

City of Bristol

Board of Public Works

City Flooding / Resiliency Study - Public Information Meeting

February 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., 111 North Main Street, Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Public Participation

Steven Donaghy, 94 Frederick Street, spoke about how many times his property has flooded since he lived. He spoke about all flooding areas in the city and the roads that get shut down when it floods. He also stated that he goes to many meetings regarding zoning, wetlands and others. He said he feels that the storm drains are inadequate and asked if routine maintenance gets done.

Anthony Macri, 225 Rambler Street, spoke about how the backyard floods and all the water collects like a ravine. He said there is a storm drain but it is built too high so the water level has to be raised significantly for it to drain at all. He stated he has had up to 8 inches of water in his basement and the land is always wet. They would like to put in a pool, but due to the flooding they cannot.

David D'Esopo, 92 Ivy Drive, stated his property gets around 12 inches of water two to three times a year. He stated so much water that the kids can kayak about three houses down due to the flooding. He said the flooding every year is much more extensive than the previous year.

Rita Fasci, 70 Birge Road, stated that her backyard is constantly wet and that she can't really do anything there unless there is a very dry summer.

3. Resiliency Study Overview and Schedule

Raymond Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works, explained what the meeting is about and introduced the representatives from Stantec that would be presenting.

David Burgy, Stantec, reviewed the presentation regarding the flooding/resiliency program that they are working on with the city. He reviewed the project timeline, community flood risk, and also a flood survey and interactive mapping exercise. He reviewed various resources and how to prepare for an event.

Raymond Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works, stated that one of the resources mentioned was FEMA. He discussed the guidelines regarding FEMA assistance for a home that has flooded. He spoke about several projects that Bristol has in progress for flood zones around the city. He stated that flooding is always a challenge as it affects quality of life. He also reviewed some ways that can help to mitigate flooding. He mentioned that the Flood and Erosion Board is now part of the Public Works Board. He spoke about flood insurance for residents whose home is in a flood zone.

#### 4. City Flooding - Community Survey and Interactive Mapping

There was a short break for the meeting attendees to scan the interactive portion of the presentation.

#### 5. Local/ State and Federal Programs and Resources

#### 6. Public Participation, Questions & City Response

Rachel Macri, 225 Rambler Street, spoke about due to flooding they are prohibited from putting in an inground pool on their property, having to cut down trees that were rotted from all the water. She stated due to this they have zero privacy on their property. She said they cannot put up a fence as it would also rot. She mentioned Artisan Street being closed for flooding to Beacon Street and how it makes it difficult to get to her family she takes care of in that area.

Conrad Booker, 141 Frederick Street, spoke about his property and how he had 8-10 inches of water in his garage and basement. He said the whole road was covered with water.

Steven Donaghy, 94 Frederick Street, spoke again about the city preparing for flooding. He said they could clean the storm drains around the city. He spoke about how he did paperwork with FEMA to get assistance to elevate his house, but FEMA changed from 95% to 75% assistance. He stated that we are at the mercy of city with wetlands areas and getting things approved.

#### 7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Raymond Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works