

AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 13**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the fee simple acquisition of Lot 1, Block 3, Green Valley No. 1, a subdivision in Austin, Travis County, Texas, located at 5605 Harold Court from Dorothy Nell Anderson and Barry Anderson, Independent Executor of the Estate of Leon Anderson, Sr., Deceased, for the Fort Branch Reach 6 and 7 Streambank and Flood Control Project for the land and improvements, for a total amount not to exceed \$140,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Lauraine Rizer 974-7078, Robin Field 974-7064.

The City of Austin's Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (WPDRD) completed a comprehensive study to prioritize solutions related to flooding, erosion and water quality in the Lower Fort Branch Watershed Management Area (WMA). The City is now in the design phase of a project to reduce flood and erosion damages along the creek corridor. The project includes a combination of structural and non-structural measures such as upgrading the culvert at Fort Branch Boulevard, streambank stabilization and property acquisitions for damage reduction.

A voluntary acquisition of 5605 Harold Court, Austin, Travis County, Texas was presented to the owner for erosion damage reduction and stream corridor preservation because it is located on the outside of an active severely eroding 15 foot creek bank and presents a safety threat to potential residents. The nature of the stream meander in this location is such that the cost of a stream stabilization project would far exceed the value of the property. An independent third party appraiser has established the fair-market value of the property at \$140,000. The owners have agreed to accept the City's offer for a fee simple acquisition of the property.