Memorandum

To: Program Projects and Operations Subcommittee
From: Lori Laster, Stormwater Management Engineer
Date: February 1, 2010
Re: City of La Vista Thompson Creek Floodplain Buyout Grant

In May 2008, the City of La Vista applied for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant through FEMA for the purchase of 24 properties along Thompson Creek. The existing homes along Thompson Creek east of 84th Street started to experience flooding and erosion problems due to urbanization and channel degradation in the early 1970s. Several projects have been undertaken since the late 1970s to address the flooding and erosion. The flooding potential had been reduced by the construction of a stormwater detention structure in conjunction with the deepening and widening of the creek channel by erosion. However, the channel degradation has resulted in channel bank stability problems which now threaten public utilities such as power lines located along the creek and threaten private garages and various outbuildings. The channel degradation is continuing and will ultimately threaten the principal dwelling structures on these lots. The location of the creek in the back yards of the existing lots makes access for public agencies to perform maintenance or install controls on the creek impossible where privately owned lots abut both sides of the creek.

The City of La Vista proposes to acquire 24 of the existing homes so that there will be continuous access to at least one side of Thompson Creek over public property. This will facilitate the repair of erosion issues in a timely manner, the relocation of existing power lines, and allow for the eventual implementation of construction measures where needed to protect the 34 homes that will be left on the south side of Thompson Creek in this area. Such construction measures are not included in the current project.

Once the properties are purchased, the City of La Vista will demolish the structures and maintain the lots as open space to allow for ease of maintenance of Thompson Creek. All land purchases will be voluntary. Eminent domain will not be used to acquire properties for this project.

The total cost of the project is $2,721,240. The City of La Vista received Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for 75% of project costs ($2,040,930). They are required to provide a 25% match in the amount of $680,310. They are requesting that the District provide half of the local match, $340,155, payable over three years.

- Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the District approve the City of La Vista request to cost share on the local contribution in the amount of $340,155 payable over three years.
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Map Scale
1 inch = 650 feet

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Feb. 2, 2010

Ms. Lori Laster
Stormwater Management Engineer
Papio-Missouri River NRD
8901 South 154th Street
Omaha, NE 68138

RE: Thompson Creek HMG Property Acquisition
Request for Participation

Ms. Laster:

The City of La Vista was recently notified that it’s application for a Hazard Mitigation Grant from FEMA, through NEMA, to acquire up to 24 homes along Thompson Creek has been approved. It is project No. DR-1674-NE-0055. The approved grant includes a federal share of $2,040,930.00 and a local, non-federal share of $680,310.00. At the time of preparing the grant application in early 2008, we had discussions with the NRD about sharing the local participation. A copy of the grant application was provided to the NRD on June 12, 2008 by copy of the submittal to NEMA (see copy of letter enclosed). I am also enclosing a map of the properties involved.

On behalf of the City of La Vista, I am requesting that the NRD contribute 50% of the local share, $340,155.00, for acquisition of these homes. We believe this project is consistent with the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. We understand that the participation by the NRD may be spread over 3 years. Also, the actual amount of participation will depend on the number of property owners that are willing to participate in this project.

Please feel free to contact Pam Bueethe at 331-4343 or John Kottmann at 330-8860 if you need any further information about this request.

Submitted by:

[Brenda S. Gunn, City Administrator]

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cc: File
Ms. Ann Birch, w/o encl
Mr. Joe Soucie, w/o encl
Mr. John Kottmann, w/o encl
Ms. Pam Bueethe, w/o encl
June 12, 2008

Ms. Lori Moore
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
1300 Military Road
Lincoln, NE 68508-1090

VIA: Courier Service

RE: City of La Vista
Thompson Creek
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application
TD² File No. 171-318.6

Ms. Moore:

On behalf of the City of La Vista we are submitting to you herewith an application for the NEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This application pertains to Thompson Creek in the City of La Vista.

Please find herewith a 3-ring binder containing one print copy of the application and all supporting materials. In the front pocket of the binder is a CD copy containing PDF copies of the application. In the back pocket of the binder is a CD copy containing PDF copies of site photos and newspaper articles related to Thompson Creek.

We have been advised that we should establish a priority order for the properties being considered for acquisition. Attached is a listing of the properties in order of priority.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned or Joe Soucie, Public Works Director for the City of La Vista at (402) 331-8927 if you need additional information concerning this application.

We thank you for the opportunity to make this application.

Submitted by,

THOMPSON, DREESSEN & DORNER, INC.

[Signature]

John M. Kottmann, P.E.

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Brenda Gunn, City of La Vista, w/copy of priority listing only
Mr. Joe Soucie, City of La Vista, w/one CD copy of application
Mr. Paul Woodward, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, w/one CD copy of application
Ms. Ann Birch, City of La Vista, w/copy of priority listing only
Mr. Steven McMaster, Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources, w/one CD copy of application
PRIORITY LISTING FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

Properties are listed in order from highest priority to lowest priority

1. 7201 Park View Blvd.
2. 7209 Park View Blvd.
3. 7213 Park View Blvd.
4. 7217 Park View Blvd.
5. 7225 Park View Blvd.
6. 7229 Park View Blvd.
7. 7301 Park View Blvd.
8. 7309 Park View Blvd.
9. 7405 Park View Blvd.
10. 7417 Park View Blvd.
11. 7603 Park View Blvd.
12. 7605 Park View Blvd.
13. 7602 Valley Road
14. 7604 Valley Road
15. 7608 Valley Road
16. 7205 Park View Blvd.
17. 7221 Park View Blvd.
18. 7233 Park View Blvd.
19. 7305 Park View Blvd.
20. 7601 So. 73rd Ave.
21. 7602 So. 73rd Ave.
22. 7409 Park View Blvd.
23. 7413 Park View Blvd.
24. 7548 Valley Road
PROPERTIES WITH ADDRESSES NOTED ARE PROPOSED FOR VOLUNTARY ACQUISITION WITH HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH NEMBA BY FEMA.