SPECIAL WORK SESSION AGENDA <u>A M E N D E D</u>

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION TUESDAY JANUARY 24, 2023 COUNCIL CHAMBERS 211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE 3:00 P.M.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT WAITING ROOM

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1. Call to Order

NOTICE OF OPTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the City Council and to the general public that, at this work session, the City Council may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice and discussion with the City's attorneys for legal advice on any item listed on the following agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

2. <u>ROLL CALL</u>

NOTE: One or more Councilmembers may be in attendance through other technological means.

MAYOR DAGGETT VICE MAYOR ASLAN COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS COUNCILMEMBER HOUSE

COUNCILMEMBER MATTHEWS COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY COUNCILMEMBER SWEET

3. Pledge of Allegiance, Mission Statement, and Land Acknowledgement

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Flagstaff is to protect and enhance the quality of life for all.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Flagstaff City Council humbly acknowledges the ancestral homelands of this area's Indigenous nations and original stewards. These lands, still inhabited by Native descendants, border mountains sacred to Indigenous peoples. We honor them, their legacies, their traditions, and their continued contributions. We celebrate their past, present, and future generations who will forever know this place as home.

4. Prayer - Indigenous Elder

5. Public Participation

Public Participation enables the public to address the council about items that are not on the prepared agenda. Public Participation appears on the agenda twice, at the beginning and at the end of the work session. You may speak at one or the other, but not both. Anyone wishing to comment at the meeting is asked to fill out a speaker card and submit it to the recording clerk. When the item comes up on the agenda, your name will be called. You may address the Council up to three times throughout the meeting, including comments made during Public Participation. Please limit your remarks to three minutes per item to allow everyone to have an opportunity to speak. At the discretion of the Chair, ten or more persons present at the meeting and wishing to speak may appoint a representative who may have no more than fifteen minutes to speak.

6. Attorney General Kris Mayes Introduction and Informational Presentation

7. Carbon Neutrality Plan (CNP) Quarterly Update

This is an informational update for the City Council and Flagstaff community.

8. Spruce Wash and Schultz Creek Watershed Update

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff will present to the Council and community the latest information about the Spruce Wash/ Museum Flood Area and Schultz Creek Watershed/ Pipeline West Flood Area.

9. Public Participation

10. Informational Items To/From Mayor, Council, and City Manager; future agenda item requests

11. Adjournment

 CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF NOTICE

 The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on ______, at ______ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the City Council with the City Clerk.

 Dated this ______ day of _______, 2023.

 Stacy Saltzburg, MMC, City Clerk

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To: The Honorable Mayor and Council

From: Nicole Antonopoulos, Sustainability Director

Date: 12/20/2022

Meeting Date: 01/24/2023

TITLE:

Carbon Neutrality Plan (CNP) Quarterly Update

DESIRED OUTCOME:

This is an informational update for the City Council and Flagstaff community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff will provide an informational update to highlight efforts over the past 8 months to advance the Carbon Neutrality Plan.

INFORMATION:

Staff will provide highlights of work in the following areas: Community change

- Policy development
- Infrastructure
- Services
- Capacity building
- Elevating voices

Municipal processes

- Partner support
- Data Analysis
- Municipal carbon neutrality

Attachments: <u>CNP 6 Month Update</u>



Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan **Bi-Annual Update**

January 24, 2023





OUR TEAM







Youth Climate Leadership VISTA

GRACIE

RECHKEMMER

Climate Engagement Coordinator

Climate Program Manager

JENNY

NIEMANN

Sustainability Division Director

NICOLE

ANTONOPOULOS

COMING SOON

RESILIENCE ANALYST

First new position since CNP adoption, Genevieve Pearthree starting in February.

