



**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor Craig A. Moe  
Council President Brencis D. Smith  
City Councilmembers

THRU: Joanne Barr, Deputy City Administrator *JAB*

FROM: Brian K. Lee, Director, Public Works *BKL*

SUBJ: Van Dusen Road Dam Repairs

A visual inspection of Van Dusen Dam was conducted during fiscal year 2022 in accordance with the Maryland Dam Safety Manual. The inspection revealed that some infrastructure maintenance and repairs needed to be performed on things such as eroded inverts of the principal spillway, missing bricks, and conduit with exposed steel. The findings also recommended that repairs be made as soon as practicable. As a result, the city applied for funding through infrastructure grants to help defray the costs, however we were notified that our grant applications were not accepted. Presently, the maintenance and repair for these items are categorized as minor to moderate, so it's important that we proceed to move forward with the project to make the necessary repairs as soon as possible to avoid any further erosion.

**Project Scope:**

During this initial phase certified structural engineers will be contracted to investigate the principal spillway of the Van Dusen Dam and layout the repairs. Any needed permits will be filed, and the construction cost estimate will be provided to the City. The engineers will also prepare project bidding documents and conduct a final inspection after the repairs.

**Funding and Recommendation:**

Funding for this project is available through ARPA in the FY2023 Adopted CIP-Van Dusen Dam Maintenance Project. It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the proposal submitted by EBA Engineering, Inc. which is one of the three A and E firms on retainer in the amount of \$39,795.00 for the preparations, cost estimates, and final inspection once the project is completed.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at (301) 725-0088, extension 3208.

**Reviewed:**



**S. Michele Saylor, Director**  
**Department of Budget and Personnel Services**

5/19/2023

**Date**

cc: Christian Pulley, City Administrator  
Sara Green, Clerk to the Council  
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Timothy Miller, Deputy Director, Public Works  
Christy Fang, Assistant Director, Public Works