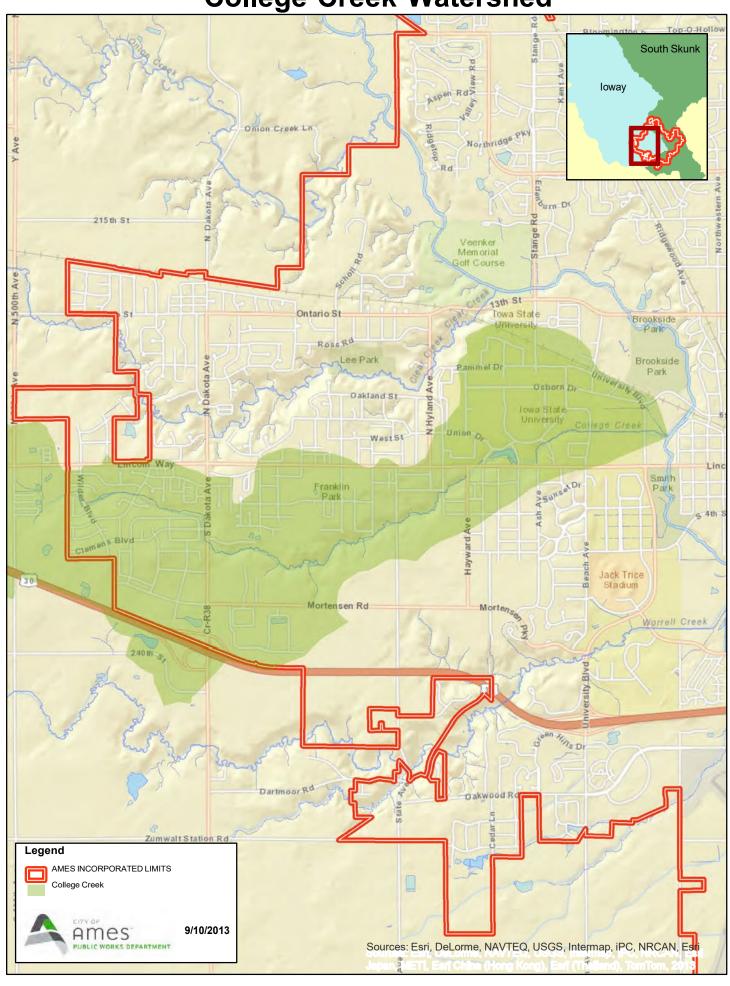
The developer of 2516 Lincoln Way asks for City Council to accept the proposed easement. The box culvert is a unique issue where it is located with buildings over the culvert. Staff believes the language of the easement protects the City's interest for maintenance of the City's box culvert. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, as described above.





Storm Sewer Exhibit

College Creek Watershed



Prepared by, recording requested by and return to:

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EASEMENT AND WAIVER DECLARATION

This Easement and Waiver Declaration (herein "Declaration") is made by and between FF & F of Ames, LLC, an lowa limited liability company (herein "Grantor" or "Party") for good and valuable consideration, in favor of The City of Ames, an lowa municipality (herein "Grantee" "City" or "Party") (collectively herein "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Grantor owns of record the real estate legally described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (herein "Property");

WHEREAS, the Property identified is further described and identified on the ALTA survey attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the Property is encumbered by an underground box culvert at the location identified on Exhibit B attached hereto (herein "Box Culvert"):

WHEREAS, the location of the Box Culvert on the Property is legally described on Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (herein "Storm Sewer Easement");

WHEREAS, the Box Culvert was installed by Grantee and has been maintained by Grantee to control water runoff for the benefit of Grantee and surrounding property owners (herein "Purpose"); and

WHEREAS, Grantor desires to construct a building and other improvements above and around the Storm Sewer Easement in a manner that will not interfere with the Purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the covenants and promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the Grantor declares as follows:

- 1. Grant of Easement. Grantor does hereby grant, convey and warrant to Grantee a non-exclusive ingress and egress easement over and upon the Property, for the purpose of servicing, cleaning, maintaining, repairing and replacing the Box Culvert in its current location, size and configuration. Grantor further grants to the City a non-exclusive easement for storm sewer purposes over, under and across the Storm Sewer Easement identified on Exhibit C.
- 2. Waiver. Grantor does hereby waive any and all claims for any damages which might or may be caused by the construction, reconstruction, perpetuation, repair, maintenance, replacement or overflow of said Box Culvert, and waives any and all claims for damages now or hereafter sustained from any flood water caused by the inability of said Box Culvert to receive and carry the same. Grantor shall not make any connection with said Box Culvert, except with the prior written consent of the City.
- 3. Duration. The easements and obligations created pursuant to this Declaration shall be perpetual in duration.
- 4. Covenant Running with the Land. The easements and obligations created pursuant to this Declaration shall be easements and covenants running with the land.

