

## Council Agenda Report

**Date:** June 20, 2016

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**SUBJECT:** Cannery Park Stream Restoration Public Presentation

**Recommendation:** That Council hold a public presentation of the conceptual design for the stream restoration from the City's consultant, Biohabitats.

### Discussion:

In June 2015 the City of Cambridge signed a grant agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund in the amount of \$1.8mil to design, permit, and construct improvements to the tidal and non-tidal portions of Cambridge Creek on the Cannery Park site. In July 2015 the City of Cambridge published an RFP to solicit design/build services for the Cannery Park Stream Restoration project. Upon review of the submissions, Biohabitats was awarded the contract to perform the work as the most responsible team that would provide the best overall value for the City.

Currently the field survey work has been completed and an initial concept plan drafted. As a part of their proposal, Biohabitats included a Public Presentation of the concept plan at a City Council meeting. Since this project is high profile as well as high dollar value, making a presentation at this time, prior to finalizing plans, makes for a transparent project.

When completed, the tidal portions of Cambridge Creek on the Park property will be restored, runoff from surrounding properties will be treated in the upper portions of the restoration project, and the runoff will be healthier entering the headwaters of the Creek. Approximately 123 lbs of Total Nitrogen, 61 lbs of Total Phosphorus, and 89 Tons of Total Suspended Solids will be removed from the Creek, and ultimately the Choptank River and Chesapeake Bay. Further, the creek restoration will serve as a teaching tool for the students in Dorchester County and be an integral piece of the future park to be complete on the former Cannery Park site.

**Fiscal Impact:** The City of Cambridge was successful in securing a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund in the amount of \$1.8mil to pay for this design and construction project. Currently, the project is on budget and on schedule, with a completion date in the Fall of 2017.

**Approved By:** Sandra Tripp-Jones, City Manager 