

ITEM #:	29
DATE:	06-23-26
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2025/26 LOW POINT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)

BACKGROUND:

The Low Point Drainage Improvements Program is an annual program for the improvement of areas with drainage issues within the low points throughout the city. **This project involves the drainage improvements to the intersections of Northwestern Ave & 20th St, S Bell Ave & SE 16th St, River Oak Dr & Grove Ave.** The project is planned for construction over a single year. The project will remove and replace intakes, install storm sewer pipe, and re-grade ditches. Plans and specifications for this project were completed by City of Ames staff.

This program also includes a project at Duff Ave & 6th St which will be completed along with Duff Ave construction in the 2027/28 construction year to coordinate project details and minimize construction impact on residents.

A summary of revenues and projected expenses is shown below:

Description	Revenue	Expenses
2025/26 Low Point Drainage Improvements Program (Stormwater Utility Funds)	\$500,000	
Construction Estimate (Northwestern Ave & 20th St, S Bell Ave & SE 16th St, River Oak Dr & Grove Ave - this Council Action)		\$192,485.00
Future Construction (Duff Ave & 6th St)		150,000.00
Engineering/Administration (Overall Program)		100,000.00
TOTAL	\$500,000	\$442,485.00

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2025/26 Low Point Drainage Improvements Program and establish July 22, 2026, as the date of letting and July 28, 2026, as the date of Public Hearing for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the plans and specifications will continue to keep this project on the July 28, 2026 letting schedule. This project will improve drainage in these areas, decrease localized flooding, and reduce damage to roadway infrastructure. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Northwestern Ave & 20th St Project Location Map.pdf](#)

[River Oak Dr & Grove Ave Location Map.pdf](#)

[S Bell Ave & SE 16th St Project Location Map.pdf](#)