


Re: GLWA Projects

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Jay-

Thanks for the follow up reminder concerning your previous email. I believe we have addressed all of these points in the previous public meetings and will be providing the communities further updates to the project through those meetings which you are welcome to attend. Nonetheless below are the responses to the issues you raised:

Proposed Freud Pump Station

The Freud Pump Station Improvement Project, State Revolving Fund (SRF), Project Plan, dated June 1, 2022, and prepared by Arcadis is a 492 page document upon which the EGLE based its Finding of No Significant Impact. Within that document (Appendix E), is a Freud and Conner Creek Pump Station Improvements, Concept Alternatives Evaluation, dated November 2017, and also prepared by Arcadis. This document looked at three major alternatives, namely: 1) Minimum Improvements to Existing Pump Stations; 2) Significant Improvements; and 3) New Combined Pump Station. Each alternative is further divided into specific considerations for Freud and Conner Pump Stations (except 3). Based on Arcadis' analysis, Alternative 2 was selected by GLWA to be the basis for the detailed design due to factors that included cost, performance, constructability, and safety.

While we continue to engage with the District 4 Community Action Committee and Council Member Jackson's staff per our communication plan submitted to Detroit City Council, there are elements of the design and construction, due to the award of the contract and notice to proceed to the contractor, that cannot be reconsidered without considerable expense in terms of cost and delay to the project. Alternative locations for the station and routing of the sanitary discharge to the Detroit River Interceptor are two of those issues. We will continue to interact with the community and look for opportunities to improve the project in accordance with our communication plan.

Fox Creek CSO

The Fox Creek work you reference is associated with outfall 80/B01. This work is being conducted as part of our ongoing Detroit River Interceptor contract (DB-226) work to rehabilitate the entire 13 miles of the Detroit River Interceptor which parallels the Detroit River and Jefferson Avenue from Alter Road to the Water Resources Recovery Facility. Upon inspection of this outfall, it was determined that concrete had deteriorated to the point that urgent repairs are required. The work, while substantial, is well within the scope and budget of the original contract and is definitely necessary to preserve the operational requirements of this portion of the GLWA wastewater conveyance system. Thank you for pointing out that a project sign is not onsite. I have directed the contractor to have one made and installed as soon as possible.

With respect to the NPDES permit, under state and federal law, the permit conditions are in full force and effect until the new permit is issued. There is no risk to the environment or public during this interim period while the conditions for the new permit are determined between EGLE and GLWA. During the June 2021 flood event, the outfall did exactly what it was supposed to do, namely allow flow to discharge to Fox Creek and the Detroit River rather than further impact people's basements.

East Lake Baptist Church Campus

As we mentioned in the public meetings, GLWA has purchased the East Lake Baptist Church property to allow for improvements to our Conner Creek Pump Station. We are currently in design. When we give a percent complete for design, we are looking at the project as a whole. There is very little difference in a 25% package and a 60% package with respect to the visible portion of the work, especially architectural and landscaping details which really don't begin until we hit the 60% milestone. We will be reaching out through District 4 to conduct the public outreach within next two months.

Thank you for your feedback and helping GLWA to further its efforts to integrate its community engagement and technical communities to provide more responsive information to member partners, customers, and the public.

As always, feel free to call or email at any time.

Thanks,

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Todd -

It's been some time since I asked for an update on these matters and there has been no response.

Please get back with me.

Thanks.

Jay

On 2024-06-29 07:10, info@jeffersonchalmerswaterproject.org wrote:

Todd -

While there has been significant dialogue surrounding the controversial proposed Freud Pump Station and we appreciate you taking responsibility for the lack of community engagement long before we arrived here, we continue to be concerned about matters related to the proposed Freud Pump as well as other activities in the Jefferson-Chalmers community.

Proposed Freud Pump Station - When the contract for the project was initially approved by the GLWA Board in 2017, it has been suggested that you and your consultants explored various locations and settled on its current proposed site. We believe it is incumbent upon GLWA to share those alternatives, discuss the pros and cons and costs associated with each. There are no alternatives discussed in EGLE's Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and how the agency could come to that conclusion is another matter, but worth discussing.

In the meantime, the 2,500 LF pipe that will disrupt life on Navahoe and link the project to the DRI suggests that pipe could be in another location as could the pump station. Further, we believe there are other locations within a short distance from the proposed location, that while each with their own complication, should be more fully explored.

Fox Creek CSO - For months, GLWA has been working on various parcels adjacent to the Fox Creek Gates at the corners of Ashland and Jefferson. I and others have inquired about the details of work at the location, but none have been provided. "Conducting maintenance" is not an adequate response when its clear this is a major project given the large quantity and size of materials along with the size of the equipment being used for the work. There are no signs to indicate the project name or number, leaving residents with no way to determine what is occurring on the site.

As you may know, this is Outfall #80 of the expired (October 2022) NPDES Permit MI0022802. During the June '21 storm combined sewage blasted at such a volume that condoms were hanging from trees and yet, conveniently, monitors did not report how many gallons were discharged that night. We have met with EGLE about the expired permit, proposed changes to monitoring and notification and are disappointed that it continues to lapse.

East Lake Campus - It is common knowledge that there are plans for the reuse of the East Lake Baptist Church campus following GLWA's purchase. During Councilwoman Johnson's D4 Meeting a few weeks ago, I specifically asked you about the project and you suggested the community would be engaged at 60% design. I suggested 25% would be more appropriate. Waiting so long to engage would likely create the same controversy we are currently experiencing with the proposed Freud project.

Last April, we sent Ms. Coffey a letter listing a whole host of activities and requested a meeting to discuss them. Her response focused only on the WRDA regional flood study and failed to mention any of the projects in our community. Both she and you receive regular communications about the work of the WATER Project and you have to know that we are concerned about these matters. Therefore, we find it troubling that only by chance do we learn of these projects and their details.

However, we have an opportunity to correct former missteps and find a path forward to more effective community engagement, including as it relates to interface with EGLE as the regulator and funder of your projects. To that end, hope you will reach out and provide us the details requested above and seek

an opportunity to more fully brief our community about the projects mentioned above.

Thanks, in advance for your time and attention. We look forward to hearing from you.

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