

Indy 3A and 3C Clearing and Grubbing. Project timeline and general scope.

Indy North Flood Damage Reduction Project Phase 3A and 3C Clearing and Grubbing.

- The purpose of this project is to improve the existing 3A and 3C combined flood wall and levee by:
 - Meeting USACE vegetation standards; and
 - Complying with the approved variance for clearing less than the minimum standard in key areas.
- The improvements will:
 - Provide access to the floodwall and levee that will allow the City of Indianapolis the ability to mow, repair, inspect, the levee and floodwall;
 - Prevent animals from burrowing through the levee;
 - Prevent the roots of woody vegetation from creating flow paths through the levee; and
 - Decrease the potential for large trees to become uprooted and either fall on the flood wall and damage it or displace significant amounts of soil from the levee during a storm or flood.
- The project includes the following features of work:
 - Removing trees within the minimum distance from the flood wall in the direction of the river.
 - Removing the roots associated with the trees mentioned above.
 - Grading the area with a constant slope. This will require bringing in additional clay soil and topsoil.
 - Removing existing asphalt rubble from the stream banks in key areas. This will be removed because it contains contaminants that can pollute the White River.
 - Placing limestone riprap in areas where clearing extends to the river or where extreme erosion regularly occurs.
 - Installing willow stakes in the areas to receive riprap. As willow stakes grow and mature, they will partially block the view of the riprap and could improve the aesthetics and ecology of the bank habitat.
 - Installing a new canoe carry-in access point just south of Kessler Blvd, and improving the existing access point that is west of the Monon pedestrian bridge.
- The schedule for this project is as follows (All dates in 2017):
 - Tree removal is set to begin in February, and be complete before the end of March.
 - Grading will begin in March and should be complete by the end of May.
 - Riprap and willow staking will be constructed in June.
 - The canoe carry-in ramps will be constructed after other activities are complete, likely in June or July depending on schedule.
 - Seeding will take place throughout the entire duration of the contract as areas are completed; reseeding may also be required to meet acceptable coverage stand of turf.
 - This schedule is subject to change.
- If you have questions about this project, Betsy Whitmore is the City of Indianapolis Public Information Officer and can be reached at 317.327.4000 or by email: Betsy.Whitmore@Indy.Gov