



Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission FY17 Work Plan

Cedar Rapids City Council Meeting August 9, 2016

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Scope of Services

Service 1: Enforce the City's Civil Rights Law, Cedar Rapids Municipal Code 69, through investigations, mediations, conciliations and resolutions of discrimination complaints in a timely and efficient manner. Through a 28E Agreement established with the City of Marion in 2012, the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission (CRCRC) also investigates claims of discrimination under Marion Municipal Code 31.

Service 2: Educate the community and increase public awareness of the local civil rights laws.



FY16 Accomplishments

- City of Cedar Rapids received a Municipal Equality Index Score of 99 out of 100 for the 2015 Human Rights Champaign
- A Service Agreement was established between the City of Cedar Rapids and the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission, whereas CRCRC Executive Director LaSheila Yates began serving as the City's Chief Diversity Officer
- Commission launched an improved Smartphone Application
- Commission launched EnerGov as Case Management System



FY16 Accomplishments

- Commission translated brochures and intake forms to Spanish, Swahili, Kurundi and French
- Commission contracted with Language Link to provide interpretation services to clients
- Commission worked with the CR Police Department to remove outdated and discriminatory language from their code
- Staff conducted over 35 trainings related to Know Your Rights and Fair Housing reaching over 890 individuals
- Staff participated in 14 community events
- Staff met or exceeded all performance standards



Performance Measures

In FY 2015, the Commission adopted the following performance measures to support the delivery of high-quality services, effective July 1, 2015:

- 85% of non-housing cases investigated in 300 days or less
- 50% of housing cases investigated in 100 days or less
- 2.5 rating on customer service survey on a 5 point scale
- 15% increase in knowledge for training and educational outreach participants



FY16 Performance Measures Outcomes

Customer Service (Average rating of 2.5 or higher on a 5 point scale)

Area	FY16 Goal:	FY16 Actual
Intake	2.5	4.33
Investigation	2.5	4.43
Outreach	2.5	5



FY16 Performance Measures Outcomes:

• Investigations (85% of non-housing cases investigated in 300 days or less and 50% of housing cases investigated in 100 days or less)

Area	FY16 Goal:	FY16 Actual
Non-Housing	85%	100%
Housing	50%	100%



FY16 Performance Measures Outcomes:

• Outreach (50% of participants rating presentations & events as satisfactory or better and 15% of increased knowledge in participants after training)

Area	FY16 Goal:	FY16 Actual
Participant rating of presentation as satisfactory or better	50%	89%
Increased knowledge in participants after training	15%	22%



Settlement Agreement and Enforcement Actions

Mediations and Conciliations

 Mediations – Mediation of a housing case led to training for the Respondent

Local Enforcement

 A probable cause housing case resulted in \$15,186 in damages awarded to the Complainant for emotional distress, physical pain and suffering and inconvenience. The Respondent was also required to take Fair Housing training and revise their policies and procedures. As of July 18, 2016 the Respondent has met all requirements of the final order



FY17 Work Plan Goals

Goal 1: Increase awareness of public employment disparities through local data and outreach.

Goal 2: Increase awareness of disproportionality in housing.

Goal 3: Collaborate with the Cedar Rapids Community School District in efforts to reduce academic performance disproportionality.

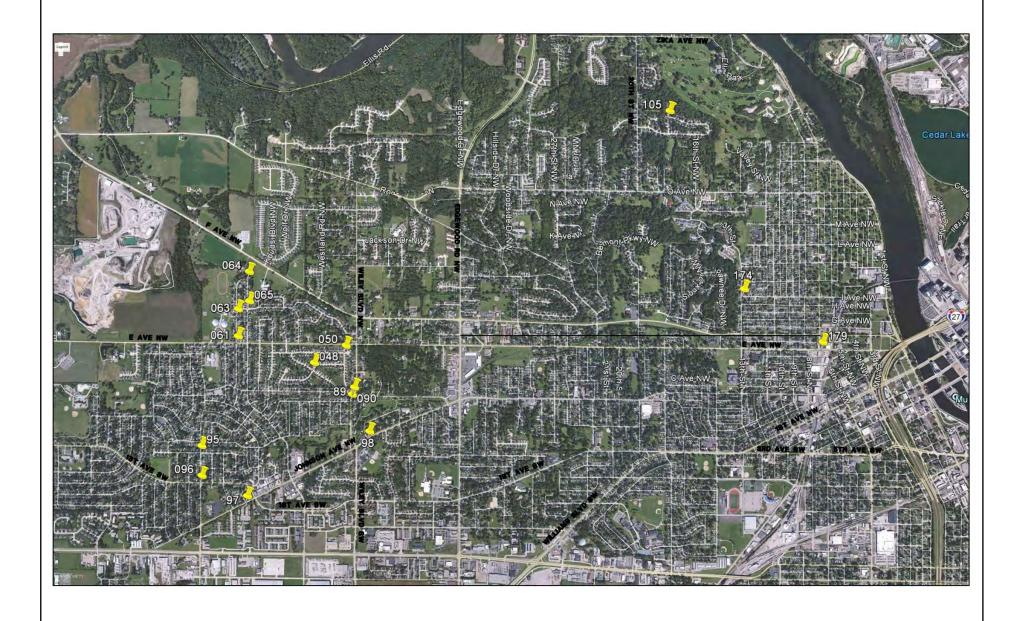
Goal 4: Investigate effective practices in other communities.

