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From: JohnCooper
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 8:00 AM
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Subject: FW: Shoreline Substantial Development Application PL12-0191

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To: JohnCooper
Cc: teetime4lorna@hotmail.com; briand@ci.burlington.wa.us; Margaret Fleek
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Dear Mr. Cooper,

As Burlington's City Engineer during the development phase of this proposal, I wanted to provide a couple of comments I hope the County finds useful.

The proposed work to beef up the levee in its existing footprint was engineered pursuant to extensive geotechnical analysis, as well as extensive hydraulic modeling. I expect all of this information has been submitted as part of the record for this application. It is significant that this project does not propose to add any upstream length to the existing levee. This is significant because the flood modeling shows that if the levee's northwest terminus does not change, then there is no significant impact on upstream water surface levels compared to the existing condition. That's because the existing levee tops are already largely at the 100-year flood elevation, as shown by the hydraulic modeling. So long as the levees hold, there would only be (relatively minor) overtopping, primarily in the segment just north of the railroad bridge. So raising the levees by about three feet only provides a factor of safety – it does not hold back any additional water which would impact the upstream water surface levels for the 100-year event.

However, if the levee is extended further upstream, the hydraulic modeling shows an impact because this makes it harder for water to leave the system in the Sterling area. The City of Burlington was aware of this and so in partnership with the Dike District, did not suggest this approach, recognizing its regional ramifications. Extending the levees further, or not, is an issue better addressed in the GI study. But this project does not extend the levees upstream.

Thanks for this opportunity to comment.

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Thu, May 02, 2013 08:07 AM

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Hi Wick,
 I got this from John Cooper this morning. It appears to be after the seven days for additional comments but that is your call.
 Thank you.
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