

City of Fremont Update

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To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

Flood Update

Here is a recap of the flood update I gave at Tuesday's City Council meeting. One of the biggest concerns from last March's flood is the status of the levee and sand berms that were compromised by flood waters. Here is the status:

Ames Dike: The Ames Dike is owned and maintained by the Ames Drainage and Diking District. The dike is certified by the Army Corp. of Engineers (Corps) under the PL84-99 program. Thus, 80% of the repairs to the dike are eligible for reimbursement by the Corps. The Ames Dike Board was awarded \$485,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds as part of the required 20% local match. The Corp's portion of the project is estimated to be \$1.633 million.



Rod & Gun Club

Sand Berm: Since the Rod & Gun Club is a private club, they are not eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds nor Corps funds either. The cost to repair the breach at the Rod & Gun Club would be in the \$3 to \$5 million



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range; it is certainly too much for the Club to afford. To counter the open breach, a temporary dike has been built between two of the Rod & Gun Club Lakes (east of Ventura) and Dodge County has repaired the breach at County Road 19.

State Lake #20: The breach between the Platte River and State Lake #20 was permanently repaired last summer. City crews provided a couple of drivers and trucks to assist the State Parks crews in the repair. The breach between State Lake #20 and Lake Leba is also being repaired, as shown in the picture on the right.



Fremont, Farmland, & Railroad Levee:

The City has made temporary repairs to the levee, which will suffice until permanent repairs can be made.

Union Dike: The Union Dike was breached south of Fremont, between the Platte River and City Well Field. The dike is Corps PL84-99 certified, so it was permanently repaired after the flooding.

The City is working with FEMA on damage claims from the flood. So far, claims total \$3.4 million with Parks & Rec submitting \$950,000 in claims, the Street Department claiming \$2.05 million, and the Utility Department turning in \$400,000 in claims.

After the flood, the City immediately began applying for grants to help us recover from the disaster. Here are the grants we and several other have received:

Community Development Block Grant: The City and Inglewood received \$70,000 to help us to survey and assess the Fremont, Farmland & Railroad Levee. The City also received \$485,000 for tree removal and repairs to bring the levee up to the Corps PL84-99 standard.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The City will receive up to \$6.5 million over a 10-year period to help homeowners elevate and mitigate their homes. The award requires a 35% match.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: We got an invitation to apply for \$750,000 for residents in the flood area elevate and mitigate their homes. The grant requires a 25% match.

Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund/Rebuild the Heartland: The Greater Fremont Development Council and the Long-term Recovery group have been awarded \$500,000 and \$100,000, respectively, to help with flood mitigation.

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