Goals 5: Use program of work and performance standards to influence next year's plan.



Action Plan and Next Steps

Activity	Start Date	End Date
Commission Approves CRCRC FY17 Work Plan	7/20/16	7/20/16
City Council Presentation and Resolution Adopting the FY17 Work Plan	8/9/16	8/9/16
CRCRC FY17 Work Plan becomes effective	8/9/16	8/9/16



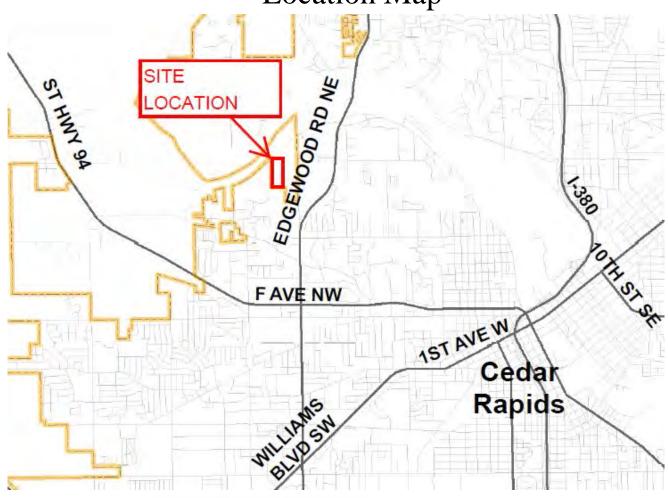


CURB RAMP REPAIR PROJECT - NW BID PACKAGE NO. 4
NORTHWEST QUADRANT



3500 Ellis Road NW Property Annexation

Location Map





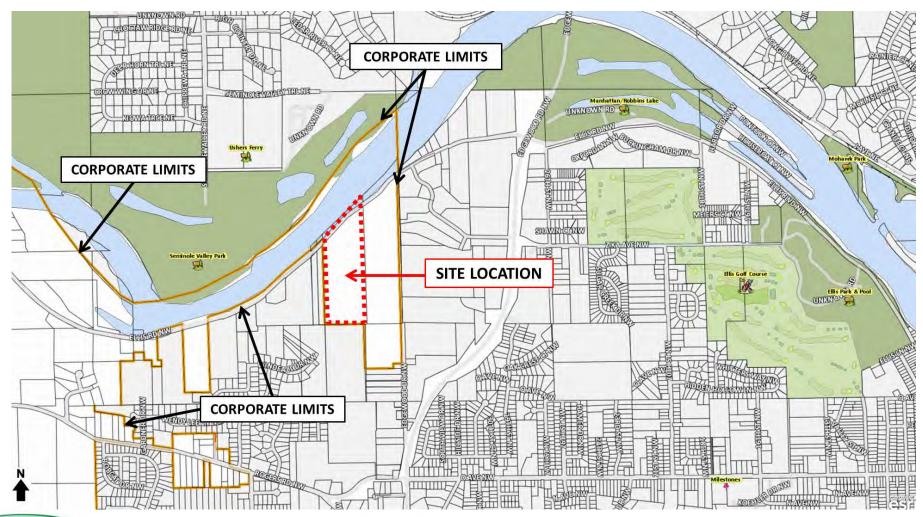
3500 Ellis Road NW Property Annexation

General Information:

- ➤ Property Owner, Wilmar Development Co.
- ➤ 100% Voluntary annexation-not in an Urbanized area.
- > Total annexation area is approximately 28 acres.
- > City utilities available to serve the area.
- ➤ All City services including Police & Fire protection, street maintenance, & garbage & recycling collection are available.



Location Map





Aerial Photo





Next Step

- ➤ August 9, 2016 City Council action on Resolution.
- ➤ City Clerk sends application to Secretary of State's Office.
- > Secretary of State's Office notification back to the City.
- > City Clerk records documents finalizing the annexation.



