

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Floodplain Resilience Plan

Environmental Stakeholder Focus Group

Agenda | May 9, 2022

12:00 p.m. **Warm Welcome**

- Introductions
- Icebreaker: What is your favorite body of water in the Metro region and why?
- Ground rules

12:05 p.m. **Purpose and Goals**

- Purpose and Goals of Focus Group
- Engagement promise

12:10 p.m. **Floodplain Resilience Plan Overview**

- Recap of work to date
- Priority goals and objectives
- Presentation: Project Summary, Milestones, and Timeline

12:25 p.m. **Guided Discussion**

- *When you think about the potential for future flooding in the city, what are your concerns? Who do you think will be most significantly impacted by future flood events? Are there particular locations or populations of concern?*
- *Given what you know about the proposals in the Floodplain Resilience Plan, how do you think the proposals will help the city be better prepared for future flooding? Are there concerns you have about the changes proposed, including the mitigation requirements? How could it be improved?*
- *As discussed in the presentation, City staff have been focusing on opportunities to expand mitigation banking within the city, including both habitat and flood storage credits. Our current concept focuses on ensuring the availability of flood storage credits from existing mitigation banks in combination with the development of City-led mitigation banks in the future. It is expected that the City will have the primary responsibility for developing a process for mitigation bank oversight until FEMA (hopefully) provides more formal guidance on the process.*
 - o *What concerns do you have about the use of mitigation banks as an alternative to on-site mitigation?*

- *What are your thoughts on the potential for City-run mitigation banks? Do you anticipate any unexpected consequences or impacts that we should address?*
- *If mitigation banks were constructed and managed by private (for profit)- and/or nonprofit entities would that change your thoughts on the use of banks?*
- *If you are opposed to or skeptical of mitigation banks, what ideas or tools can you suggest for how the city can prevent environmental losses and/or improve environmental functions through the Floodplain Resilience Plan?*
- *What types of actions do you think the City should take to help individuals, businesses, etc. better prepare for future flooding? Are there programs or tools that we should consider to address potential impacts on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and other underrepresented communities?*
- Q&A

12:50 p.m. **Reflect Back: Key Themes**

- What we heard

12:55 p.m. **Next Steps**

- Work Ahead
- What you can expect from BPS/project team

1:00 p.m. **Close and Thank You**

- Send questions/feedback to BPS/project team