



Project: CSO Year 1 Green Infrastructure

Subject: Year 1 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Project
Public Information Meeting #2

Date / Time: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Lincoln School Library, 700 Mary Street

Attendees: Andrea Klopfenstein City of Peoria City Engineer
Greg Myroth Symbiont CSO Program Manager
Bryce Beckstrom Hanson CSO Year 1 Design Engineer
Community Members see attached sign in sheet

The purpose of this meeting was a follow-up to the July 29, 2021 meeting to present modifications to the Year 1 draft green infrastructure layout based on initial public input. The project team presented information on the revised layout of permeable paver strips and addition of vegetated bump outs to the green infrastructure plan. The general revised layout includes paver strips running full block on east/west streets and vegetated bump outs on north/south streets. Bump outs will include inlets to direct storm water to subsurface aggregate cells for infiltration.

This meeting also served to seek community input and provide information on a public survey being conducted for preferences on plant selection for bump outs and additional street trees. The survey is being conducted online and will be accessible through September 5, 2021. The survey includes selection options for trees, flowers, and grasses/shrubs. At the time of the meeting, butterfly milkweed and purple coneflower were the most favored flowers and Shenandoah grass and black chokeberry were the leading vote getters for grasses/shrubs. Hard copies of the survey were made available to attendees to distribute to neighbors. It was noted that a landscape architect and certified arborist are part of the design team.

All attendees at this meeting were present at the July 29 meeting. The PowerPoint slides from the presentation are attached. The below questions and comments from the public were addressed as they came up during the presentation.

Attendee Comments / Questions:

1. All attendees have completed the online plant survey.
2. Concern was raised regarding long term maintenance of plants in bump outs.
Response: Operation of green infrastructure will be closely monitored to ensure components function as designed. Proper operation of installed CSO control components will be necessary to meet consent decree requirements.
3. Do pavers come in different colors than those presented in the PowerPoint slides?
Response: Yes, color options are available for the pavers.

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4. It was noted that a proposed bump out at the corner of Madison and Caroline may impact an on-street parking space.

Response: Additional parking is available along Madison. Omission of the bump out would impact green infrastructure performance as well as the symmetry with other bump outs along this corridor and the aesthetics that were noted as a priority at the July 29 meeting.

5. Will vacant lots be used for CSO control?

Response: Current design of the 18-year CSO control plan has 100% of green infrastructure in City right-of-way. There are currently no plans to use vacant City owned property or purchase additional property for CSO control measures.

6. Attendees were appreciative of the response to their comments.

Response: The design team thanked the attendees for their participation and continued interest in the development of the project.