

February 14, 2019

Dear Property Owner:



RE: RIDGECREST CIRCLE CHANNEL STABILIZATION PROJECT

The purpose of this letter is to provide you an update and information on the Ridgcrest Circle Channel Stabilization project. This drainage channel is located in the drainageways between Woodfield Road and Ridgcrest Circle (see map on next page). The purpose of the project would be to correct erosion, stabilize banks and prevent further channel degradation. To that end, the City of Johnston has recently hired Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC as the design engineer for the project. Becky Ford, P.E., will be the project manager and lead engineer on the project. The engineering and construction of any improvements will be funded by the City's Storm Water Utility Fund.

The first step in the engineering process is for a tree and topography survey to be completed of the primary project area, and to conduct soil borings in various locations throughout the project area. The information collected will be used to determine the full extent of the improvements necessary throughout the drainage channel. This survey work is scheduled to begin in late February/early March depending on weather and last a few days. Please be aware during this time, surveyors will be walking through the corridor collecting information with GPS equipment and tagging trees within the primary project area with small medal identification tags, which are only used to survey the size and species of trees in the corridor. Soil borings will be collected using both hand and truck mounted augers, while this work has not yet been scheduled it should occur within the next 4-6 weeks.

Prior to the design of any improvements, the City will host a public informational meeting for all interested parties to provide input on the existing conditions and possible improvements. This initial meeting has been scheduled for:

Public Information Meeting, Thursday, March 7, 2019
Open House Format from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, IA 50131

Follow-up meetings will also be scheduled upon further design work being completed and as necessary throughout the design/construction process. The schedule for any potential improvements will be dictated by the final designs, but could occur as soon as fall 2019.

The City of Johnston and Foth share the goal of making every effort to keep you informed on this upcoming project. To aid in this effort, updated project information will be maintained on the City website, www.cityofjohnston.com/projects.

Should you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact me at 515-727-7775 or dwilwerding@cityofjohnston.com, or Becky Ford, at 515-251-2539 or Rebecca.ford@foth.com.

Sincerely,
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