

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	36716	Agenda Number	74.
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Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	Department:	Watershed Protection
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Watershed Protection Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-002) to accept and appropriate \$11,135,500 for the buyout and demolition of single family houses in the floodplain of Onion Creek near the intersection of South Pleasant Valley Road and East William Cannon Boulevard as part of the partnership project with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the 2014 federal appropriations for the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	August 28, 2104 - Council passed item on consent agenda.
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City, Travis County, the Lower Colorado River Authority, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have partnered since 1998 on projects to evaluate and reduce flood hazards in portions of the Onion Creek and Williamson Creek watersheds. In 2006, the USACE published its Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment which detailed the flood hazard mitigation projects recommended for each area within the study. The recommended project for the lower Onion Creek area (the neighborhoods of Onion Creek Forest, Yarrabee Bend, and Onion Creek Plantation near the intersection of William Cannon Dr. and S. Pleasant Valley Rd.) was the buyout of flood-prone properties. A partnership project between the City and the USACE was recommended that consists of the buyout of 483 properties located in the 25-year floodplain within this area. The project also includes ecosystem restoration and the construction of new recreational facilities once the area is purchased. This project was officially authorized for construction by Congress in 2007, but federal construction funding for this project was not appropriated until 2014. The Project Partnership Agreement between the City and the USACE was executed on August 28, 2014.

The 2014 federal appropriations for the USACE include up to \$11,135,500 for this project.