



Museum Fire Flood Projects

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Welcome to the City of Flagstaff's Museum Fire Flood Projects eNews. Please email info@museumfloodprojects.com with any questions. These eNews will be released regularly to provide updates on all the City's Museum Fire Flood Projects.

BACKGROUND

On July 21, 2019, the Museum Fire broke out in the Dry Lake Hills area just north of Flagstaff within the Coconino National Forest. The fire ultimately charred 1,961 acres, including a significant portion of the Spruce Wash Watershed. Flood modeling subsequently showed potential flood risk to neighborhoods in Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff. Both the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County Flood Control District immediately took extensive measures and precautions to mitigate damage from flood events.

Throughout the summer of 2021, unprecedented rain events impacted the Museum Fire burn scar and caused multiple rounds of flash flooding in Flagstaff neighborhoods. The City of Flagstaff continues to collaborate with both the public and private partners to lessen the impact of flooding in the affected Flagstaff neighborhoods.

PARK WAY BASINS UPDATE

The City of Flagstaff and the Coconino County Flood Control District (FCD) are continuing work on the Park Way Sediment Basins project and the FCD has recently released a request for bids to hire a contractor to complete the work. The basins will be located just upstream of the Linda Vista Avenue Spruce Wash crossing and northwest of E. Park Way.

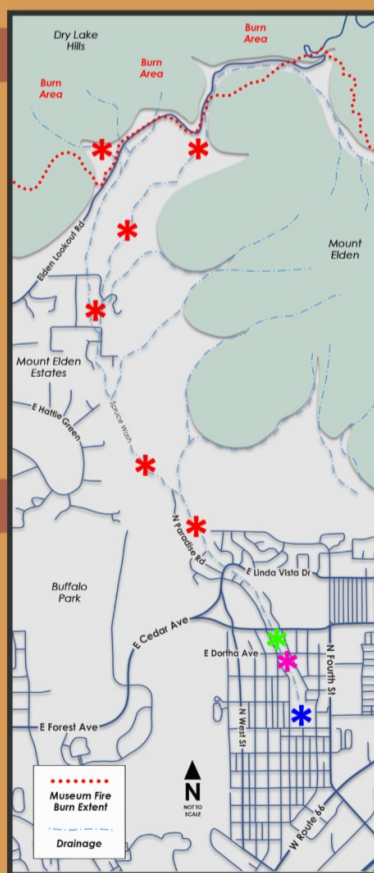


Acting as a critical flood mitigation piece along the Spruce Wash, the basins will function to capture debris and sediment from post-wildfire flooding, thereby reducing the threat of clogging downstream culverts, crossings and channels.

Completion of the basins is targeted for June 15, 2023, with construction tentatively planned to start in the spring. The project is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program and the Flood Control District.

Residents in the area can expect to see trees being cleared from the site, as well as utility relocations, construction traffic, earth excavation, and import of boulders and rock for the construction of the new sediment basins. Construction logistics, working hours and project management contact information will be provided once identified. The City and the FCD thank the public in advance for patience and understanding as this important mitigation project is delivered.

The basins are the last element in a series of projects undertaken by the FCD both on- and off-forest to reduce the impacts of flooding from the Museum Fire burn scar within the County and the City of Flagstaff. The City will continue to improve stormwater infrastructure in the Spruce Wash area with funding from the passage of Prop 441. Updates on both the Park Way Basins project, as well as the implementation of Prop 441 will be provided to residents as they become available.



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Electronic Newsletters

The City will send out electronic newsletters (such as these) on a regular basis as these projects progress.

To receive eNewsletters, as well as notifications of Museum Flood Project updates scheduled at City Council meetings, send a request to: info@museumfloodprojects.com.

Additional questions?

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Key Flood Projects

Key projects are identified by the corresponding colored asterisk on the map to the left:

- * Alluvial Fan Restoration and Sediment Reduction (Led by the Coconino County Flood Control District)
- * Spruce Wash Channel Improvements Project (Cedar Avenue to Dortha Avenue)
- * Spruce Wash Channel Improvements Project (Dortha Avenue Inlet)
- * Killip School Regional Detention Basins Project

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