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From: Laszlo Harsanyi [laszloha@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 10:51 AM
To: 'Laszlo Harsanyi'
Subject: FW: RC-73/RC-74 Stormwater Project in our community - Updates
Attachments: MCPB - MR - RC-73 RC-74 2.5.2015 .pdf

Dear Neighbors – I misinformed you on a couple of items which Ralph (our neighbor) corrected and Bob Kane (Construction Manager) clarified further. See the forwarded emails and the attachment provided by Bob Kane Some historical information on the project is available on our site (www.derwoodstation2.com) in the Environs page. An older version of the contract (Contract AX3765360) is also available on our site and will be updated when I obtain a recent version.

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From: Kane, Bob [mailto:Bob.Kane@montgomeryparks.org]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Laszlo Harsanyi; 'Ralph Architzel'
Cc: 'Nick Radonic'; 'Dave Peterson'
Subject: RE: RC-73/RC-74 Stormwater Project in our community

Laszlo,

In response to the question about the pond designs, I've attached the mandatory referral document submitted to the planning board in February 2015. It explains the process and community involvement during planning and design. To further explain the Parks Department's approach on storm water ponds, I've attached the following explanation from Matt Harper, our principal natural resource specialist:

Montgomery County Parks has long recognized the concerns of mosquito populations related to the interface of the community and the natural systems that we are charged with stewarding. We fully support the County, State, and Federal guidance on personal protection and removal of stagnant water from manmade items (i.e. tires, buckets, wading pools, etc.); however, the extended detention (RC-73) and shallow detention (RC-74) wetland systems that are being constructed have been designed to support a balanced ecosystem that is not conducive to mosquito proliferation. The Crabbs Branch stream valley is home to many organisms that are very well adapted to feeding on mosquitos in both their aquatic larval stage and their adult winged stage (i.e. dragonflies, diving beetles, frogs, bats, birds, etc.). In a functioning aquatic system we do not see large numbers of adult mosquitos due to the predator prey interactions at work within them. The grading and plantings associated with both of these facilities were carefully designed to ensure that this type of habitat complexity would be achieved.

Thank you all again for your support of this project. Please let me know if you require additional information.

Bob

From: Laszlo Harsanyi [<mailto:laszloha@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 12:59 PM
To: 'Ralph Architzel' <rarch71@gmail.com>; Kane, Bob <Bob.Kane@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: 'Nick Radonic' <big.rad@gmail.com>; 'Dave Peterson' <kmpdhp@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: FRC-73/RC-74 Stormwater Project in our community

Ralph – Thanks for your corrections!

Bob – Please review both my original email and Ralph’s comments for accuracy and any additional information I should provide our residents. I understood from Daniel yesterday that the ponds will be mostly dry, contrary to earlier information, but I may have misunderstood. BTW, Nick and Dave are on our neighboring Derwood Station HOA Boards of Directors.

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From: Ralph Architzel [<mailto:rarch71@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Re: FRC-73/RC-74 Stormwater Project in our community

Laszlo,

I didn't get this except by Nick's forwarding to the Derwood South homeowners list but there are some inaccuracies in your summary I want to point out / inform others about so perhaps if you send this to our homeowners they will be better informed.

First off the project includes the conversion of the dry pond to a wet pond. Our homeowners were consulted (those bordering the pond) in 1985 and decided definitively we wanted a dry pond and not a wet pond - principal concern being mosquitos and some preference for dry for recreation use.

The new ponds will indeed be wet all the time - depth around 4-5 feet at least pool level around the new discharge/overflow. The size of wet pond at full drain is a little over 0.1 acre behind our house - I don't know the size of the other two permanent ponds but believe they will be similarly sized. Certainly the majority of the pond surface will become dry with time after a storm but will remain wet considerably longer than before as discussed below.

The system will not increase the flow during / following rainstorms - it will decrease flow significantly, except at max flood when it will remain the same. After the overflow level is gone and rain decreases, the draining will continue through a long ground strainer below pond bed that goes into a 4 inch line with a smaller orifice. Current drain is through an 18 inch overflow line. Currently the pond drains in several hours to what will be the future elevation of the wet pond. This surface of new pond is currently dry pond minimum elevation. The new draindown will take days through the small drain line/ strainer. I will be interested in how long, but there is a tremendous safety advantage in that the new arrangements eliminates a hidden siphon hazard at the 18-inch pipe inlet which almost claimed the life of an 8 year old that was sucked through the 30 or so feet of drain pipe when

he was walking the draining lake and sucked down and through that line without hanging up on the valved at mid point inside the black overflow structure.

Also there are three access paths - the third being next to our house.

On Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 1:01 AM, Nick Radonic <big.rad@gmail.com> wrote:
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Laszlo Harsanyi" <laszloha@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: FRC-73/RC-74 Stormwater Project in our community
Date: January 11, 2017 at 12:01:07 AM EST
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FYI ...

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From: Laszlo Harsanyi [<mailto:laszloha@gmail.com>]
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To: 'Laszlo Harsanyi'
Subject: FRC-73/RC-74 Stormwater Project in our community

Dear Neighbors – You’ve probably noticed that the County’s stormwater retention pond project to increase the flow of stormwater has begun:

- Please do not interfere with the contractors. Refer all questions/issues to board members or TMGA (see our website at www.derwoodstation2.com for contact information.
- The two access paths have been fenced off – one off Indianola across from the bulletin board and one off Oskaloosa across from the bulletin board. Please respect these boundaries! Trees will be planted when the work is completed.
- Trees marked along the Indianola access path will be removed and a mulch path built.
- Storage area and equipment will be fenced off near Oskaloosa and the Indianola dam. Please make sure your children don’t play in these areas. Keep them safe.
 - Please report suspicious activities/people in those restricted areas to the police. Theft of County property is a serious crime.
- When the heavy machinery is in use, please keep clear of the work areas and access points.
- Work will be performed between 7am and 4:30 on weekdays and after 9am on Saturdays (if required).
- The project is expected to be completed in one year.
- The pond’s are expected to be dry ponds most of the time.

Thanks,

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