

Notes 111124 meeting Josh, Judy, Bob

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Judy and I had a meeting with Josh this morning: Callie Ewald (Trails Committee) was not able to attend.

- Richmond has a very good relationship with FEMA through Tim ____.
- Jericho Road has been determined to be a recreational path not a Class-IV road. This has disencumbered FEMA funds.
- FEMA is covering “pre-disaster condition” not supplemental / improvements. Not clear how to determine what was the precondition. However, simply put, looks like a functional rec. path will be the pre-condition.
- FEMA estimates have a record of being significantly underestimated vs true cost.
- FEMA has pledged \$136,000 for bridge and trail work. (Breakdown of costs between the two not discussed.) Initially this was 75% of cost estimate (total ca \$181,000). However, it now appears that FEMA will cover 90% of cost estimate (ca \$164,000). The State may cover 7% (Kim ____ is our contact), reducing Richmond cost still further ($\leq 3\%$). Based of course on the FEMA estimate that likely will be low.
- Josh will be discussing with Tim how / if what is covered can be increased in terms of what is allowed by FEMA, e.g. bridge length.
- Use of CRF funds was discussed should costs exceed \$181,000.
- FEMA estimation is for bridge and trail repair. Key issue under discussion is whether to focus on bridge or both in terms of RFP for engineering study.
- We need to figure out how to proceed for the repair. Do we need an engineer or are there companies that do this type of work with all in-house design and construction?
- Josh is going to investigate through Tim or getting a local engineer to provide a rough engineer’s estimate.
- At some point, ANR will have to be involved. Have good contacts – Chris Brownelle’s name came up.
- There are riparian stipulations in Town Plan and RZR to review.
- The lower Donahue Brook situation is a separate matter: see Minutes last RCC meeting.

Josh will try to set up a follow-up meeting, tentatively scheduled for next Monday, 11/18/24.