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August 9, 2011

TO: Flood and Erosion Committee

RE: Request and Recommendation to:
Remove large trees from earthen dike
Securing funding

The DPW of the City has spent a great deal of effort attending to smaller trees and brush on the public portion of the earthen dike. Cost of tree removal for large trees has been included in the USDA loan that the City is in the process of securing. City Council must decide if they wish to pay for this project out of the \$490,000 on hand in shoreline protection funds or continue to have it included in the work scheduled upon approval of the USDA loan.

It would certainly be best practice to determine the size and width of trees in advance so the process can be expedited once a decision is made. The Council has decided that it would be prudent to hire a tree company to set the specs. For this project in preparation for the loan approval.

Concerning the private area of the earthen dike it must be determined whether we have continued easement and if sufficient ordinances are in place to empower the City to act. This issue seems to be more complicated and it is recommended that the FEP committee along with a specialized Attorney work together to make a recommendation to Council before action is taken to remove structures, trees and brush from private areas of the earthen dike.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Liske
Mayor