CLEAN JOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT **AMERICORPS VISTA**

Volunteer service position, starting mid-February

CLIMATE ANALYST

Existing vacant position, potential late February start

TODAY'S DISCUSSION

- 1. Principles of climate action
- Carbon Neutrality
 action update
- 3. Putting this in perspective





CLIMATE ACTION PRINCIPLES

Carbon neutrality is:

- 1. Community-driven
- 2. Motivated by urgency
- 3. Prescriptive
- 4. A commitment to accountability
- 5. An investment in our future
- 6. Supported by market leaders

Flagstaff will:

- 7. Be a leader
- 8. Embrace the Big Shift
- 9. Balance community tensions and create opportunities
- 10. Center equity and adaptation

Climate action in Flagstaff will:

- 11. Produce co-benefits
- 12. Rely on partnerships
- ▲ 13. Prioritize incentives
- ▲ 14. Iterate and adapt over time

CLIMATE GOALS

Mitigation -

Reducing our impact

Building a resilient community

Adaptation

Prioritizing disproportionatel y impacted groups

- Equity

WE CATALYZE CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH:

Community change

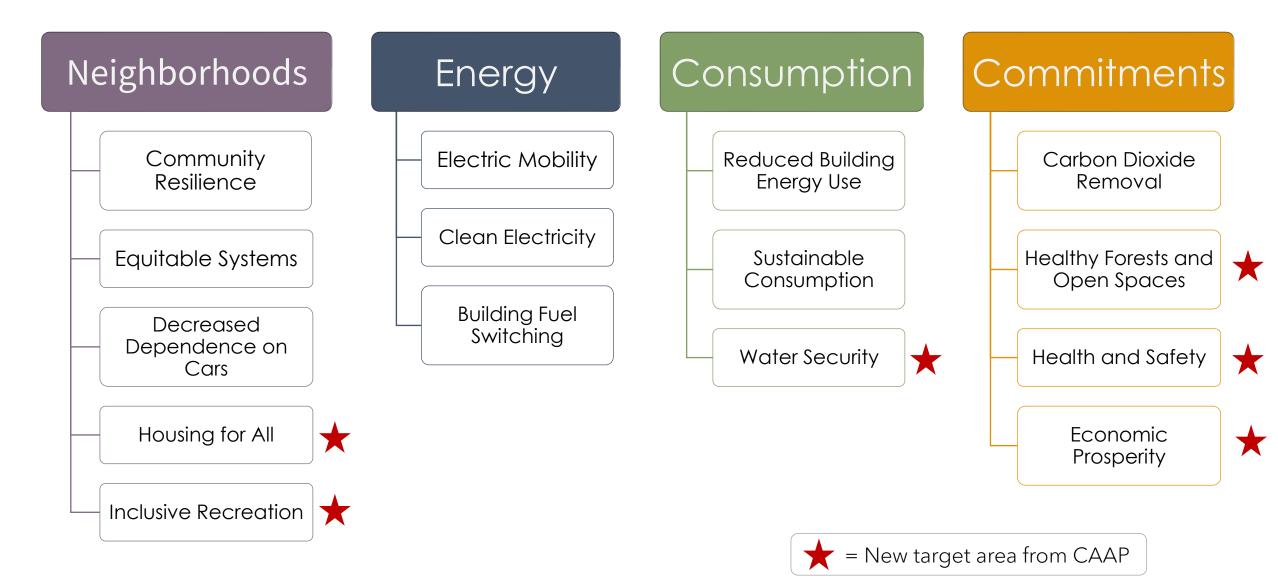
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- Infrastructure
- Services
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- Elevating voices

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CNP TARGET AREAS





POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Transportation:
 - Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP)
 - Big Shift transportation policy change *
- Code changes:
 - Land Use: Code Analysis Project solicitation will launch this winter *
 - Building code: partnering with Building Safety and 10+ Arizona cities to apply for the Resilient and Equitable Codes Implementation funding opportunity *
- Resilience and Equity:
 - 2022 Revisions to the CNP
 - Catastrophic leave policy *
 - Paid intern policy *