Location





Aerial





Zoning





Next Steps

- ➤ August 9, 2016 City Council Public Hearing & Possible 1st Reading of the Ordinance.
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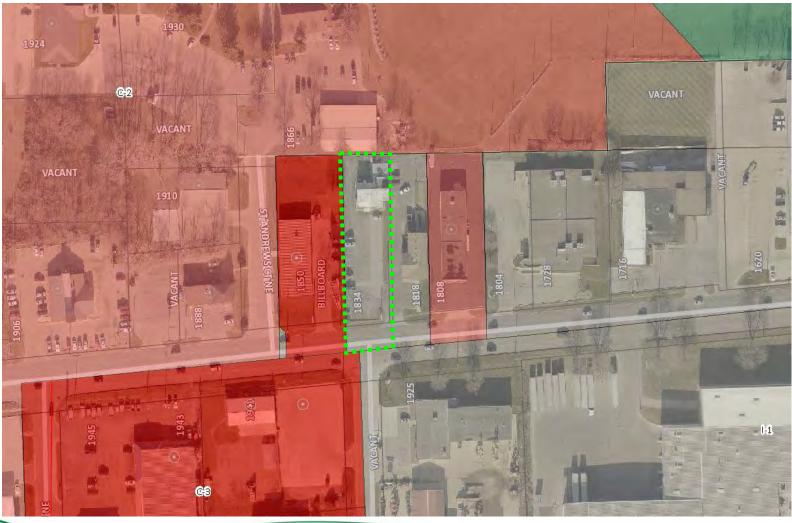


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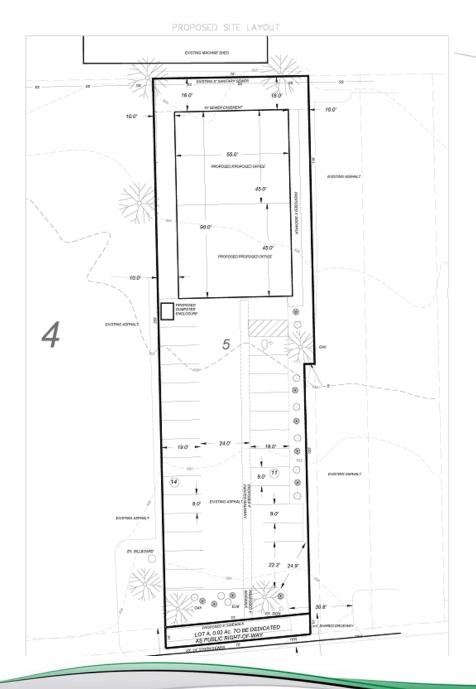


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Site Plan





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Flood Control System Master Plan Update August 9, 2016 City Council Meeting



Council Action Items: Ongoing Revisions

Revision #1: October, 2015

Revision #2: August, 2016

1) Aesthetics Policy

Plan Adoption: June 23, 2015



- Acquisition map clarification
- Alignment refinement
- Aesthetics policy (wall façade)
- Add Chapter VIII Stormwater Pump Station Policy
- 8th Avenue Bridge Replacement / Raising

2) Preliminary Design Contract for 8th Ave Bridge Replacement

- Shoemaker & Haaland
- \$170K contract



Alignment Refinement







STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

Pump Station Policy

- Chapter VIII Stormwater Pump Station Policy
- 5-year storm pump station
- Watershed detention basins required



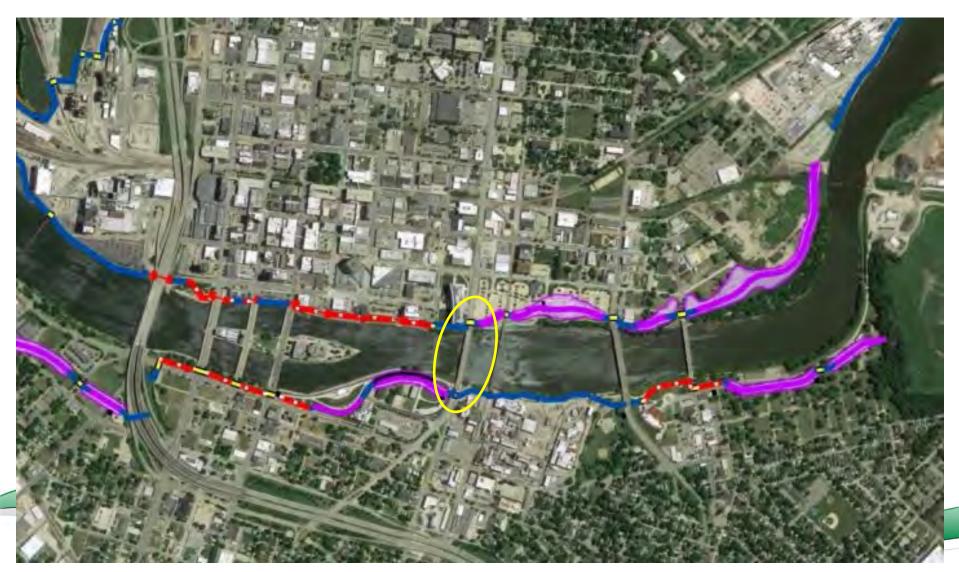
8th Avenue Bridge

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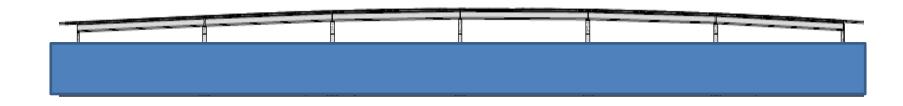




