

Community Outreach Kickoff Summaries

North St. Vrain and Little Thompson - Meeting held Dec. 3, 2013, approximately 70-80 attendees

Key issues discussed

- **Property Acquisition** – Some residents desire a property acquisition program
- **Property Access** – Access in some areas is restricted. There are uncertainties due to unknown road and creek conditions
- **Top Soil Erosion** – Significant issues with regard to topsoil erosion
- **Debris** – Much of the debris is too large to be removed by residents without the assistance of machinery. Many residents have no access to a road or any shoulder room to place debris.
- **Radon Levels** – Concern about radon levels given the amount of ground surface that has been exposed or moved.

Apple Valley Road Discussion Details

Issue	Discussion Summary
Access & Roads	Creek has bisected properties and residents cannot get to structures.
Debris	<p>There are currently debris piles that are approximately 7 feet tall by 60 feet wide.</p> <p>Excessive piles of rocks of all sizes, dirt, trees buildings or other structures.</p> <p>There is a pinch point of debris buildup that will be a threat to the U.S. 36 at the southern end of Apple Valley with spring runoff.</p> <p>The roadway adjacent to U.S. 36 by N. St. Vrain does not have a large enough shoulder to bring up the debris to the road.</p>
Banks & Alignment	Creek banks have been washed out and need to be stabilized. The creek is aligned in new areas all throughout this segment.
Upstream/Downstream Impacts	Some property owners have begun making their own repairs to mitigate ongoing damage from the newly aligned creek. Some of these repairs may cause impacts to downstream users.

Longmont Dam Road

Issue	Discussion Summary
Access & Roads	<p>Most residents do not have access to their properties. Some are forging the river with 4WD vehicles. There is concern they will be unable to do this with the snow and spring runoff.</p> <p>Bridges cannot be reconstructed until it is determined where U.S. 36 and the creek are going to be located.</p> <p>Property owners are unable to provide basic needs, e.g. propane to heat home,</p>

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	and can't bring more in due to property access issues.
Debris	Many property owners cannot move the debris themselves. Property owners are unable to remove debris without access.
Septic & Water Quality	Land throughout this segment dropped in elevation from 8 to 34 feet which leaves most residents without enough land to re-establish their septic systems. Residents do not have resources to re-establish the soil for septic and are worried about the value of the land.
Upstream/Downstream Impacts	Residents are concerned that roadways will be destroyed again and about the erosion problems adjacent to the North St. Vrain, especially in regards to future debris problems with spring runoff.

Little Thompson

Issue	Discussion Summary
Access & Roads	The 83 rd bridge has been replaced with 6 small culverts which are insufficient to carry water. N. CL Rd. where the Little Thompson goes out of county has been rebuilt four times; the bridge worked. Residents want to leave it as is and just rebuild the approach.
Debris	<p>Sand, gravel and river rock deposits are on properties, as well as elevation changes. There is 3-4' of sand silt under the base of trees. Some residents have wood debris, parts of houses and appliances. Few people have the ability to get debris to the roadside.</p> <p>Debris east of 83rd is in the way and west of 83rd, will cause problems during spring runoff</p> <p>Residents would like directions regarding how to mitigate debris, e.g. Is it ok to spread it around where possible? Can property owners obtain burn permits for debris? Residents haven't heard in 20 days like they were told they would; it has been 20 days with no response. Who is responsible for this notification and decision?</p> <p>Residents on the Boulder County side haven't had debris pick up. Some have heard that the debris removal is 'almost done' and they have not had pick-up yet; Some have had people walk onto their land picking up some items.</p>
Ditches	Ish Ditch (a major ditch) and Brower Ditch - Head gates and ditches need to be restored.
Agency Coordination & Information	Residents are frustrated with what they're hearing from various agencies. There are rumors spreading throughout the community about different sources of existing grant money. People need accurate and consistent information.
Banks & Alignment	Changed the course of the stream about 100' to the north of its normal channel, during the storm and runoff. While the stream is back in its normal channel now, there is fear that another event will use the new route and cause further damage.

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There is a sand bar and trees lying in the creek bed. A “CSU Extension” agent said weeds will easily grow in sandbar – what can be done to mitigate weeds? Residents do not want the county to say landowners have to control weeds in the future. The creek is 5’ higher there.

During the flood, east of 83rd, water ran in the field. It is back in its natural channel. If the area floods once more, water will go over the road again, it’ll go back over to the new route.

Upstream/Downstream Impacts One gentleman was convinced there was 3rd-party negligence upstream that caused such a huge amount of water.