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- 19 new community EV charging stations
 - Installed through the APS Take Charge AZ Partnership
- Expanded to FOUR food scraps drop off locations
- 4 Corners Carbon Coalition (4CCC) to catalyze regional carbon dioxide removal
 - Solicitation award





SERVICES

- Home Weatherization and Energy Rebates
 - New focus on electrification
 - Began providing larger rebates for lower-income households
 - \$40,000 distributed in six months
 - \$20,000 annual budget. Federally supplemented this FY.
- Awarded funding for HEPA purifiers
- Northern Arizona Solar Coop
 - 46 new households have added 325 kW solar!
- Drop Off Day 13,000 lbs. diverted
- Flagstaff Home Energy Retrofit Program *

CAPACITY BUILDING

- \$50,000 in Neighborhood Sustainability Grants distributed to residents
- Launched **Climate Resilience Project** in collaboration with Flagstaff Public Library
- 6 Home Energy Efficiency Workshops
- Launched **Streams Stewards Program** to support stormwater and Rio health
- Contractor Trainings:
 - Spring 2022: Cold climate heat pumps
 - March 2023: Energy & Water Training *



ELEVATING VOICES

- Engaged with 585 people tabling at the Community Market
- Youth leadership 300+ students engaged!
- Direct resident engagement through the Community University Public Inquiry
- Youth Climate Summit April 4, 2023 *

1,822 residents participated in **137 climate engagement activities** from May – December





ELEVATING VOICES

In 2022, we launched three advisory groups to invite community voices to shape our climate policy and programming:

- Equity Advisory Group
- Business Advisory Group
- Youth Advisory Group

SUPPORTING OUR PARTNERS

- MetroPlan Stride Forward Regional Transportation Plan
- NAU Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Taskforce
- AZ Sustainable Cities Network Climate and Resilience Working Group
- Biomass working group, part of the Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership *
- Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) Climate Action Committee
- Coconino County Sustainability Program





DATA ANALYSIS

- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) calculator for transportation projects
- Flagstaff earned a spot on the international CDP A-list, highlighting our annual emissions and resilience reporting and actions
- We have initiated an electricity rate analysis to identify monthly costsavings opportunities through rate changes

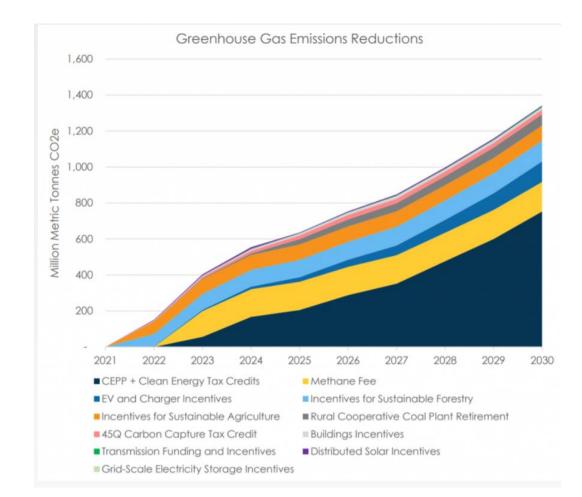
MUNICIPAL CARBON NEUTRALITY

- Energy Services Contract (ESCO) project
 - Three-phase initiative to improve the energy efficiency of operations
- Adoption of the Sustainable Building Resolution (SBR)
- Three new electric vehicles added to the City fleet in 2022
- First client in the APS Green Power Partners Program, achieving 100% renewable electricity for City operations



REALITIES

- Climate Action base budget
 - One-time funding
- Cost of the CNP
- Need dramatic systems changes, i.e. code, standards, funding, etc..
 - Urgent revisions for:
 - Engineering Standards
 - Parking requirements
 - Sustainable development code
 - Code analysis



PUTTING THIS IN PERSPECTIVE

Cities/regions are first responders to the climate crisis, but we cannot do it alone. While the municipality has made great strides in elevating climate, we need all hands-on deck

- •To empower our most vulnerable
- •To find solutions together
- •To inspire action
- •To talk about climate productively
- •To invest in action
- •To spark innovation
- •To overturn state preemptions





HELP BUILD A STRONGER FLAGSTAFF

We need your...

