



# City of Peabody

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### Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Public Listening Session September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### **Question and Answer Responses**

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**Q1: Councilor Ryan Melville – Did the city apply for a MVP Action Grant for any of the MVP highest priority action items?**

*A1: Brendan Callahan, MVP Core Member- Yes, the City submitted two MVP Action Grant applications to evaluate and assess alternatives for managing commonly flooded areas along the North River Canal and within the Lawrence Brook watershed. The City was awarded an MVP Action grant for both grant applications.*

**Q2: Councilor Ryan Melville – The City has installed several new stormwater controls throughout the City. Several of these stormwater controls are LID BMP's. Who maintains these LID BMP's? I am concerned these BMP's are becoming overgrown with vegetation.**

*A2: Brendan Callahan, MVP Core Member- The LID BMP's the City has installed over the past few years are working but we have noticed maintenance of these BMPs are an issue. Some stormwater controls are maintained by the Department of Public Services as well as the Department of Parks and Recreation. I've spoken with several community officials on this issue and it seems this is not just a Peabody issue. We've discussed coordinating a LID BMP maintenance training workshop for city staff members know how the BMPs should be properly maintained. The training workshop may be eligible for MCP Action grant program funding.*

**Q2a: Councilor Pete McGinn – I recommend the City issued permit conditions these permits so the property owner is responsible for maintenance.**

*A2a: Brendan Callahan, MVP Core Member – Applicants that submit an NOI to the Peabody Conservation Commission are required to submit an Operation and Maintenance Plan in accordance with the MA Wetlands Protection Regulations. The Order of Conditions includes conditions requiring the property owners to maintain stormwater BMPs.*

**Q3: Councilor John Turco – The City experienced heavy rainfall on August 12<sup>th</sup> and several areas within my ward experienced flooding. Does this program take into account the August 12<sup>th</sup> rain event?**

*A3: Brendan Callahan, MVP Core Member – The priority action plan does not identify specific localized flooding area, but the plan does address flooding that occurs throughout Peabody's sub-watersheds. Moving forward the City will utilize data provided by the State when planning for future rain events. The City also intends to investigate long term solutions for the smaller tributaries to for flood mitigation purposes, specifically, in areas that experience higher frequency of flood conditions.*

**Q4: Councilor John Turco – Where is the Lawrence Brook located?**

*A4: Brendan Callahan, MVP Core Member – The Lawrence Brook is located in what is known as East End Peabody and flows to the North River. Today, the brook is mostly piped underground with a few short sections daylighted. The brooks outfall is currently located behind Century Tire on Walnut Street.*

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