

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Creek Corridor?

The creek corridor extends from Hwy 12 (Beltline) to Century Avenue (Common Ground). It is approximately 8500' of environmental corridor and trail network containing the Pheasant Branch Creek.

### Storm Event:

On Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> Middleton and surrounding areas received 11-13" of rain in a 12 hour period of time. This rainfall flooded the corridor creating significant damage. This damage included significant erosion of streambanks, tree failures, along with trail and bridge destruction.

### Damage:

- ) Erosion to the creek bank is significant and further rains could result in further damage.
- ) There are approximately 250 trees that have fallen and need to be removed.
- ) The creek created a new channel in some areas which need to be restored to the original configuration.
- ) A majority of the trail is gone with the asphalt piled in sections.
- ) All 6 bridges in the corridor have been moved off their resting locations and have sustained enough damage that they will all need to likely be replaced.
- ) The fiber optic line from Clark Street School to the Middleton Police Department was exposed and will need an appropriate contractor to properly restore.

Creek Corridor Initial Assessment					
	Tree Removal & Cleanup				\$1,000,000.00
	asphalt trail (beltline-Parmenter)	93	lineal feet	\$90.00	\$8,370.00
	Parmenter bridge underpass	99	lineal feet	\$90.00	\$8,910.00
	reconstruction of base material	8484	lineal feet	\$40.00	\$339,360.00
	asphalt trail	8484	lineal feet	\$90.00	\$763,560.00
	60' KMS Bridge (8/16)	1			\$37,100.00
	65' Parmenter-Park (9/12)	1			\$64,600.00
	60' Park-Century (9/09)	3		\$62,400.00	\$187,200.00
	60' Park-Parmenter (11/07)	1			\$62,400.00
					<u>\$2,471,500.00</u>

### Budget & Funding:

- ) The City has contingency funds for emergencies and has submitted a disaster assessment to FEMA for federal assistance.
- ) Insurance will likely cover property damage to bridges and possibly the boardwalks. We are hopeful that FEMA assistance will cover cleanup, tree removals, trail construction and streambank work.
- ) We currently have 3 contractors working to remove trees from the creek corridor as part of our emergency response to the event.
- ) All other work to restore the creek corridor including streambank stabilization and path reconstruction will go through a design and bid process similar to other city construction work and funding from FEMA, city funds, grants, and/or donations will need to be secured for this work to move forward.

**Fundraising:**

1) To donate to the City of Middleton's work to restore the Pheasant Branch Conservancy, including the creek corridor and trails, please send a check (with a note to Flood Relief PBC Work) to City of Middleton c/o City Administrator at 7426 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562. Thank you!

2) The Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy also are fundraising to restore, and contributions to them too are tax-deductible. For more information, see:

<http://www.pheasantbranch.org/restorationcampaign.html>

3) Local bird advocate Mike McDowell has started a GoFundMe page

(<https://www.gofundme.com/restore-pbc-creek-corridor>) for Pheasant Branch Conservancy/Creek Corridor native vegetative restoration efforts. GoFundMe is not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution; however, many folks may not be concerned about a charitable deduction on their taxes.

4) Gateway to the Driftless Area (a not-for profit tax-deductible charity) is focusing fundraising on a regional basis to assist individuals and businesses. For more information see:

<https://gatewaytothedriftless.com/>.

Anyone wanting to support individuals affected by the flood. The State Bank of Cross Plains has created a fund to assist victims; more information can be found at <https://info.sbcpl.bank/floods>

**Volunteer Work Days:**

) The City intends to create these opportunities but must make the work environment safe before allowing volunteers in affected areas. We will be working with the Clean Lakes Alliance and Friends of Pheasant Branch to publicize these opportunities.

A small sample of pictures of damage within the creek corridor:





