

# Consent Agenda

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	2C
<b>Meeting Date</b>	April 20, 2009
<b>Prepared By</b>	Daryl Braithwaite Public Works Director
<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Contract for Replacement of Storm Drain Line to the Stream Channel Behind 519 and 523 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 developed a plan to construct an environmentally sensitive structure to eliminate the erosion problem and stabilize the area.</p> <p>The stormwater system 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 is the access point for the project.</p> <p>The original project is nearing completion. The City Engineer has determined that additional work needs to be done to the trench system that currently carries the stormwater to the stream channel. The existing trench is a three-sided cinderblock structure, 32 inches wide, 36 inches deep, and 98 feet long. The homeowners whose property the trench crosses have placed wooden timbers over the trench to cover the open top and reduce the possibility of children or animals getting into the trench. While the timber covering is sufficient at this time, it is not a long term solution. The City Engineer recommends placing a pipe within the trench and then covering the trench with soil. This would eliminate the visibility of the stormwater channel for the property owners and provide a safe and long-term solution to the problem of the open trench.</p> <p>The property owners who have the trench in their backyards are aware of this proposed solution and support the improvement. The contractor that is currently working at that location has provided a price for placing the pipe in the trench. The price is significantly reduced because the contractor will be able to use the existing construction entrance and the equipment already on the site. The contractor has provided rates for the work from the contract that the City is riding on through Montgomery County's bid award.</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 \$20,000. Funding is available in the Stormwater Management Fund.
<b>Attachments</b>	Draft Single Reading Ordinance Site Map
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve ordinance awarding a contract to Highway and Safety Services
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

Introduced by:

Adopted:  
Single Reading

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

**Authorizing Contract for Replacement of Storm Drain Line  
to the Stream Channel Behind 519 and 523 New York Avenue**

WHEREAS, there is an open top storm drain trench that leads into a stream channel behind the properties on New York and Takoma Avenues; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 2009-9, the City Council approved a contract with Highway Safety Services for construction of a storm drain outfall at the stream channel; and,

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has determined that the storm drain trench which feeds into this outfall could be improved at a significant cost savings while the contractor is in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the projected cost for the additional work is \$20,000; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of the additional work is more than 25 percent of the original base contract and therefore Council approval is required; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Stormwater Management Fund to complete the additional work on 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 conversion of a stormwater trench located behind 519 and 523 New York Avenue to an underground pipe.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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

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NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

