



ITEM REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 3/4/2026
Agenda Section: Business Item

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Accept the Inglewood Drive to Garrett Lane Flood Overflow Control Study

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to study the feasibility of constructing a flood overflow for approximately 204 acres of property located east of Inglewood Drive and north of Woida Road. The area naturally drains to the south and west based on the surrounding topography.

In 2019, properties located along Inglewood Drive between Woida Road and CSAH 77 were threatened by rising surface water levels. To provide an outlet for the rising surface water, the City installed a culvert under Inglewood Drive approximately 800' north of Woida Road. This allowed surface water to flow westly through existing wetlands and low land areas to County Ditch 10 that drains into Red Sand Lake. County Ditch 10 also provides an overflow from Red Sand Lake to the Gull River on the west side of Red Sand Lake.

The culvert under Inglewood Drive was installed as an emergency project to provide relief for properties threatened by immediate surface water flooding conditions. The purpose of this report is to identify, improve and protect a surface water overflow corridor from the existing culvert under Inglewood Drive to County Ditch 10 that passes under Garrett Lane and into Red Sand Lake.

A draft report was reviewed with the Utilities Commission on April 4, 2022, but was not passed on to Council for approval. Since then, the report has received several modifications which are summarized as follows:

- Easement and appraisal process has been modified to match the City's current practices
- Cost Estimates have been updated
- Added reference to Minnesota Statute 103E.411 which governs how a municipality can legally use an existing county ditch as an outlet for stormwater or other municipal drainage

This report reviews the historic and existing conditions of the project area, makes recommendations for improvements, estimates project costs of recommended improvements, and presents conclusions and recommendations.

The report has been reviewed by City Staff and the City Attorney. The City Attorney is in the process of drafting a letter to the County as a precursor to the formal Petition that is required by Statute. The letter along with the report will be forwarded to the County after the Council accepts the report at the March 17, 2026 council meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications. The City will track the cost of the report and include it in the overall cost of the project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff and the City Attorney have reviewed and commented on the report. Staff recommends acceptance of the report.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to Accept the Inglewood Drive to Garrett Lane Flood Overflow Control Study.