Where Have You Bean? Outreach and Innovation to Avoid Sewer Failure at Bean Creek

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Overview

- Project Location & History
- Project Need
- Summary of Evaluation and Improvements
- Engaging Stakeholders and Public Outreach
- Post-Construction and Lessons Learned
- Questions



Project Location & History

- Site location: Garfield Park
- The problem...
 - 48" sanitary sewer
 interceptor with shallow
 cover under Bean Creek
 - Complicated stream
 dynamics and long history
 of issues





Project History



Project History – Cont'd

• 'Pleasant Lake' configuration





Project History – Cont'd

• By 1972, the confluence of Bean Creek & Pleasant Run had taken on its current configuration





Project History – Cont'd

• By 2000, the interceptor line was becoming visible in the bed of Bean Creek





Project History - 2010





Project History - 2014

• A large storm event in 2014 caused a significant bank failure and completely exposed the pipe





Project History - March 2014





Project History - March 2014





Project History 2015 Emergency Repairs

Rip Rap Cover

CIPP Lining







Project History – CIPP Lining

- Rehabilitation of exposed segment
- Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) lining
 - 520 LF of 48-inch interceptor
 - Existing on-call contract with Layne Inliner and Wessler Engineering



Pre-CCTV Condition



Finished CIPP liner





Project History – CIPP Lining

- Bypass pumping
 - 2,000 LF and 13 MGD total
- Results
 - Eliminated leaks
 - Increased structural stability







Project Planning and Design

- Long-term concerns:
 - Further undercutting of pipe
 - Additional bank erosion that may impact:
 - Interceptor
 - Greenway
 - Release of sediment
 - Ecological resources







Project Planning and Design – Identifying Areas for Improvement

- Detailed 2D Model used
 - Evaluate impact of various storms
 - Assess effectiveness of conceptual solutions
- Model showed that flow has qualities leading to channel instability
 - Flow is poorly aligned, directed at channel bank
 - High flow velocities, capable of substantial erosion
 - Downstream of sewer, channel incised and actively degrading



Project Planning and Design – Identifying Areas for Improvement



Figure 2: Existing Condition Isolated 100-year, 12-hour Storm Event - Peak Velocity Vectors & Flow Depth



Project Design – Improvement Components



- Designed to stabilize channel and reduce susceptibility to erosion
 - Improved slope and alignment to reduce velocity
 - Vegetated Mechanically Stabilized Earth (VMSE) Bank
 - Newbury Rock Riffle for grade control



Proposed Improvements – Improved Slope

- Lower velocity, Less erosion
- Increases stability of the channel bank





Proposed Improvements – VMSE Banks

- Vegetated 'green' solution
- Substantial erosion resistance that continues to increase as vegetation becomes more dense





Phase 1 – Post Construction



Phase 2 – Grass Established



Phase 3 – Willows Established



Proposed Improvements – Newbury Riffle

- Protect toe of channel to avoid erosion
 - Cause of previous instability
- Fixed channel elevation to provide minimum pipe cover
- Flow redirected to center of stream



Figure 1: Schematic Drawing of Newbury Rock Riffle



Benefits of Design

- Long-term protection of interceptor pipe
- Stabilization of banks
- Reduction of flow velocity
 - Less erosion
 - Protection of Park and Greenway Users
- Correction of misaligned flow
- Similar approach to previous Indy Parks projects to maintain aesthetic value



Pre-Construction



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Construction - Excavation



Construction - Excavation





Construction – Installing VMSE Banks





Construction – Installing VMSE Banks



Construction - Restoration





Construction – Final Product



Construction – Final Product



The Bean Creek Transformation





Outreach and Education

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Citizens energy group

clean waters clean neighborhoods

Citizens Energy Group is working to protect the existing large sewer pipe running across the creek; improve the bank stabilization and water flow of Bean Creek.

The Problem

Bean Creek, flowing through Garfield Park, has a 48" sanitary sewer interceptor with shallow water cover running under the creek. Currently, the sewer is visible in the creek and could be in danger of damage from debris. In addition, the current stream flow has resulted in a long history of problems, including the erosion of the banks of Bean Creek.

Longterm concerns include further undercutting of the exposed sewer and additional bank erosion, which could impact the sewer and Greenway.



Bean Creek Sewer Erosion Mitigation Project

The Solution

As the proposed solution, Citizens plans to stabilize the creek banks to prevent destructive erosion in the vicinity of the 48" sewer pipe. The proposed method will utilize similar techniques as previous Indy Parks projects to maintain the look and aesthetic value of the park.

In an effort to be consistent with other indy Parks projects, Citizens will use a green (natural) solution known as vegetated Mechanically Stabilized Earth (WKSE) to provide substantial erosion resistance that will improve over time as the vegetation fills in and becomes more dense.

The slope of the area will also be improved to assist with the water flow by lowering the flow's velocity and thus resulting in less erosion. Ultimately, this improvement will increase the overall stability of the channel bank.





- Stakeholder public meetings
- Regulatory engagement
 DNR hearing



Outreach and Education

What's going on at Bean Creek? Fall 2016 to Spring 2017

Problem: A large storm event in 2014 caused a significant bank failure and completely exposed the pipe



Solution: Stabilize the stream bed and stream bank to protect the pipe and prevent future erosion









Phase 3-Willows Established



For more information visit: CitizensEnergyGroup.com/Construction

- Proactive education
- Identify stakeholder concerns
- Meaningful location



BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED BEAN CREEK





Previously Exposed Sewer Pipe in the Creek

Bank Stabilized and Restored



Did you know?

In 2014, a large storm event caused a significant bank failure along Bean Creek and completely exposed the once buried sewer pipe crossing underneath. Utilizing sustainable solutions like Newbury Riffle (boulders in the channel designed to simulate the natural creek bed and provide controlled streamflow), willow stakes and native grass, Bean Creek restoration was completed in 2017 to protect the creek banks and the existing large sewer beneath the creek.

Citizens Energy Group is investing billions of dollars in Indianapolis' wastewater system to virtually eliminate combined sewer overflows to Marion County waterways, including Bean Creek. These investments will lead to cleaner rivers and creeks, enhanced recreational opportunities and community revitalization.

Friends and neighbors of Garfield Park are encouraged to enjoy the view of a now better flowing and protected Bean Creek. We can all continue to do our part to protect the creek by staying on designated walking paths to prevent further erosion; picking up after our pets; and putting litter in appropriate containers to keep waste out of the the creek.



Lessons Learned

- Regulatory Implications Bring in ES
 - Stream fill USACE, IDNR
 - Riparian Impacts IDNR
- Coordination with IndyParks and DNR for Tree Mitigation
- D Modeling provided understanding of variable flow conditions across entire stream cross section → Confirmed feasibility of proposed solution
- Case study for future projects

Stream Crossing Evaluation



Questions?

