

To: City Council  
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator  
Date: May 13, 2016  
Weekly Council Update

**West Branch Promotions Strategy Session #1 – May 19th:** The public kick-off of our promotions strategy work will start next week. Jonny Stax has been reaching out to various groups throughout the community to generate interest in this project. Information on the kick-off is listed below:

**What:** Strategy session to build the story of what makes West Branch so great, including our schools, activities, businesses, library, historical sites, churches, community groups, and more.

**Who:** Everyone in West Branch is invited to attend. The meeting is hosted by the City of West Branch and Grow West Branch, a group of business and community leaders dedicated to the promotion of the community of West Branch.

**When:** Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Where:** The room behind Heritage Merchants at 105 South Downey Street

**Why:** This is part of a citywide effort to develop a promotions strategy that can increase new visitors, return visitors, and resident spending as well as invite new residents and businesses into the community. The first step is building our story and identifying our various audiences.

For more information or to contribute information to the strategy session that tells part of the story of what makes West Branch so great, please email [westbranchisgreat@gmail.com](mailto:westbranchisgreat@gmail.com).

**West Branch Times Scanning Project:** The West Branch Public Library is happy to announce completion of the first part of a project. As of May 6<sup>th</sup>, twenty percent of the West Branch Times has been scanned and made searchable online at [wbpl.org/times](http://wbpl.org/times) (or <http://westbranch.advantage-preservation.com/> for the full address). The goal of this project has been to provide a quicker and easier access to our community while also preserving the physical copies of the paper for future use. Covering 1878 through 1934, the website features a quick keyword search as well as browsing and advanced search capabilities. This project was made possible through cooperation and assistance from the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Museum and West Branch Times as well as funding from the Alliant Energy Charitable Foundation. Further issues of the Times will be scanned as funding is available.

**Bear Stampede:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bear Stampede, sponsored by the West Branch PTO, will take place tomorrow morning, Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be 5K and 10K runs starting at 9:00 a.m., as well as a 1 mile run starting at 10:30 a.m. and a 1K fun run which will start at 11:00 a.m. We encourage all drivers to be especially cautious as participants make their way through the various events.

**New Beranek Park Project Concept:** As requested by members of the City Council, City Engineer Dave Schechinger has reduced the scope of the Beranek Park Project and provided a new cost estimate for your review. Those documents are attached to this week's Update.

**Main Street Intersections and Sidewalk Improvements Project:** Two bids were submitted on the Main Street Intersections and Sidewalk Improvements Project on Thursday afternoon. The lowest bid of \$192,318.60 was received from All American Concrete of West Liberty, which was well below the engineer's estimate for the project. The other bid on the project came from Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete at \$216,453.88. The engineer's estimate on the construction side of the project was \$220,000. Altogether the Council budgeted \$330,000 on this project. After engineering and expenses related to easements are considered, we anticipate coming in at least \$50,000 under budget with this project. This is great news, especially considering that our 4<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project is anticipated to be over budget. A discussion concerning the capital improvement plan (CIP) will be held at the June 6, 2016 Council Meeting so that the City Council can receive a more detailed update and provide direction to the city staff on moving forward with FY17 CIP projects.