5. Additional Provisions.

- a. Recitals. The Recitals to this Declaration are incorporated into and made a part of this Declaration by reference.
- b. <u>Binding Effects and Benefits</u>. This Declaration shall be binding upon and shall be for the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors, personal representatives, and assigns.
- c. <u>Headings</u>. Section and other headings contained in this Declaration are for reference purpose only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Declaration.

- d. <u>Invalidity</u>. If a court determines any portion or portions of this Declaration to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Declaration.
- e. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Declaration may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
- f. Governing Law. This Declaration and any dispute arising from or related to this Declaration shall be governed by the law of the State of Iowa, without application of its conflicts of laws provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has executed this Declaration on the dates written below.

GRANTOR:

FF & F OF AMES, LLC

Name: Marc R. Fortney

Title: Managing Member

Date: June 9, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN) ss.

COUNTY OF LA CROSSE)

Personally came before me this 9th day of June, 2022, the above named Marc R. Fortney, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same.

Kevin J. Roop

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My commission is permanent.

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THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY Attorney Kevin J. Roop Hale, Skemp, Hanson, Skemp & Sleik 505 King, Suite 300 La Crosse, WI 54601

EXHIBIT A

Property

Parcel L of Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 4 in the Auditor's Replat of Block 3, 4, and 5, Beardshear's Addition and Walter's Subdivision, Ames, Story County, Iowa, as shown on the Plat of Survey recorded on March 13, 2017, at Inst. No. 17-02121, Slide 561, Page 4.

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EXHIBIT B

ALTA Survey

(ATTACHED)

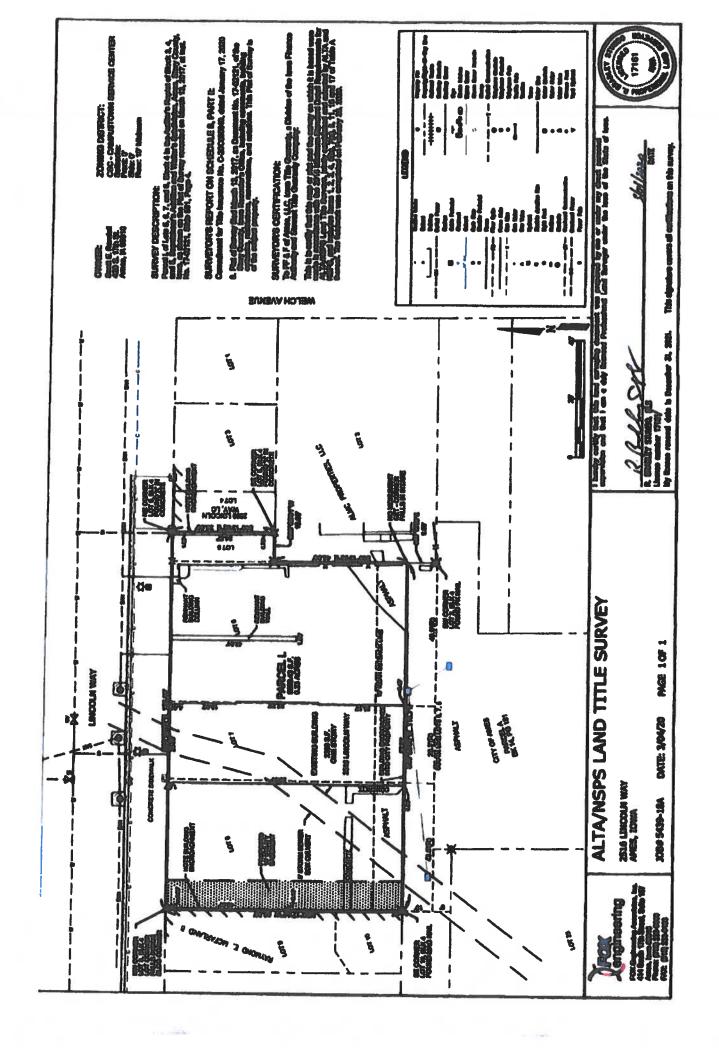


EXHIBIT C

Storm Sewer Easement Legal Description (ATTACHED)

