

EBNER COULEE FLOOD SURVEY

February 2, 2018

Greetings:

You are being contacted in an effort to gather historical flooding information from property owners located in the Ebner Coulee watershed of La Crosse and Shelby. The City has done preliminary studies that indicate the run-off model used to create current floodplain maps over predicts the extent of flooding in your neighborhood. The reason for this survey is to gather observations of flooding during the July 19-21 of 2017 rain event for the purpose of comparing observed flooding depth and extents to model predicted flooding depth and extents. The goal is to convince WDNR and FEMA to allow the City to revise the modeling approach to get results that more accurately match what is being observed. We need your help with those observations!

Pictures of water or debris lines would be the best documentation of flooding that we could get. But to document that you were not flooded is also very critical as the model used to make the current flood map indicated 88 houses would have been inundated with flood water during the July 2017 event. We don't believe that happened, so returning a survey indicating you were not flooded is very, very important data to have to help prove our case for a remapping. We hope that by improving these maps there is potential for reduced flood insurance rates for the properties impacted.

If you have historical pictures of flooding or debris lines those would also be useful, but we are particularly interested in the July 19-21, 2017 storm event. It is critical that we gather as much and as accurate of information as possible about this event to complete this project. Please complete this survey at your earliest convenience. We will be compiling results starting March 1st. Thank You.

Mail survey and pictures to:

Bernard Lenz – P. E.
City of La Crosse Engineering Department
400 La Crosse St.
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-789-7364

Or scan and email surveys and pictures to:

EbnerCouleeFlooding@cityoflacrosse.org

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Question 1: Did you receive any flooding related impacts or damages to your property or residence from the July 19-21 of 2017 event?

YES NO

Question 2: Did you see any significant standing water near or from the Ebner Coulee drainage ditch during the dates specified above?

YES NO

Question 3: Did you observe any flowing water through your yard or a neighbor's yard?

YES NO

Question 4: Did you see any evidence of flooding that had already disappeared? This would include things such as debris, flattened grass, exposed soil, or another indication there was standing or flowing water.

YES NO

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Question 5: Did you make any observations of water level within the Ebner Coulee drainage ditch itself?

YES

NO

Question 6: Did you make any other observations during this storm event that you feel would be helpful in assessing the flood levels? If so, please state them below.

The water reached a significant level in front of our home; however, this was due to the drainage grate being blocked with debris (tree limbs)

Question 7: Do you have any pictures or documentation of historical flooding in Ebner Coulee?

YES

NO

Question 8: Describe You.

Name: Brandon Eagon

Year's in current residence: 2+

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Email: Eagon06@gmail.com

Best Way and Time to Contact Email or phone before 3pm

If your answer was YES to any of the questions please attach a description of your observations and/or provide any documentation or photos that you have of the damage or water levels. If you prefer we call you to discuss your observation check here.

CALL ME

Depending on your survey responses, a representative from the City may be following up with you to gather additional information or survey data. We hope you are willing to meet with City staff at your residence and discuss/point out any observations you may have made so staff can survey the location and elevation of those observations. Again, Thank You.

Please email or mail the survey and pictures to the address listed on page 1.