

URS Public Meeting #1

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Brookshire Lane/Beasley Road Stormwater Improvements May 30, 2013



Purpose of Public Meeting #1

- Provide information on the Brookshire/Beasley Stormwater Improvements project
 - Existing conditions
 - Work completed
- Solicit comments and feedback on stormwater issues in the project area
- Get stakeholders involved in the process
- Provide contact information



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Overview

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- Project Goals and Scope
- Background Information
 - Hewletts Creek Watershed
 - Water Quality
- Existing Conditions
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 - Environmental Conditions/Jurisdictional Features
 - Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modelling
 - Culverts/Channels/Bridge
- Project Timeline
- Historical Flooding





Organization Chart (Project Team)





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Project Goals

Goals of the Brookshire Lane/Beasley Road Stormwater Improvement Project

- 1. Mitigate Flooding and Flood Related Problems (Protect Property)
 - Culvert replacement
 - Channel improvements
 - Bridge replacement
- 2. Provide for Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Drainage Structures and Channels
 - Improve access through existing drainage easements
 - Acquire new drainage easements
- 3. Improve Water Quality
 - Utilize JEL Wade Park constructed wetland
 - Reduce volume and sediment load through channel improvements





Project Scope





URS Background Information



Hewletts Creek Watershed

Have you seen this sign? UNLAWFUL TO TAKE OYSTERS, CLAMS OR MUSSELS MARINE FISHERIES



- Poor water quality in Hewletts Creek has led to closure of shellfish harvesting
- Stormwater runoff is the primary source of pollution
- The City has a restoration plan



What Improves Water Quality?

• **Best Management Practices** including stormwater wetlands, bioretention, stabilization of eroding stream banks, nutrient reduction and education to name a few...



The J.E.L. Wade Wetland treats stormwater runoff from a 589 acre watershed

Reduces the volume of stormwater, fecal coliform, suspended solids and nutrients

• And so will City of Wilmington Stormwater Services' Capital Improvement Projects like the Brookshire/Beasley Stormwater project



URS Existing Conditions



Survey Data

- Survey conducted Nov-Dec 2012 by Joyner Keeny, PLLC
- Detailed topographic mapping of culverts, bridges, drainage ditches and jurisdictional features
- Mapping of existing utility/drainage easements
- Field ties of property corners Ditch 2 Ditch 1

Environmental Conditions/Jurisdictional Features

- Site visits conducted on Nov 14, 2012 and Dec 4, 2012 by URS
- Met with Federal and State environmental regulators
- Regulations play a large role in design requirements for this project





Environmental Conditions/FEMA Floodplains

- Beasley Road and Whisper Creek Lane located within the FEMA 100-year/500-year floodplains
- Result of coastal stillwater elevations from Atlantic Ocean
- Used to define downstream conditions of Hewletts Creek





Watershed Delineation



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Hydrologic Modeling



Hydraulic Modeling

Peak flows from HEC-HMS input to HEC-RAS to analyze capacity of culverts, channels and bridge



Existing Culverts

- Generally in poor condition
 - Near end of service life
 - Undersized
 - Standing water
 - Deteriorating pipes and headwalls
 - Full of sediment and debris
 - Poor choice of materials

Location	Road Elevation	Water Surface Elevation					
		2-`	Year	10-Year		100-Year	
	ft-MSL	ft-MSL	Flood Height (in)	ft-MSL	Flood Height (in)	ft-MSL	Flood Height (in)
Pinecliff Drive	26.26	26.67	4.9	26.95	8.3	27.47	14.5
Brookshire Lane	25.01	25.83	9.8	26.31	15.6	27.01	24.0
Waltmoor Road	24.69	25.36	8.0	25.79	13.2	26.38	20.3
Amber Drive	21.74	22.75	12.1	23.70	23.5	24.60	34.3
Greenwich Lane	22.73	22.97	2.9	23.14	4.9	23.32	7.1
Brookview Drive	19.07	19.41	4.1	19.60	6.4	20.37	15.6
Aster Court	16.23	16.67	5.3	17.02	9.5	17.56	16.0
Whisper Creek Lane	10.68	11.51	10.0	12.25	18.8	13.00	27.8



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Existing Channels/Streams

- Most channels are stable and contained within a mature vegetative buffer
- Areas of bank erosion
- Channel is not contained within a drainage easement (restricted access)
- Overgrown
- Debris and trash restricting flow







Existing Bridge at Beasley Road

- Reinforced concrete floor on I-beams
 - Near end of service life
 - Undersized
 - Weight limit restrictions





Project Timeline



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Historical Flooding (something we can relate to)





How you can help us...

- Have you seen flooding?
 - How much?
 - Where?
- What are your concerns regarding impacts to your property?
- What are your concerns regarding water quality?

Questions or Comments?

