



## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Date Requested: <u>April 27, 2026</u>
Requested By: <u>Ray Mayo</u>
Department: <u>Public Works</u>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Report <input type="radio"/> Resolution <input type="radio"/> Ordinance

Appropriation	
Source of Funds:	<u>N/A</u>
Account Number:	<u>N/A</u>
Amount Budgeted:	<u>N/A</u>
Amount Requested:	<u>N/A</u>
Budgeted Item:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

**Exhibits:** Harris County Partnership Inter-local Agreement; Area Map Exhibits

### SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, City staff met with Harris County regarding drainage improvement projects within La Porte. The result of the meeting was an offer from Harris County to provide partnership funds for a portion of engineering and design services for Phase III of the Northside Neighborhood Improvements. Harris County has drafted an interlocal agreement for \$300,000.00. The City attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement.

The goal of the Northside Neighborhood Drainage Improvement Project is to improve the functionality of the storm sewer system and increase the level of service along west Polk Street, North 8<sup>th</sup>, North 7<sup>th</sup> and North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, between West Main Street and West Madison Street. To best utilize multiple grants awarded for this project, the overall project scope was broken into three (3) phases. Phase 1 constructed storm water channel improvements west of North 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Phase 1 construction was completed in March of 2022.

Phase 2 of the project included placement of approximately 1000 feet of box culverts by open-cut methods, and tunneled installation of another 420 feet of box culverts under the State Highway 146 corridor. The project limits are aligned with the Polk Street right-of-way from North 11<sup>th</sup> to North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Additionally, there were four (4) detention areas constructed along the F-216 Channel corridor to mitigate the additional flow to the channel. Phase II of the project was completed in 2025. Both Phase I and 2 were constructed entirely with grant funding. Phase 3 improvements will extend the storm sewer east to North 6th Street provide underground storm sewer in the target area and concrete curb and gutter street and sidewalk improvements based on the engineer's recommendations.

Staff is currently reviewing a proposal for Phase 3 design services. The total design cost has not yet been established. Should the costs exceed \$600,000.00, La Porte would need to supply the funding or obtain funding from another source. The amount currently budgeted in the drainage fund for this project is \$531,770.00. Staff recommends the approval of the interlocal agreement with Harris County.

**Benefits:**

- Phase 3 of a multi-phase drainage project can be designed.
- Design costs will be shared with Harris County.

**Liabilities:**

- None

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**STRATEGIC PLAN STRATEGY AND GOAL**

**3.0 The City of La Porte will have and maintain a strong infrastructure and up to date facilities in order to continue to provide superior services for our citizens.**

**3.3 Improve intergovernmental relationships with other agencies for drainage improvements.**

**3.5 Consider alternative flood control methods and techniques.**

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**ACTION REQUIRED BY CITY COUNCIL**

**Authorize the City Manager to enter into an inter-local agreement with Harris County to receive partnership funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the Northside Neighborhood Drainage Improvements Phase III Project.**

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Approved for the City Council meeting agenda

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Corby D. Alexander, City Manager

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Date