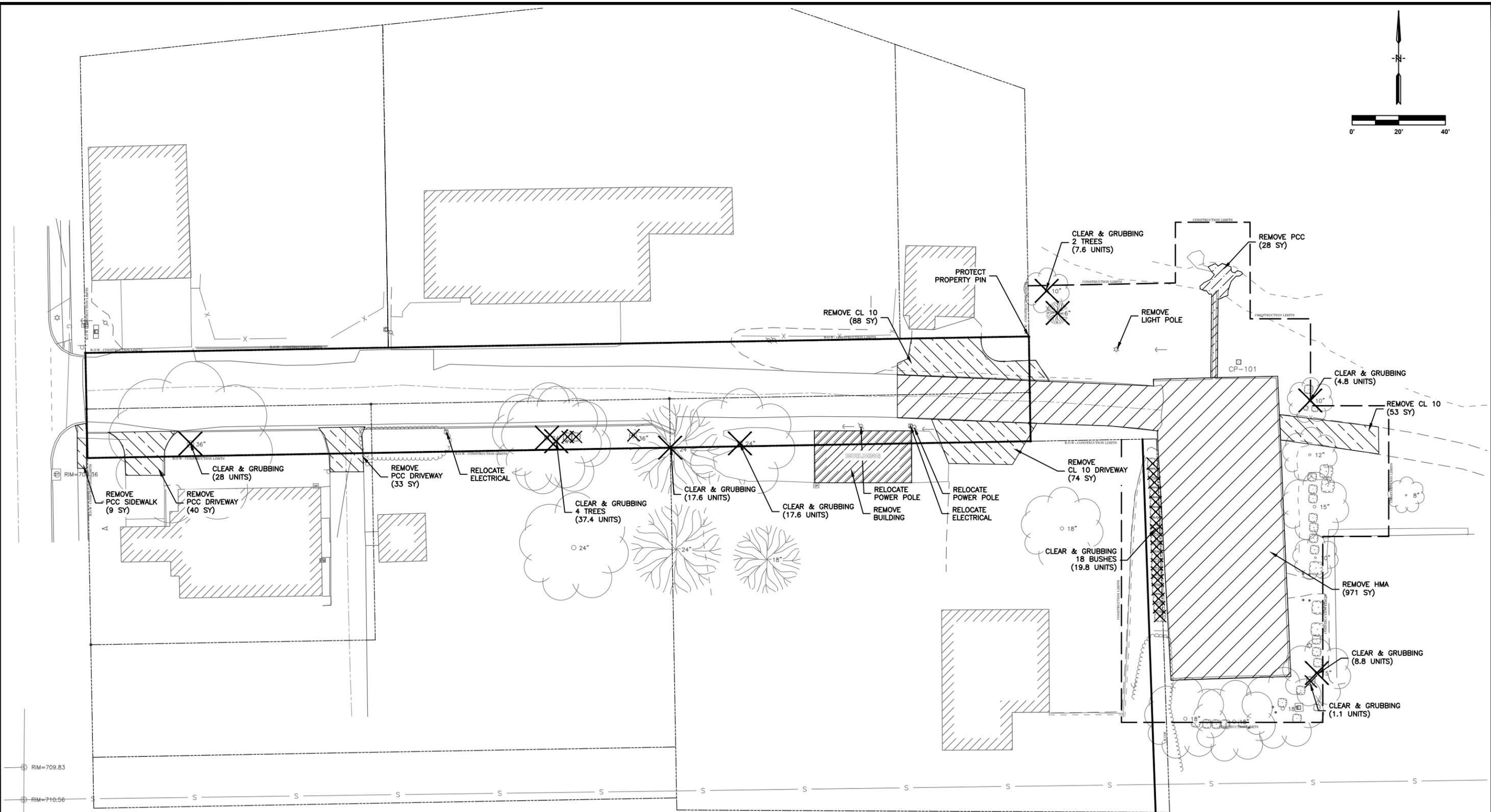
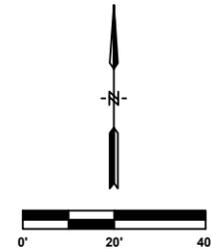
**Public Works Update:** The Public Works Department has spent the past few weeks working on a wide variety of maintenance items as well as completing a few smaller projects. During hydrant flushing, staff identified several valves and fire hydrants that were in need of maintenance or replacement. Over the past two weeks, two of those hydrants have been replaced and another was repaired. We would like to thank the residents affected in these areas of town for their patience while repairs were made which resulted in boil orders being issued. Public Works has also been busy mulching and watering trees from the Earth Day event, sweeping streets, painting crosswalks and parking stalls, spraying weeds in the right of way as well as all City owned parking lots and properties, mowing shoulders, potholing, installing nets at the volleyball courts, stockpiling 50 tons of road salt, mulching and weeding flower beds at the city office, placing barricades for school/community activities, and updating the PLC at the wastewater lift station. Staff participated in a DNR inspection of the wastewater facilities and performed maintenance on dewatering pumps, as well as all our regular duties.