- Leadership
- Support
- Engagement of the community
- Creative ideas
- Involvement
- Take personal action
 - Need inspiration? Visit: <u>www.flagstaff.az/climate</u>

THANK YOU

www.Flagstaff.AZ/Climate





Please reach out!

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CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To: The Honorable Mayor and Council

From: Sarah Langley, Management Analyst

Date: 11/10/2022

Meeting Date: 01/24/2023



TITLE:

Spruce Wash and Schultz Creek Watershed Update

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff will present to the Council and community the latest information about the Spruce Wash/ Museum Flood Area and Schultz Creek Watershed/ Pipeline West Flood Area.

Executive Summary:

Staff will present an overview of flood mitigation efforts.

Financial Impact:

None

Policy Impact:

None

Connection to PBB Key Community Priorities/Objectives & Regional Plan:

Safe and resilient community

Previous Council Decision on This:

Council heard a post-wildfire update on October 11, 2022.

Attachments: <u>Presentation</u>

Post-Wildfire Flooding Update

January 24, 2023







Objectives for Tonight



- Museum Fire and Pipeline Fire map and brief history
- Spruce Wash Watershed progress update
- November bond success and actions since
- Schultz Creek progress update

Council Discussion and Questions



Fire/Flood History



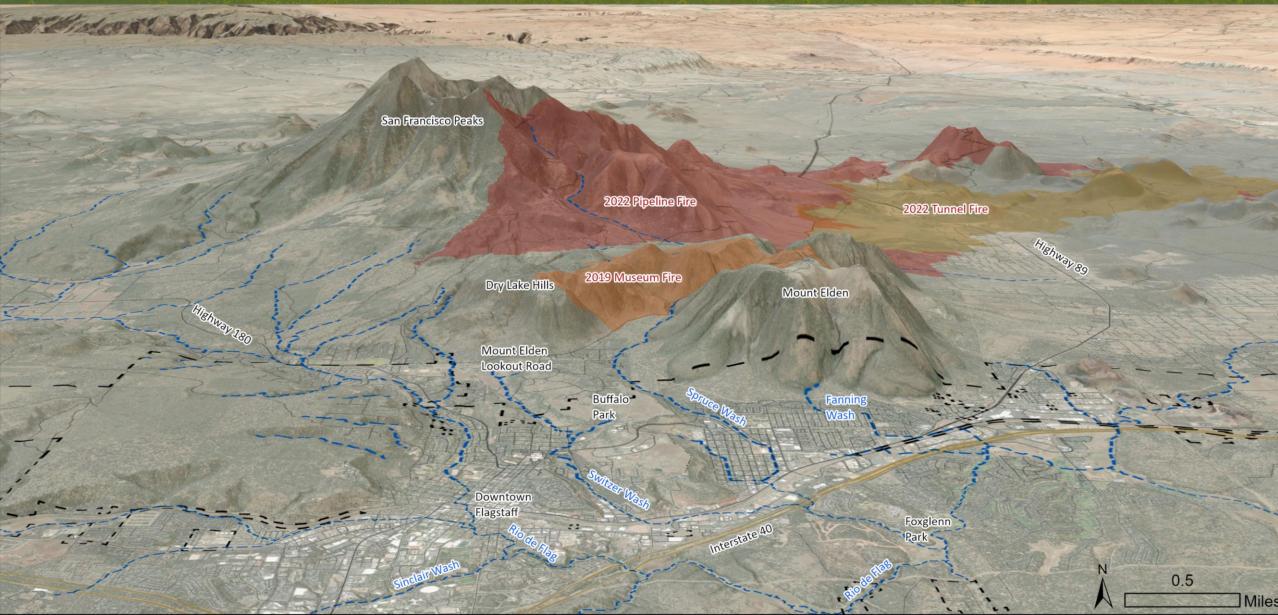
- 2019 Museum Fire in Dry Lake Hills
- 2022 Pipeline Fire in Schultz Pass
 - 2021 Spruce Wash Flooding (Museum Fire)
 - 2022 Schultz Creek Flooding (Pipeline West)

Post wildfire flooding mitigation development is ongoing and some of the best work in the nation is occurring as quickly as possible.



