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Middle River PWT Meeting 5/16/2016



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MIDDLE RIVER SUBWATERSHED

- Middle River drainage area is approximately 295 square miles
- River is approximately 98 miles long
- Is a tributary to the Snake River
- Passes through Middle River, Newfolden,
 Old Mill State Park, and Argyle









CD 40 \bullet CD 25

CD 2 \bullet JD 28

JD 15

Problems Identified within the Middle River Subwatershed

- Runoff contribution and timing is excessive from Eastern portion
- Need to remove or prevent structures in the floodplain (Newfolden)
- Flooding problems throughout the watershed
- Impairment of the Middle River for turbidity & dissolved oxygen
- Banks of Middle River are sloughing
- Base flows too small for fish passage & other habitat needs





Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) Assessment

- East portion identified as high priority area for wildlife and game species
- Middle River classified as a Class III warm water stream
- Key habitats such as surrogate grasslands and native plant communities
- Contains conservation regions & wetlands throughout







CITY OF NEWFOLDEN FLOODPLAIN MITIGATION













Traffic was slowed Wednesday on highway 59 four miles sourn of Newfolden as water was flowing over county road seven as well as highway 59. The Soo Line tracks near this intersection were under water as gravel under the rails washed away.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS! FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPPING



Newfolden's East Side proposed 100 year flood plain

The Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed a Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for the City of Newfolden. Up until now, Newfolden did not have flood plain elevation data or floodplain maps. For this reason, Newfolden was not required to adopt a flood-plain ordinance; nor were residents in Newfolden required to carry flood insurance.

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The next step in the process has begun. FEMA has published a notice of flood hazard determination and a public notification concerning the appeal process. The end result will be a final Federal Flood Insurance Rate Map, in which base flood elevations are determined and 100 and 500 flood hazard areas are identified. Once this is final, residents with structures in these flood plains, and who have a federally secured mortgage, will be required to obtain flood insurance.

Click <u>HERE</u> to for more QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS for property owners in FEMA's proposed 100 year flood







MNDNR

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500

250

1,000 Feet

Increasing Resilience Togethe

St. Louis

Itasca

Cass

Lake

Polk

Flood elevations were calculated using a revsied version of the Middle River HEC2 model developed for the 1987 Marshall County Flood Insurance Study.



CURRENT MAPPING FROM DNR HEC-RAS MODEL



One 48" culvert will reduce 100-year water surface elevation



TABLE OF EXISTING VS. PROPOSED

	WSELs (ft)		
River Station	Existing	Proposed	Change
11283	1098.09	1097.55	-0.54
11220	1098.05	1097.5	-0.55
RR			
11193	1092.34	1092.34	0
11176	1091.04	1091.04	0
Hwy 59			
11141	1089.02	1089.02	0

SUMMARY – 48" BORE

- RR overtopping issue must be evaluated
- Length of pipe to install is ~80 feet
- Cost for pipe jacking < \$175,000
- Significant administrative costs for approvals from FEMA and other permitting authorities
- Likely mitigation measures required due to downstream impacts

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Remove ~40 structures from floodplain and eliminate flood damages
- Minimize flood insurance
- Future development
- Minimize upstream / downstream impacts
- Build efficient and economical system



FAILURE TO ADDRESS FLOODPLAIN ISSUES

- Hinder economic development
- Remove dollars from the local economy
- Flood risk will continue to compromise "peace of mind"
- Historical flood risks will remain



ALTERNATIVES

- Do nothing residents may raise lots, obtain LOMAs, etc.
- 2. Bore 1 or 2 48" to 54" corrugated steel pipes
- 3. Install 2 12' x 10' reinforced concrete boxes
- 4. Install bridge crossing
- 5. Construct certifiable dike on north side of river, upstream of crossing
- 6. Construct dikes downstream of crossing or buyout affected properties
- 7. Retention area upstream or downstream
- 8. Some combination of the above measures

BENEFITS

- New crossing with extended lifespan
- Lower headwater
- Removal of high-head embankment dam
- 40 homes removed from 100-year floodplain
- Flood risk reduced
- Dam hazard reduced
- Improve downstream flood impacts

Multi-Purpose Solution?

BRANDT ANGUS IMPOUNDMENT





Red River Basin Commission goal of 20% reduction of peak flows to the Red River

Approximately 15,000 – 16,000 acre-feet of storage needed for the Middle River Subwatershed Four regional assessment locations within the sub-watershed





THREE STEPS LEAD TO A SOLUTION

STEP 1-Feasibility Report Development

- Agency Coordination
- Review Hydrology & Hydraulics
- Technical Feasibility
- Cost Estimates
- Funding Options
- Permit Identification
- Decision Matrix
- Engineering report

STEP 2 Design, Permitting, and Funding

- Finalize Permits
- Value Engineering
- Secure Funding

STEP 3 Final Plans and Construction

- Construction Management
- Project Certification and accreditation

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- FEMA MN HSEM
- RRWMB
- NWRDC
- CP Railway
- State of MN DNR & FDR
- Marshall County
- Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers WD
- City of Newfolden

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND NEXT STEPS

- Multi-purpose project (s)
- Purpose and Need



http://mstrwd.com/maps/