**Beranek Park Trees Forever Grant:** In November, the City applied for a grant through Alliant Energy and Trees Forever. The City was informed in February that we were a recipient of this grant. On Tuesday April 26th, forty new trees were planted in Beranek Park as part of this grant. Students from the West Branch High School spent the day working with Park and Recreation Director Melissa Russell, Public Works Director Matt Goodale and the Southeast Iowa Field Coordinator of Trees Forever, Hannah Howard. The students were instructed on and participated in every aspect of tree planting including hand digging the holes, sawing roots, planting and mulching as well as learning the importance of trees in our landscape. A big thank you to all who participated in making this year's activities a success and to the students who put in all the great work. We would also like to thank Alliant Energy and Trees Forever for making this project possible.

**The information provided is one-way communication and should not be discussed among you as this could be a violation of the open meeting law.**

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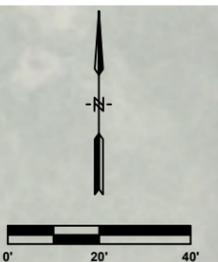
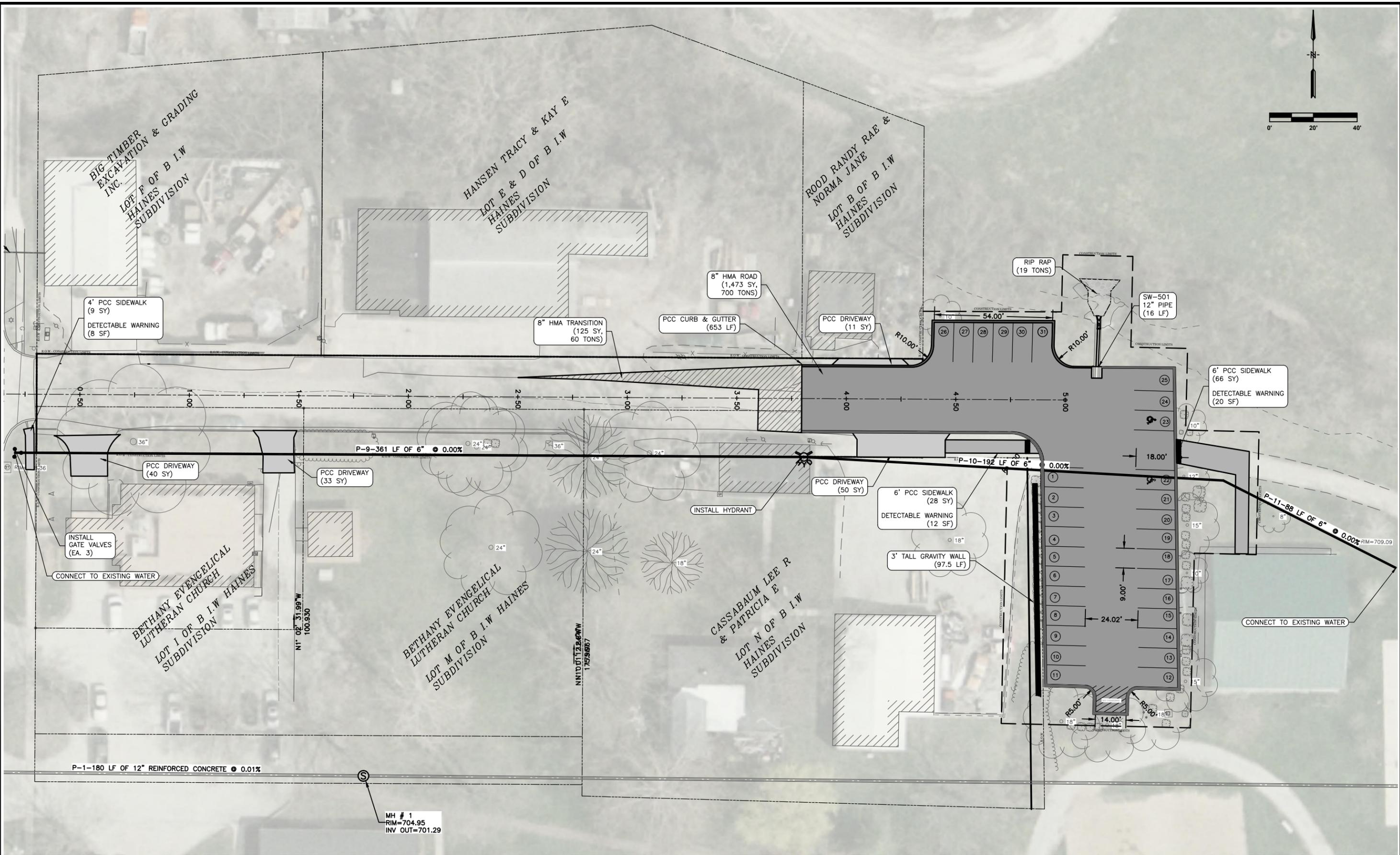
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OPINION OF COST  
 BERANEK STREET - OPTION 3  
 WEST BRANCH, IOWA  
 5-4-2016

