

FEMA BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITIES
DOWNTOWN ALTON FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Riverfront Development Commission Meeting

Public Comment Sheet

Date: June 25, 20024

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Alton City Council Chambers

Questions/Comments

THIS COULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BEAUTIFY THIS PARTICULAR
AREA IN ADDITION TO THE CORE PRACTICAL FUNCTIONS. THINGS TO CONSIDER :
— EXISTING WALLS IN THE NEAR VICINITY, ESPECIALLY THE ONES ON
WILLIAM & STATE STREETS, AND THEIR MATERIALITY
— LANDSCAPING COULD HELP SOFTEN THE HARDCAPE AND REDUCE THE
FORTRESS-LIKE FEELING OF TALLER WALLS
— INTEGRATE SIGNAGE & WAYFINDING?

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As long as the businesses are
not negatively impacted I'm all for it.
making downtown/casino/ amphitheater
all come together with walk &
bike trails. Easily accessible from
broadway to downtown. Making it more
walkable. to & from amphitheater to
downtown.

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No one disputes the wisdom and necessity of the sewerage portion of the project, which the FEMA grant would largely fund in full. I would suggest going back to FEMA to request permission to use the grant for this purpose alone. There would be strong public support for it.

The projected cost of the wall seems well beyond available public monies and is opposed by almost everyone attending the meeting. I would respectfully suggest the wall be left unbuilt unless and until it is desired by a majority of residents and business owners downtown.

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What will the wall height be at specific blocks/buildings?
How will that affect view (into buildings from road)?
If the permanent wall beside Morrisons is only curb height,
what kind of temporary wall will be added when it floods?
Are the temporary additional walls part of the budget for the
project or that will be the responsibility of the city's
annual fund?

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Read letter into record from Alton Forward

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ALTON FORWARD

November 3, 2022

The Honorable Mayor David Goins
Alton City Council
City of Alton
101 E. Third Street
Alton, IL 62002

Dear Mayor Goins and Alton City Council Members:

Please accept this letter expressing concerns from Alton Forward, regarding the City of Alton's proposed flood wall construction along Sugar Alley from Williams Street to Piasa Street.

Alton Forward, a 501(c)(3) non-profit with the mission of catalyzing transformational change and increasing livability in the Greater Alton Area, believes that this project is premature and that the timing is not compatible with the ongoing US Army Corps of Engineer's floodplain study of the Alton Riverfront. The Corps analysis is taking a more holistic approach to addressing flooding along the entire riverfront and will develop sustainable recommendations to mitigate the flooding hazards in downtown Alton. Once complete, the study will allow for better-informed decisions based upon data as to how best to flood protect and address flooding issues in this portion of downtown Alton.

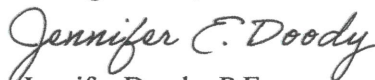
A permanently constructed floodwall, while giving an appearance of protection, may not eliminate the entire source of the flooding. Local drainage, basement infiltration, and wall under-seepage will still exist and impact the structures along Third Street. Additionally, if constructed, the wall could cause unintentional flooding for others upstream and downstream of the wall.

Furthermore, the anticipated flood wall does not satisfy requirements under the National Flood Insurance Program for bringing substantially damaged or improved structures into compliance with the NFIP. This project is an expensive undertaking and will still require human intervention for closures and evacuation.

On a purely aesthetic and land use perspective, the floodwall – in addition to Landmarks Boulevard and the railroad track - will provide an additional barrier between downtown Alton and the economic and tourism opportunities of the riverfront. It will also disrupt and disconnect businesses located along Third Street from the much-needed parking lot and access along W. Broadway.

It is our hope that you will take these items into consideration and delay this project until the Army Corps of Engineers' Study is complete, and a holistic approach may be undertaken that includes a more robust stakeholder outreach for input before this project moves forward.

With gratitude,



Jennifer Doody, P.E.

Community Engagement & Development Director

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Reduce the height of the permanent wall
that way it is not ~~too~~ overhanging
pedestrians.

While we focus on safety, that can not
ignore connection of community.

Permanent wall should be shorter, bring in
fuller additional wall.

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