

# **Appendix J Coordination**

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### 1.1 STAKEHOLDER PLANNING WORKSHOP, JUNE 2020

A stakeholder Planning Workshop was held virtually on 24 June 2020 to support the scoping of this study. The workshop would have been held in-person, but recommended social distancing measures due to COVID-19 required that it be held remotely on-line. The workshop was attended by 26 participants from 11 organizations: USACE St Louis District, University City, Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), St. Louis County, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), East-West Gateway Regional Council of Governments, River Des Peres Watershed Coalition, and Great Rivers Greenway. The workshop participants discussed and provided input on existing and future conditions, data needs, problems, opportunities, objectives, constraints, and considerations for the study. They also discussed measures that would address the problems identified, and formulation strategies for combining measures.

### 1.2 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2020

A Public Scoping Meeting was held virtually on 30 September 2020 to present information and gather feedback from the public on the scope of this study. The information presented included an overview of the study process with preliminary findings and potential solutions.

Attendees were given the opportunity to bring the planning team's attention to local considerations and conditions, to ask questions, and to make suggestions. An email address was provided for additional comments to be submitted for 30 days following the meeting. The River Des Peres-University City FRM project website link was provided in a press release ahead of the meeting, and may be viewed at:

<https://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Programs-Project-Management/River-Des-Peres-University-City-General-Reevaluation-Report/>

Project partners in attendance included: University City; St. Louis County; Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD); Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR); Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC); East-West Gateway Council of Governments; Great Rivers Greenway; and the River Des Peres Watershed Coalition.

Summary of input (questions and responses) from September 2020 Public Scoping Meeting:

A member of the Stormwater Commission conveyed two questions from the commission:

- Eric Karch (University City Stormwater Commission): "The U City Stormwater Commission has observed that the hydrology used in the latest FEMA FIS flood model is still based on regression equations from 1970s. The specific reference in the FIS is <https://pubs.usgs.gov/wri/1978/0139/report.pdf>. A USGS gage has been in operation since 1997. Are there plans to update the hydrology using more recent gage data?"

- Response from USACE H&H PDT member: “We are just getting started at this point with the current conditions. We will be reassessing the hydrology and hydraulics.”
- Eric Karch: “Re: Detention/Storage. The 2009 Draft Re-evaluation Report and Environmental Assessment discusses one potential alternative for flood reduction...converting a commercial site into detention, and indicated some flood reduction benefit. Can you confirm if this or other sites (structural or natural/offline/floodplain storage) are being considered?”
  - Response from USACE Project Manager: “Janet put into the toolbox so to speak all of the different measure that the team is considering. And so some of those include detention and retention basins. Some of them include structural and nonstructural as well as nature-based solutions. So really at this point all of those tools are being considered and will be considered moving forward before we screen some of those out.”

A University City Council Member (Tim Cusick) asked whether the Stormwater Commission could provide more information to USACE.

- Response from USACE project manager: would be happy “to hear from and reach out to the commission if they have data or any kind of information that we can use.”

Jake Hertenstein (member of the public) said he submitted a question by email regarding removal of debris and silt from spillways. “How is this sort of prevention method evaluated?”

- Response from USACE project manager: “responded to your email. So hopefully you got my response just letting you know that we will work with the City of University City on kind of looking at the debris and the silt in the store way and that should be part of our analysis moving forward. So again, yes, we’ll touch base again with the city after this call based upon this question and get with them and get you some answers for that.”

John Shrewsbury (St Louis County Highway Department) asked, “If a complaint comes into St. Louis County, would you prefer we pass citizen inquiries to the email address [ucityfloodrisk@usace.army.mil](mailto:ucityfloodrisk@usace.army.mil)?”

- Response from USACE Project Manager: “if you get a complaint that is specific to River Des Peres that would be something that we would be interested in seeing. So yes, feel free to send that onto the [ucityfloodrisk@usace.army.mil](mailto:ucityfloodrisk@usace.army.mil) email”

Angelica Gutierrez (Great Rivers Greenways) asked, “Any work that you anticipate in the Cities of Olivette or Overland?”

- Response from Plan Formulation PDT member: “I don’t know if the answer will be yes or no. We are still in the phase of looking at the hydrology in the entire study area that does include Olivette and Overland. And it could be that we modeled the flooding that’s happening in University City and it turns out there is something that can be done in Olivette and Overland that would make a big difference. And if that’s the case then of course we reach out to those cities and start to coordinate as soon as possible. It really all depends on the hydrology -- we have to follow the water. So when we get to that stage we will find out.”

Angelica Gutierrez responded, “Thanks, we are in the design phase of the same Centennial Greenway that you showed on one of the slides, but in Olivette by River Des Peres.”

### **1.3 PUBLIC MEETINGS, JULY AND AUGUST 2021**

A Public Meeting was held virtually on 26 July 2021 to present information from the Draft Report, including the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) which at that point was Alternative 6 – Nonstructural only. The Draft Report was released for public review/public comment on the same date. The information presented included an overview of the study process and descriptions of measures and all alternatives in the final array, next steps to move the study forward and further refine the TSP, and how to provide comment on the Draft Report. Approximately 20 attendees were present at the meeting. No formal comments were received at the meeting, but attendees asked questions in the chat box about the expense of the study, coordination with MSD, potential buyouts, and public participation. The USACE presenters answered these questions verbally.

The July 2021 meeting invitation link had a technical error, so it is possible additional people were not able to join this meeting who wanted to. Due to this error, a second public meeting was scheduled for 17 August 2021, presenting the same information. Approximately 10 people attended this meeting, many of whom were representatives of the University City and Commission on Storm Water Issues. Questions were asked about the study timeframe, funding sources, and cost estimates; no comments were received. City and Commission representatives stated they would continue to work with the USACE study team.

### **1.4 PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE 2021 DRAFT REPORT**

During the public review/public comment period from 26 July 2021-25 August 2021, no comments were received.

### **1.5 PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE 2022 DRAFT REPORT**

The Draft Report was updated and released again for public review/public comment from 19 April-19 May 2022. No comments were received from the public during this review period.

### **1.6 DISTRIBUTION LIST**

The 2021 Draft Report Public Review period was from 26 July to 25 August 2021. The 2022 Draft Report Public Review period was from 19 April to 19 May 2022.

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