

# Worksession

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	11
<b>Meeting Date</b>	March 9, 2009
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<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Discussion of Proposed Construction of Storm Drain Outfall at Stream Channel Behind 519 New York Avenue.
<b>Background</b>	<p>As a result of erosion, the storm drain channel that leads into a stream channel behind the properties on New York and Takoma Avenues is badly deteriorated. The City Engineer has developed a plan to construct an environmentally sensitive structure that will dissipate the energy of the water entering the stream channel, thereby eliminating the erosion problem and stabilizing the area. The plan will create a series of short, step pools at the end of the stormwater channel that will receive the stormwater and provide an energy dissipating transition zone for the water as it enters the stream channel. The proposed plan has received approval from the Maryland Department of the Environment.</p> <p>The project has been developed by the City Engineer in consultation with the City Arborist to ensure that the mature trees in the area will be protected. One mulberry tree currently located directly beside the existing eroded concrete swale will be removed.</p> <p>The work area is located in the back yards of properties that front on Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue. The driveway and side yard at 519 New York Avenue will be used as the access point for the project. The City has met with the property owner to explain the project. The area will receive tree root protection matting. The existing invasive shrubs that will be removed to enable the construction equipment to enter the site will be replaced with comparable native species. The City has sent a letter to all the properties that surround the stream channel, notifying them of the planned work.</p> <p>Montgomery County has awarded a contract to Highway and Safety Services for stream restoration services. The company has extended their contract price with Montgomery County to the City of Takoma Park for this project. The City has previously awarded a contract to Highway and Safety to complete the Mississippi Avenue stream bank restoration and the Maple Avenue pedestrian bridge reconstruction. Highway and Safety Services is a very qualified firm, experienced in working in environmentally sensitive areas, and fully capable of performing the construction of the outfall.</p> <p>This project will be another step in the City's continued efforts to improve the water quality and to address the erosion and flooding problems associated with the stream channel. Last year, the City sent a letter to the properties around the stream channel to ask that they avoid placing leaves and yard waste on the slopes of the channel. City maintenance crews regularly remove debris from the end of the steam channel, near Baltimore Avenue, to reduce the likelihood of flooding.</p>

<b>Policy</b>	<p>City Code Section 7.04.060</p> <p>“The City Council shall, by ordinance duly enacted, approve all expenditures of \$5,000 or more for professional services and all expenditures of \$10,000 or more for any other single purchase of goods or services...”</p> <p>City Code Section 7.08.070 (E)</p> <p>“Cooperative Purchasing. The City Administration may enter into contracts or agreements for cooperative purchasing, as defined in Section 7.04.040 (F) of this chapter, without the requirement of competitive bidding....”</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	The projected project cost is \$45,000
<b>Attachments</b>	Draft Single Reading Ordinance
<b>Recommendation</b>	Discuss the proposed plan in preparation for Single Reading Ordinance award on March 16, 2009
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

Introduced by:

Adopted:  
Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 2009-**

**Authorizing Contract for Construction of Storm Drain Outfall  
At Stream Channel Behind 519 New York Avenue**

WHEREAS, the storm drain channel that leads into a stream channel behind the properties on New York and Takoma Avenues is badly deteriorated; and,

WHEREAS, its deteriorated condition endangers the stability of the stormwater channel and water quality of the stream channel; and,

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has developed a plan to construct a new outfall at the storm channel end; and,

WHEREAS, said plan has been approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment; and,

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has awarded a contract to Highway and Safety Services for stream restoration using a competitive bid process; and,

WHEREAS, Highway and Safety Services will allow the City of Takoma Park to use the bid awarded to Montgomery County and will offer the same schedule of rates; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City's procurement regulations, this qualifies as a cooperative purchase and is exempt from competitive bidding; and,

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Stormwater Management Fund to complete this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT

Section 1. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to enter into a contract with Highway and Safety Services for construction of an outfall behind 519 New York Avenue.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2009.

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NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: