



Legislation Text

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Discuss Farmers Branch Creek emergency stabilization efforts

BACKGROUND:

During the November 6th City Council Study Session meeting, Council provided direction to the City Manager to initiate emergency stabilization measures along sections of Farmers Branch Creek recently damaged by severe storms. These measures are anticipated to cost approximately \$150,000. Since that date, a contractor has been selected, a notice to proceed has been issued, and temporary easements from affected property owners are being sought.

Property owners have received information about the availability of disaster assistance low interest loans through the Small Business Administration (SBA). The application deadline for this assistance is December 17, 2018. These loans can be used to help repair and control private property embankment erosion. During the November 6th meeting, Council expressed an interest in learning what options were available on a limited basis to assist property owners with embankment erosion issues. One immediate and controlled option would be to utilize a modified Neighborhood Partnership Program which provides for cost matching based on a number of requirements. The Program is currently budgeted at \$100,000 for the FY '19 fiscal year.

The City Council Strategic Planning Session scheduled for February 20, 2019, will include a continued discussion related to long-term policy for the creek systems in Farmers Branch.