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Windsor Heights Flood Reduction and Resiliency Plan

WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IA – The City of Windsor Heights and JEO Consulting Group (JEO) will host a second virtual public meeting to provide an update on the Windsor Heights Flood Reduction and Resiliency Plan. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Everyone is invited to attend.

At the meeting, attendees will be provided an update on the Flood Reduction and Resiliency Plan for the City of Windsor Heights, including conceptual flood risk reduction alternatives. The public is encouraged to provide feedback on the conceptual alternatives to help city officials make the best decisions for the community based on technical feasibility, social acceptability, and economic and funding feasibility. The plan's key findings will also be reviewed during the meeting, including technical assessment results, mitigation action identification and prioritization, and preliminary benefit-cost analysis and funding strategy. The findings laid out in the plan will create a foundation for the city and its partners to build strong flood risk reduction actions that will meet the community's long-term planning and flood hazard mitigation needs.

Similar to many communities in the Des Moines area, Windsor Heights faces great challenges when it comes to reducing the impact and risk of severe flood events. Following the updates to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) published in February 2019, approximately \$15 million in property value was added to the City of Windsor Heights' floodplain. Included in these properties was all of Colby Park, the Community Event Center, the Public Works Maintenance Shop, as well as numerous nearby residential properties. Because of the expansion of the community's floodplain and the apparent flood risks, the City of Windsor Heights has chosen to invest in establishing this Flood Reduction and Resiliency Plan to protect residents, property, and the financial resources of the community.

Through a community-based planning process, the City of Windsor Heights is considering technically feasible and cost-effective flood risk reduction actions along with public input to form actionable steps that not only protect lives and property, but also decrease the threat of impact from future flooding events.

All residents are invited to attend this virtual meeting and can register for the meeting by clicking [here \(https://bit.ly/3B4yUOs\)](https://bit.ly/3B4yUOs).

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