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Subject: Fw: City Staff / Ellington HOA On Site Meeting - Recap

Mr. Anthony,

Per our conversation last Friday, here is a summary of the discussion we had with the HOA reps on site last Thursday:

City Staff / Ellington HOA On Site Meeting

City Staff (Tony Friedman and Anton Weinman) met with representatives of the Ellington HOA on Thursday, July 10 at 9 AM. Staff and the HOA walked the rear common ground area of the development, by the steep slope on the north side of the development. The Ellington HOA wanted input on options they have to reduce erosion and the potential of erosion. Staff made the following recommendations:

1. Contact the Missouri Dept. of Conservation (MDC) and schedule a meeting with them and their private land consultant to work together to develop a plan for the northern slope. They should be able to provide recommendations for planting, possible timber management, and other strategies to better establish native, helpful vegetation in the area and on the slope face.
2. Remove any invasive or shallow rooted plants to the extent possible, and replace with native, deep rooted plants that can better stabilize the soil in the area.
3. Where possible, re-route downspouts and other points of concentrated water discharge to the front of the homes, so that it can drain into the street instead of down the slope. If that is not feasible, then points of discharge should be mitigated by pulling them away from the slope as much as possible and consider the placement of rock/riprap to reduce the velocity/energy of the discharge that would further mitigate the potential erosion.
4. Do not allow dumping of grass clippings, waste or other material that would smother or otherwise impede the growth of vegetation on the slope.
5. Consider adding a vegetated buffer in the common ground areas along the ridge where the slope begins to better stabilize that area to help prevent erosion. Again, consultation with the MDC would be helpful for this, including potential cost offsets through their programming.
6. Do not perform any work within, or disturb, a sinkhole without consulting a Professional Geotechnical Engineer and the City of St. Peters Engineering Department first.

We also looked at an area that a resident identified as a potential sinkhole. I did not see anything that would indicate a sinkhole, as it appears to be a graded drainage swale. Staff left the site at ~10AM.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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