BUTLER FARMS/OAK CREEK STORMWATER PROJECT UPDATE MEETING

Wednesday, February 10th 6:30 PM

City Staff & Project Team

- Tom DiPietro,
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 Superintendent
- Justin Rabidoux,
 Public Works
 Director
- Paul Conner,
 Director of Planning
 & Zoning

- Jack Myers, PE, Stantec
- Jake Riley, VHB Pioneer
- Juli Beth Hinds,
 VHB Pioneer

UVM Support: Breck Bowden

Project History and Overview

- Project Purpose: To work with neighborhood to develop combination of solutions that will improve water quality and meet stormwater management needs
- City has worked to ensure the stormwater project will be consistent with State permit requirements/issues, even while these are still evolving
- Initiated in 2002 through EPA grants to City and UVM; two additional grants received
- Includes water quality sampling and modeling, neighborhood outreach, use of multiple approaches



Key Project Components:

- 1. New stormwater treatment ponds to treat unmanaged runoff
- 2. Renovation of existing ponds to improve performance
- 3. Installation of new bioretention treatment (rain gardens, curb cut gardens)
- Stream channel protection and enhancement (buffer and culvert improvements)
- 5. Stormwater diversion swale to mitigate VNCC impacts and improve water quality



Upcoming Construction:

2010 Season:

- Stormwater Diversion Swale & Bioretention Area
- Curb Cut Bioretention Gardens, Butler Drive 2010-11 Season:
- Stream Channel/Buffer Enhancements
- Potential Culvert Replacements

2011 Season:

- New Detention Pond at Butler Farms
- Renovation of Oak Creek Village Pond

Oak Creek Village Pond: Completion and Performance







Diversion Swale (planned 2010)

Natural diversion channel to reduce flooding impacts adjacent to Golf Course, and over-loading of Oak Creek Village storm drains

Natural systems approach to reducing flooding and providing better water quality

Will re-direct flow out of neighborhood and into renovated stormwater pond

Agreement with VNCC being developed

Steve Apfelbaum to work on soil infiltration/plantings for water treatment and habitat enhancement









Curb Cut Bioretention (Planned 2010)

 Principle: provide space within the street to infiltrate and treat stormwater





Street Edge Bioretention



Buffers, Bank Stabilization, Floodplain Restoration & Wetland Creation (2010)

Purposes:

1) Reduce instream erosion, which deposits sediment in the stream

2) Improve instream habitat

3) Increase habitat diversity in buffer area



Why Stream Buffers?

- Improves instream habitat for aquatic organisms
- 2. Stabilizes banks
- 3. Reduces instream temperature
- Increases instream roughness to slow flood events
- 5. Reduces and slows sheet run off flow
- 6. Absorbs nutrients in sheet run off



Existing Conditions



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Restored Stream Reach



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Buffer Restoration Initiative

Can this be done in Butler Farms/Oak Creek to improve water quality...without interfering with our back yards?!

Stream Buffer Initiative



What is envisioned:

- Voluntary effort to establish a 10-20 ft buffer along the stream channel
- Voluntary actions to reduce impacts & grant-funded plantings and re-grading
- Designs to happen cooperatively with homeowners in spring
- City owned parcels: Create wetland and restore floodplain

What could be done on my property to improve stream health?

LEAST INVOLVED: "Giving the stream as much room as possible" through voluntary actions, with assistance and advising from City and project team.

Examples:

Create a "no-mow" strip of 10'-20' along the stream

Relocating compost and yard waste piles 10'-20' away and out of stream – yard waste piles can smother bank vegetation

Reducing or eliminating fertilizer use in the area 10'-20' back from stream bank

What could be done on my property to improve stream health?

MORE INVOLVED:

- Establishing buffer plantings on land along the stream (homeowners who received a letter)
- 3 specific areas where bank stabilization (regrading and planting) could occur to reduce erosion; these landowners will be contacted to discuss



What happens if I'm a landowner and I'm interested in participating?

- Indicate your interest by calling or e-mailing Tom
 @ Stormwater Services
- You'll be contacted in the spring for a site visit to look at your property and assess potential plantings and approaches
- Simple agreements will be prepared if you decide you would like plantings installed on your property.



Existing Culverts: Stream Health Issues



Preliminary Culvert Designs

Adequately sized for high flows not to cause ponding and sediment deposition upstream

Improve natural stream processes which will improve water quality

Reduce impediments to aquatic organism movement

Increased roughness to slow stream flow

Renovation of Existing Oak Creek Pond (2011)

Rerouting storm drainage into pond

Will be done to State's 'best fix' standard Planned

for 2011



New Butler Farms Frontage Pond (2011)

Designed to treat runoff from large subwatershed within Butler Farms

Similar approach to the Oak Creek pond

In final design and permitting stages for 2011





Project Cost Estimates & Financing

Butler Farms Project Cost Breakdown			Grant Funds			Homeowner / City Funds	
Project Component		Estimated Cost*	SAFI Grant	ETEA t Cost	EPA Demo Grant Cost	Neighborhood Cost (based on 55% privately owned impervious area)	City Cost (based on 45% City owned impervious area)
Construction of Golf Course swale	\$	55,000.00	\$	-	\$ 41,250.00	\$	\$ 13,750.00
Construction of Enhanced Infiltration and Habitat Creation	\$	8,000.00	\$	14. 1	\$ 6,000.00	\$	\$ 2,000.00
Construction of Curb Cut BioRetention	\$	65,000.00	\$	-	\$ 48,750.00	\$	\$ 16,250.00
Design and Construction of OCV Pond Retrofit	\$	200,000.00	\$	2	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
Installation of Stream Restoration	\$	75,000.00	\$	-	\$ 56,250.00	\$	\$ 18,750.00
Culvert Replacement	\$	200,000.00	\$	1075	\$ 150,000.00	\$	\$ 50,000.00
Design and Construction of Butler Farms Pond	\$	520,000.00	200,0	\$ 00.00	\$ -	\$ 176,000.00	\$ 144,000.00
Totals	\$	1,123,000.00	200,0	\$ 00.00	\$ 452,250.00	\$ 203,500.00	\$ 267,250.00
* All estimated costs includes engineering oversight during construction		\$		652,250.00	470,7	\$ 50.00	

Estimated Cost / Unit (neighborhood cost / 254 units)	\$ 801.18
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Notes:

SAFETEA grant requires 20% matching funds.

EPA Demo grant requires 25% matching funds.

Vote/Council Actions in 2010

Could go to a vote to establish a Special Assessment District in November

Do we finally get a permit?