Overall Map





Spruce Wash







Feasibility Study Phase II



- Spruce Wash Watershed Management Plan (Feasibility Phase II) includes:
 - Updated hydrology for current watershed conditions
 - Concept design for a suite of projects to mitigate flooding in the Grandview and Sunnyside neighborhoods
 - Mapping the benefit of implementation of the suite of projects (new exhibits showing flood depths)

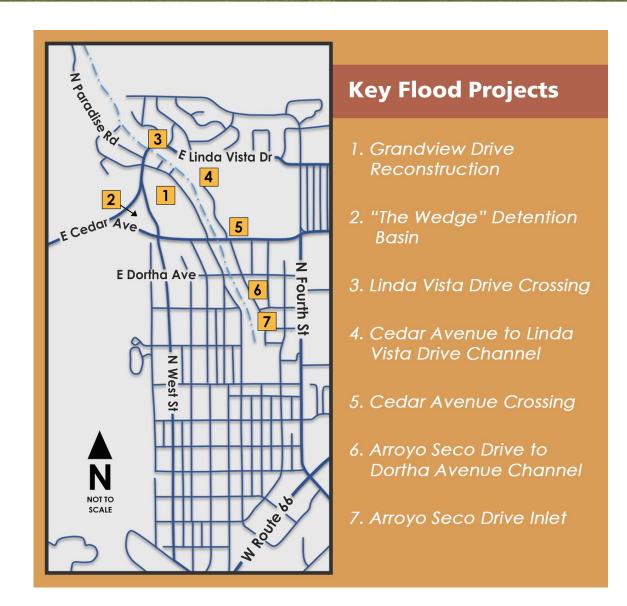
The watershed has not recovered – flood risk exists and these projects are critical to reducing the risk.



Feasibility Study Phase II



- Recommended Projects:
 - Reconstruct Grandview
 - Upsize Linda Vista Crossing
 - Improve Cedar to Linda Vista Channel
 - Upsize Cedar Crossing
 - Improve Dortha to Arroyo Seco Channel
 - Construct Permanent Inlet at Arroyo Seco Townhomes
- Not Recommended at this Time:
 - The Wedge Detention Basin





