

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

## Public Works

Item No. 21

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the fee simple acquisition of Lot 22, Block 1, Lincoln Gardens, Section 1, in Travis County, Texas, located at 1216 Fort Branch Boulevard from Bank of New York, Trustee in Austin, Travis County, Texas for the Fort Branch Reach 6 and 7 Streambank and Flood Control Project in an amount not to exceed \$83,900.

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

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The City of Austin Watershed Protection and Development Review Department 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 1216 Fort Branch Blvd., Austin, Travis County, Texas has been offered for flood and erosion damage reduction and stream corridor preservation. An independent third party appraisal has established the fair-market value of the property. The owners have agreed to accept the City of Austin's offer for a fee simple acquisition of the property.