



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.

PROPOSED STORMWATER RATE INCREASE

Several events since the most recent stormwater rate adjustment have combined to make the current stormwater rate insufficient to meet current and future community needs. These events include post-wildfire flood mitigation needs, critical infrastructure upsizing needs in multiple drainage areas, capital improvement projects, and rapidly increasing materials and construction costs worldwide. In response, the City is proposing amendments to the City Code to adopt new or increased fees related to stormwater service charges.

Please visit flagstaff.az.gov/4781/Stormwater-Rate-Adjustment for more information, including a study on how the increase would be used, as well as an in-depth presentation and frequently asked questions.

There are also a series of open house events scheduled to discuss the proposed stormwater rate increase and residents are encouraged to attend a meeting when their schedule allows (events are listed below). Click [here](#) for more information.

- Oct. 26, at noon, virtual
- Nov. 10, at 4:00 p.m., virtual and at Flagstaff City Hall
- Nov. 14, at 6:00 p.m., virtual

PROPOSITION 441

Proposition 441 will appear on the November 2022 ballot. If approved by voters, Prop 441 would invest \$57,285,000 in City of Flagstaff wildfire suppression, stormwater flood mitigation and wastewater treatment infrastructure. Of the total amount, \$26,000,000 would be invested in stormwater infrastructure to address post-wildfire flooding in the Spruce Wash, including channel and other improvements between Paradise Rd and Route 66. Educational information about Prop 441 is available at flagstaffbonds2022.com.

PROP 441

- 1. STORMWATER**
- 2. WASTEWATER**
- 3. PUBLIC SAFETY**

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Electronic Newsletters

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

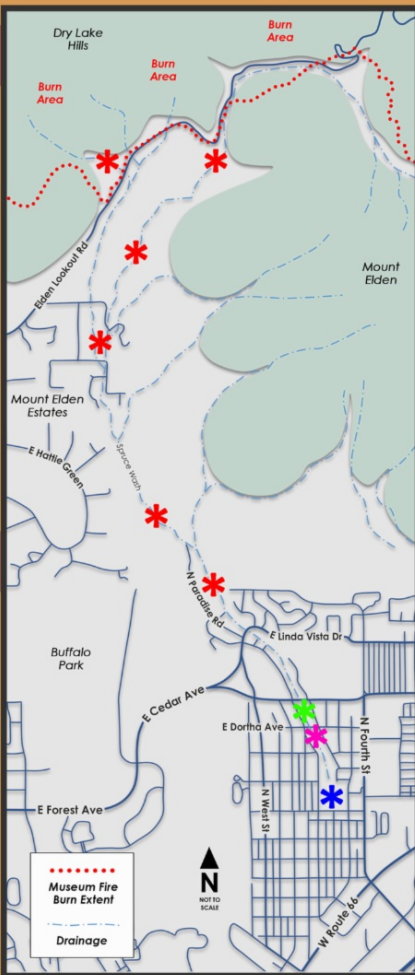
Additional questions?

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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*



[Click here to view a larger version of this map.](#)



For more information on these projects and important resources, visit museumfloodprojects.com