Stormwater Storage Basin Project Petition Amy Ryan June 28, 2021

Concerns have been raised by the Council (May 5 meeting) and community members about the deforestation and disruption of bottomland ecosystems that accompany the construction of large stormwater basins.

We would therefore like to petition the Manager to delay issuing RFQs for the design and construction of the new flood storage basins on the Lower Booker Creek and Eastwood Lake System Project List until the town can re-evaluate project goals and explore alternatives that will preserve functioning natural hydrological systems and protect our mature bottomland forests and habitat.

We would also like to petition staff to revise the goals and criteria for future watershed studies and improvement planning to include preservation of forests, habitat, and natural hydrology as issues we will consider when determining project approach and design.

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