



News Release

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Funds recommended to reduce ongoing flooding around Lake Boren

2016 Flood Reduction Grant Recommendations

Flooding around Lake Boren has been an ongoing issue for the City of Newcastle and nearby residents. King County Flood Control District (FCD) Chair Reagan Dunn announced that funds from the 2016 Flood Reduction Grant program will be recommended to go toward improving conditions around the lake.

The FCD reviewed the City of Newcastle's application for funds along with other projects throughout the region that focus on both flood prevention and flood mitigation.

"Working with my colleagues on the Flood control District we assessed projects aimed at reducing flooding across our region," Dunn said. "I am pleased to announce that the City of Newcastle's continued commitment to flood mitigation is recommended for funding."

\$90,000 was recommended by the FCD for continued work mitigating flooding around Lake Boren. Recently, the City completed a property acquisition in order to provide an opportunity for the necessary removal of an unpermitted bridge across Boren Creek, the sole outlet to Lake Boren. Removing the bridge will dramatically lessen the occurrence of flooding. The funds will also go towards restoring the acquired land to expand the adjacent Lake Boren Park and create passive recreation opportunities.

"The flooding caused by the bridge has been an ongoing problem for the residents on the north shore of the lake," said Newcastle Mayor Rich Crispo. "Every winter, during storm events, yards and some basements are flooded. Support for the removal of the bridge and the cleaning of the outlet will greatly reduce this winter occurrence."

A total of \$3.3 million in grants were available in 2016 for projects throughout King County. The funds were awarded on a competitive basis by the Flood Control District. Eligible applicants included homeowner associations, private non-profit organizations or associations, schools, special districts, tribes and King County jurisdictions.

Funded projects must be completed within 36 months of receiving funds.

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The King County Flood Control District is a special purpose government created to provide funding and policy oversight for flood protection projects and programs in King County. The Flood Control District's Board is composed of the members of the King County Council. The Water and Land Resources Division of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks develops and implements the approved flood protection projects and programs. Information is available at www.kingcountyfloodcontrol.org.