



# *City of Barre, Vermont*

## *“Granite Center of the World”*

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### **Gunners Brook Flood Mitigation Initiative**

#### **Update #3**

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In an effort to keep all interested parties informed of continuing flood mitigation efforts, I have prepared this **Update #3** to all those on the Gunners Brook Flood Recovery Group Distribution List. This covers items of note in the two (2) weeks since the last update as well as some upcoming events.

#### **Following is a summary of actions and/or initiatives undertaken since Update #2 (02-28-16)**

1. On Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved initiation of the Design Phase Agreement with DuBois & King, Inc., for the preparation of the Construction Drawings for the Gunners Brook Phase 1 Flood Mitigation Plan. We had the Project Team Kick-off meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Barre City voters approved the following **Ballot Item on Town Meeting Day (Tuesday, March 1st)**:

*“Shall bonds or notes of the City of Barre in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing flood mitigation projects, the estimated cost of which is One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)”*

This bond will provide the funds to support the design and construction phases of the Gunner Brook Phase 1 Flood Mitigation Plan

3. Please consider this **advance notice** that the Project Team has scheduled a **Kick-off Public Information Meeting** on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Alumni Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform interested attendees that the next phase has started, review the conceptual plan to be developed in the Design phase, provide insight as to the design concepts, review project schedule, and obtain feedback/input about the design concept from interested parties.

I anticipate preparing future Flood Mitigation Updates on an approximately quarterly basis, and more frequently if substantive developments have occurred in the interim. **Please note:** City staff have created a **Flood Information & Update link on the City web-site (barrecity.org)**

Please feel free to contact me at [manager@barrecity.org](mailto:manager@barrecity.org) (or 476-0241) if you have questions/comments /input reading this Update or flood mitigation activities in general. Also, please feel free to encourage any of your neighbors to contact me to add their name to this distribution list. I will also add names to a smaller US mailing list for those who do not have computer access as long as I am supplied with names and mailing addresses.

Respectfully,  
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