



WILDWOOD

April 28, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Watershed Erosion Task Force Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Summary of Major Milestones of Task Force (Wards - All)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Steve Cross, City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Dan Rahn, Assistant City Engineer
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Background >>>

As the task force begins its third year of existence, the Department thought it would be appropriate to identify the major milestones that have been accomplished in that period of time by the members of it. These milestones may not include every decision made by the task force, but those actions that have set into motion positive outcomes for the residents and property owners of this community and protection of public and private properties. Specifically, the Department would like to identify the following milestones to date:

1. Developed an educational outreach component for residents and property owners almost immediately after the task force's formation.
2. Engaged a group of consultants with broad and sound expertise in this regard.
3. Created educational materials and website location for all things about watersheds, erosion issues, and property owners' steps to assist in protecting these fluvial corridors.
4. Established a comprehensive list of potential funding sources and refined it to ensure contact persons at them could be retraced in the future.
5. Formulated a comprehensive list of problem areas in the nine (9) watersheds through engagement with landowners across the community and provided such to the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) for future funding considerations.
6. Identified seventeen (17) areas of concern within the Caulks Creek Watershed, as priority locations for review, consideration, and action.

7. Engaged the Boy Scouts to assist in the assessment of detention and retention basins that are located in the City.
8. Formed a comprehensive data base of detention and retention basins for use in future upgrades to them.
9. Identified nine (9) priority locations for the development of cost estimates for future repairs and restoration.
10. Endorsed the placement of the parks and stormwater sales tax before the voters of Wildwood to fund projects in the future.
11. Engaged the Metropolitan St. Sewer District (MSD) in the activities of the task force, seeking it to be a partner in this regard.
12. Prioritized the development of a Stormwater Master Plan, as a first step in addressing Wildwood's fragile environment.

Again, there are other decisions and actions of the task force that have occurred over the past two (2) years that could have been included here, but the Department is identifying those items that led to many meetings and discussions, follow-ups with experts, and debate at meetings to reach consensus. Hopefully, the task force members agree the work has been fruitful in creating a new culture that focuses on stormwater management within the City and how best to eventually address these problem areas that have been meticulously identified for future action as well.

Other and Contact Information >>>

If any of the task force members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this matter at tonight's meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to the Task Force on this important matter.