

Regent St/Kenosha Culvert Replacement

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Outline

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- Spring Harbor Modeling
 - Near term solution (this project)
 - Long term solution (after modeling)
 - Next Steps
- Culvert Project details
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 - Flood mapping
 - Construction impacts









Why do we need to replace the culverts now?

- Culverts are in bad condition
 - Holes in pipe
- Will damage road and could cause more flooding if they fail



Culverts following August 2018 flooding

 The road had to be repaired in 2018 following the August 20th flooding







Spring Harbor Modeling Update

- How the model was used to come up with Regent culvert pipe sizing
- Long-term solutions in this area
- Modeling next steps



Spring Harbor Model has been updated to 2022 conditions

- Includes the Element
 - Element Collective Development results in general decreases in flows from the development. When looking at the downstream effects to the Kenosha Greenway, we see a slight decrease in flow through the greenway.
- Detail added where possible
- Included swale from Burnette into greenway
- Pipe and inlet upgrades north of Regent into Glen Oak Hills Greenway included
- Updated with 2022 topography



City focused on Eastern Branch of watershed

- Due to the culvert condition at Regent St, we focused modeling on the Eastern Branch
- Wanted to see if the culvert replacement could be near-term <u>and</u> long-term solution
- Goals:
 - Replace culverts before they fail
 - Do not move flooding downstream to Gettle
 - Mitigate flooding at Burnett Dr



Eastern Branch Challenges

- Burnett Dr is at a similar elevation as the greenway
- Gettle Ave is a low point, and enclosed depression in the watershed
 - Everything upstream of the railroad drains to it
 - The only way for the water to flow out is through 1 box culvert (17'x6', square pipe) under the railroad

Gettle Ave is major low-point, Lake Mendota enclosed depression (no way for water to leave overland) **Spring Harbor** Watershed Burnett St is a similar elevation to **Elevation map** the Kenosha greenway

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Background on selected replacement

- Modeled many combinations of solutions in the Eastern Branch to meet goals
- No near-term solutions had large flood improvements at Burnett without shifting flooding to Gettle
- Large projects needed to prevent shifting flooding to Gettle
- Constructing a larger culvert with temporary restrictor plates was considered
 - Large, expensive project
 - Need to relocate other utilities
 - No guarantee if and when restrictor plates would be able to be removed based on additional modeling



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Long-Term Solutions for Burnett

- There are a variety of options to reduce flooding at Burnett
 - All options involve a variety of complicated infrastructure upstream and downstream
 - All options impact the "timing" of the peak flows reaching Gettle
- Gettle Ave is where all 3 branches of the watershed come together
- Need to complete watershedwide modeling



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Next Steps in Spring Harbor Modeling

- We will look at solutions in the other branches, and then see how all the branches work together at Gettle Ave
 - This will inform which solutions are the best options long-term in the Kenosha/Burnett area
- When the City has completed this modeling, we will host another pubic meeting to discuss modified solutions



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Regent St Culvert - Proposed Replacement

- Increase size of culvert from two 3.5 ft diameter corrugated metal pipes, to one – 5 ft diameter plastic pipe
 - Increases pipe capacity by 11% in 1% Annual Chance Storm (25 cfs additional capacity)
 - Note 1 cfs is ~150 garden hoses



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One 5 ft diameter pipe has a larger cross-sectional area than two 3.5 ft diameter pipes!

Regent St Culvert - Proposed Replacement

- Replacing the culvert will send slightly more water downstream
 - Additional downstream flows will be balanced by installing large inlets downstream of Glen Oak Hills Park
 - The model shows
 - this mitigates additional flooding at Gettle







Flood mapping – 1% Annual Chance Storm



The map shows increases and decreases in flood depth that result from the proposed project.

- Green colors show increases in max flood depths
- Purple colors show decreases in max flood depths
- The light yellow color is where there is <u>no change</u> in max depth

As an example, the lightest purple color areas would see a 0.1-0.2 foot <u>decrease</u> in max depth as a result of this project.



Flood mapping – 4% Annual Chance Storm



The map shows increases and decreases in flood depth that result from the proposed project.

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Flood mapping – 10% Annual Chance Storm



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Tree Impacts

🗩1 tree will be removed

- 6 inch Pear Tree in median
 - Will be replanted by Forestry
- X trees will be determined on-site if they need to be removed
 - 5.5 inch Green Ash
 - 8 inch Hackberry
- I tree will be trimmed, but may need to be removed based on conditions
 - 20.5 inch Black Walnut



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Restoration

- Will use native seed mixes to revegetate disturbed areas
 - South of Regent: Sun tolerant
 - North of Regent: Partial shade tolerant
 - Terrace: standard terrace seed mix
- Diverse array of native species tolerate fluctuating moisture levels
- Aggressive native species are best suited to outcompete the existing monoculture of reed canary grass south of Regent St
- Native plants will complement volunteer restoration efforts in this area



Construction Impacts

- Expect street closures during construction
 - Likely only closing 1 side of Regent at a time
 - Will maintain access to Kenosha
- Will maintain existing flow through culvert while construction is occurring



Assessment Policy & Costs

- There will be no assessments or costs to adjacent residents for the project
- Project is paid for with stormwater utility funding



Project Schedule

- Construction will take place in the late summer of 2023
- Construction will be done by City of Madison crews
- Construction is expected to last 3-5 weeks



Contact Information & Resources

- Engineering
 - Janet Schmidt, Principal Engineer, jschmidt@cityofmadison.com
 - Jojo O'Brien, Spring Harbor Watershed Project Manager, jobrien@cityofmadison.com
- Project Website: <u>www.cityofmadison.com/RegentStreetCulvert</u>
 - Sign-up for project email updates on the website
 - Updates on work progress will be posted to the project website
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