

University Park Lagoon update

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Hello all,

At the moment, we are working on finalizing funding for the project. We have been awarded the \$1,500,000.00 of funding for the lagoon under the STWSIA (Small Town) program. KDHE is in the process of reviewing the second grant of \$462,210.00 and should give us notice within the next few months.

We are continuing forward with the KDHE State Revolving Fund loan (with potential loan forgiveness) and will decide soon whether to pursue USDA to supplement the funding, or if rescinding the USDA application will be in our best interest. The use of USDA funds will initiate Build America Buy America (BABA), along with other regulations which could potentially lead to higher costs for construction inspection, materials, and line items (pumps, valves, etc.). We have a call into USDA to discuss this and are hoping they will have an idea of how much grant money, if any, will be available for the project.

As for the design, we expect to have plans ready for review in July. Variance requests have been sent to KDHE, and are being reviewed for approval. There is a possibility that the lagoon will be located such that little to no variances will be required, but we will know more once the final design is complete.

If you have any other questions, or think of anything I forgot, feel free to reach out.

Thank you!

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