Project timeline

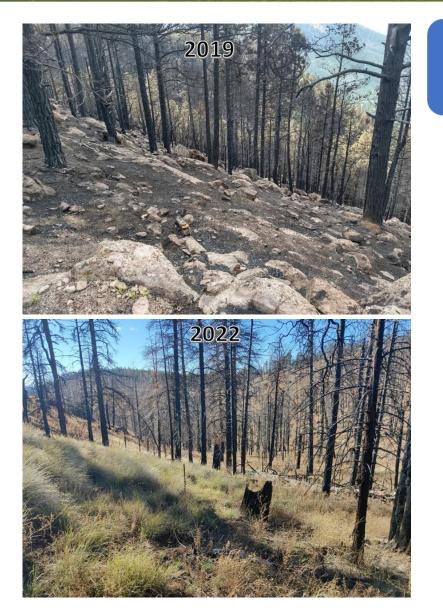


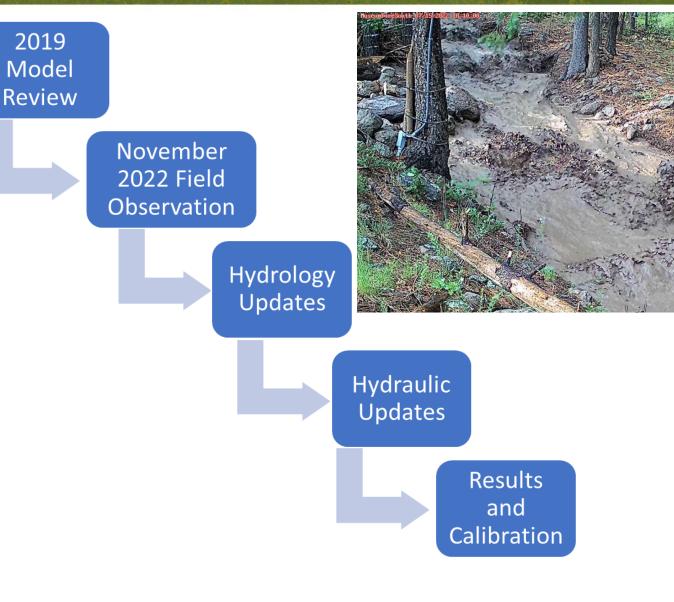
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Spruce Wash Hydrology Update

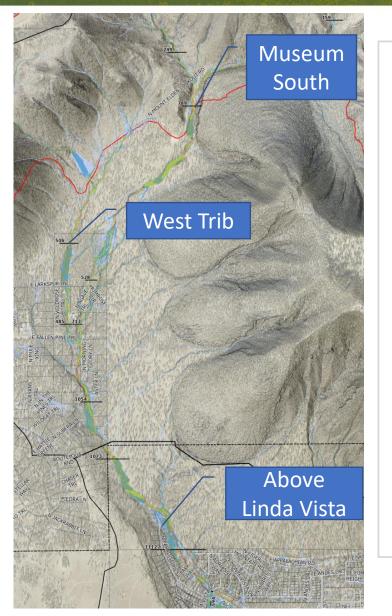


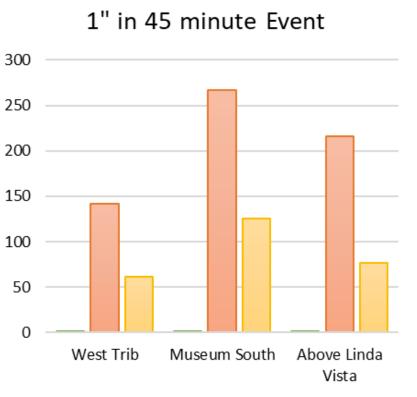




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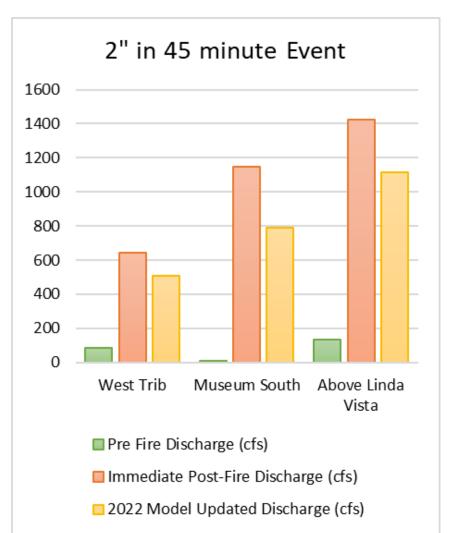






Pre Fire Discharge (cfs)
 Immediate Post-Fire Discharge (cfs)

2022 Model Updated Discharge (cfs)





November Bond Success



 \$26M through Proposition 441 for Spruce Wash/Museum Fire flood mitigation.

• Strong voter support and approved by 76%

• Spruce Wash Project Delivery kicked off the next day.



November Bond Success



- Construction will follow the Spruce Wash Watershed Management Plan (Feasibility Study Phase II) and Engineering design.
- Intent is to greatly mitigate routine and medium sized flows off of the Museum Fire burn scar and provide life and safety mitigation for large flows.
- The watershed has recovered slightly since the 2019 Museum Fire but the flood risk is still very high, especially for moderate to large rain events.





City-wide effort and commitment

- Water Services, Public Works and Capital Improvements
- All city internal services groups and staff required are at the table
- Community engineering consultants and contractors
- Residents and impacted citizens. Focus on the long-term improvements and provide meaningful impact.





• Spruce Wash Project Delivery – Technical Advisory Committee

Intent: Discuss and coordinate work efforts between city divisions and consultants for the 2022 funded Spruce Wash Project Delivery and Engineering.



Spruce Wash Construction



- Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Process
 - Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) was advertised on December 15th, 2022.
 - Review of the Statements and Interviews is underway now.
 - Proposal negotiations, specifications and schedule will take place in February.
 - Council Award to selected Contractor in March.
 - Notice to Proceed and Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 (GMP) issuance in May.
 - Intent is to start construction in the Fall of 2023, after monsoons.



Spruce Wash Project Delivery



- Survey and Design
- Project Map and overall explanation
 - •Linda Vista Crossing
 - •Channel Linda Vista to Cedar
 - •Grandview
 - •Cedar Crossing
 - •Channel Cedar to Arroyo Seco
 - •Arroyo Seco Inlet
 - •Ponderosa Park and Killip inlet
 - •Park Way Basins





This is a super cool project and will likely be one of the most impactful improvements in response to the Muesum post wildfire flooding.

We thank you and the community for the support to be a part of the work.

Schultz Creek









- Mitigating the flood threat for Stevanna Way, Coconino Estates, downtown, and Southside as a result of the Pipeline Fire.
 - Detention Basins Complete and functioning
 - Basins to Hwy 180 (two projects)
 - Hwy 180 Crossing (in design and survey)
 - Hwy 180 to Rio (in design and survey)
 - Frances Short Pond



Schultz Basins



- Completed in October 2022 (less than 4 months post-fire)
- Provide a great benefit but still considerable flood threat



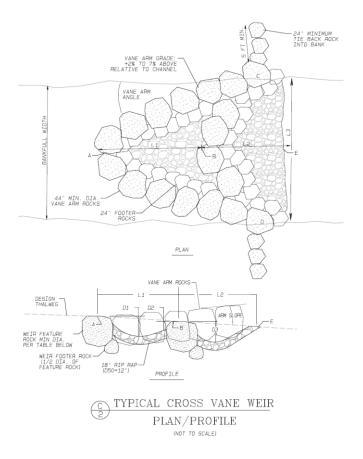


Schultz Creek



- Schultz Creek between Basins and Highway 180
 - County project Elden Lookout Road culvert
 - City project channel stabilization