<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Estimated Quantities</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Proposed Price</u>
1 CLEAR+GRUBB	UNIT	150	\$12.00	\$1,800.00
2 EXCAVATION, CL 10, WASTE	CY	250	\$15.00	\$3,750.00
3 TOPSOIL, STRIP, SALVAGE+SPREAD	CY	110	\$5.00	\$550.00
4 MODIFIED SUBBASE	CY	110	\$25.00	\$2,750.00
5 HMA (300K ESAL) BASE, 1/2"	SY	1600	\$30.00	\$48,000.00
6 SURF, DRIVEWAY, CL A CR STONE	TON	20	\$15.00	\$300.00
7 RMVL OF EXIST STRUCT	LS	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
8 APRON, CONC, 12"	EACH	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
9 SEGMENTAL BLOCK RETAIN WALL	SF	300	\$20.00	\$6,000.00
10 INTAKE, SW-501	EACH	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
11 SUBDRAIN, TILE, 6"	LF	650	\$8.00	\$5,200.00
12 SUBDRAIN OUTLET, RF-19E	EACH	2	\$200.00	\$400.00
13 STORM SWR G-M/CAS,TRNCHED, RCP 2000D,12"	LF	16	\$50.00	\$800.00
14 ENGINEER FABRIC	SY	10	\$10.00	\$100.00
15 EROSION STONE	TON	20	\$35.00	\$700.00
16 RMVL OF PAV'T	SY	1080	\$10.00	\$10,800.00
17 SIDEWALK, PCC, 6"	SY	105	\$50.00	\$5,250.00
18 DETECTABLE WARNING - CURB RAMP	SF	40	\$30.00	\$1,200.00
19 CURB+GUTTER, PCC, 3.5'	LF	650	\$25.00	\$16,250.00
20 DRIVEWAY, PCC, 6"	SY	135	\$40.00	\$5,400.00
21 CONSTRUCTION SURVEY	LS	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
22 PAINTED PAV'T MARK, WATERBORNE/SOLVENT	STA	1.5	\$500.00	\$750.00
23 PAINTED SYMBOL+LEGEND, WATERBORNE/SOLVNT	EACH	2	\$200.00	\$400.00
24 TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
25 MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
26 WATER MAIN, TRENCHED, PVC, 6"	LF	640	\$35.00	\$22,400.00
27 VALVE, GATE, DIP, 6"	EACH	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
28 FIRE HYDRANT ASSEMBLY, WM-201	EACH	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
29 SILT FENCE	LF	500	\$2.00	\$1,000.00
30 RMVL OF SILT FENCE	LF	500	\$0.50	\$250.00
31 CLEAN-OUT OF SILT FENCE	LF	500	\$1.00	\$500.00
			Sum	\$161,800.00
			Contingency 15%	\$24,300.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$186,100.00</b>