Plan today: System of gates at 8th Ave Bridge



New Bridge During Flood Event



NEW BRIDGE

- Able to clear flood control fewer piers
- Improved river hydraulics
- Usable in flood events

EXISTING BRIDGE

- Bridge Structure submerged
- Poor hydraulics
- Useless in flood event

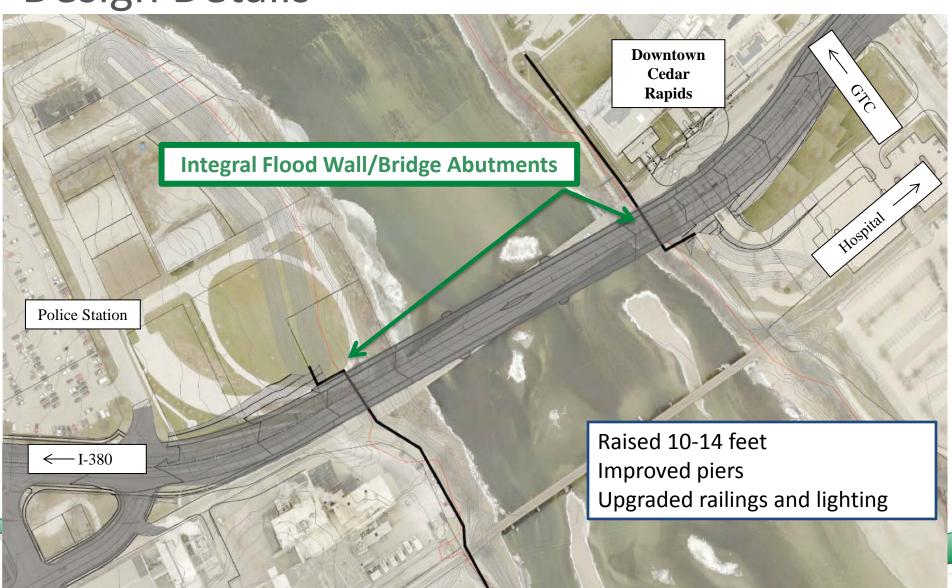


Summary of Benefits

- Preserve connection to two dry sides of the river during flood emergency
- Preserve access to hospitals, police department, and interstate connection
- Life expectancy of bridge coincides with FCS timeline (Bridge will need to be replaced shortly after completion of FCS)
- Save money by eliminating flood gate at 8th Avenue
- Dual use: flood protection + new bridge

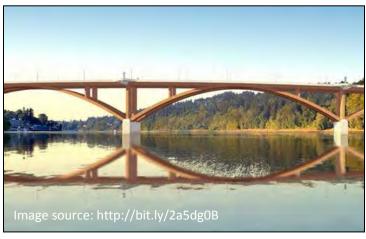


Design Details



Aesthetic Opportunities





GRI participation: moderate level of aesthetics City funding: above and beyond aesthetics





Project Timeline

•	Concurrence by Flood Mitigation BoardJune, 2016
•	Flood Control CommitteeJuly, 2016
•	City Council Approval
	 Addition to Flood Control System Master PlanAugust 9, 2016
	 Approve contract for Preliminary Design 8th AveAugust 9, 2016
•	Utility Relocations2018-2019
•	Bridge Construction2020-2022









Why SAFE-CR?

- The goal of the SAFE-CR Program is to:
 - Discourage Nuisance Activity
 - Ensure a higher quality of life for citizens
 - Protect the quiet enjoyment of neighborhoods
 - Provide efficient use of taxpayer funded services to citizens
 - Ensure properties are well maintained
 - Enhance customer service by providing citizens with one department to find information about Nuisance Properties



Proposed Amendments

- Define Victim of Crime
 - Staff found it necessary to define a victim of a crime. It is important to provide clarity to the ordinance by defining a victim of a crime, as this definition is frequently utilized when determining if a property meets the criteria to be deemed a Nuisance Property.
- Amend 22A.03 "Nuisance Property"
 - SAFE-CR found the need to amend 22A.03 to ensure SAFE-CR can operate as it does now, while simultaneously protecting victims of crimes.



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