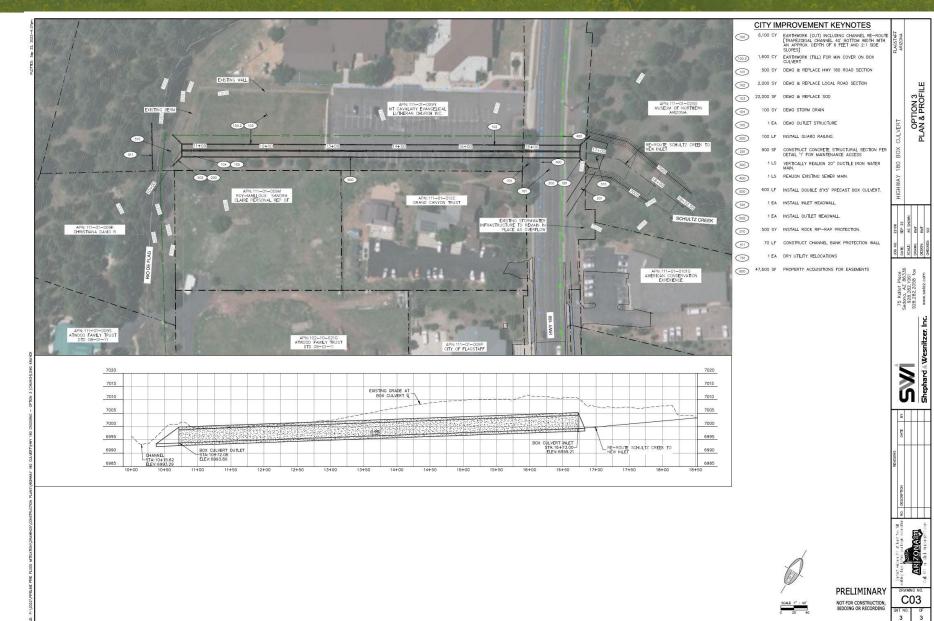




Schultz Creek at Hwy 180



- In design and survey
- Property rights and acquisitions
- Funding

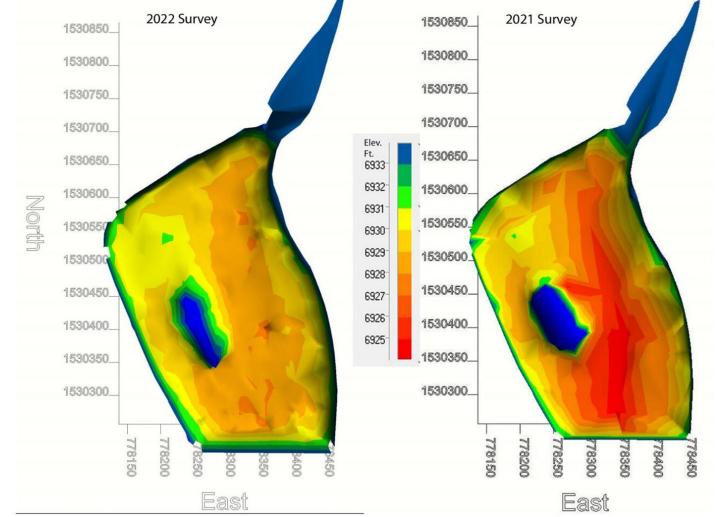




Frances Short Pond





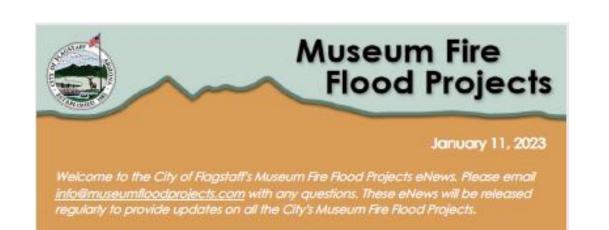




Communications Update



- Public Affairs working with BetaPR
- Tools include:
 - E-newsletters (EN/ SP)
 - Physical bulletin boards
 - Banners & sandwich boards
 - Frequently updated websites
 - Mailers & door-to-door flyers
 - Email communications
 - Community meetings





Welcome to the City of Flagstaff's Pipeline West flood area eNews. Please email <u>info@pipelinewestflooding.com</u> with any questions. These eNews will be released regularly to provide updates as information becomes available.

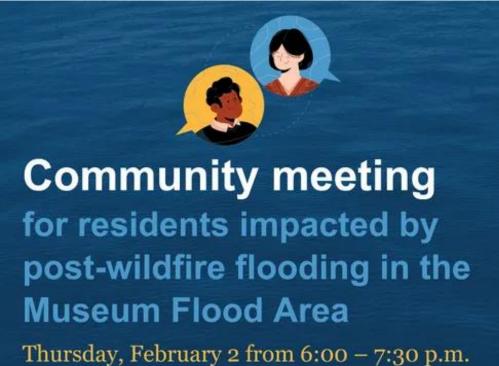
Spruce Wash Community Meeting Notice February 2

City Hall 6 p.m.





Only for Spruce Wash/ Museum Flood Area



Thursday, February 2 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m at Flagstaff City Hall (211 W Aspen Ave)



Museum Flood Area Communications

How to stay connected





For more information and to sign up to receive updates, visit <u>MuseumFloodProjects.com</u>

Questions?

info@museumfloodprojects.com

<u>928-213-2102</u>



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Discussion



