



City of Pittsburgh

Mt. Washington Landslide Mitigation

Response to Issues raised at the April 11, 2023 Public Meeting regarding
Greenleaf Street and Reese Street



During the meeting, several issues were raised, discussed and required follow-up by the Project Team. The following provides the response of the Project Team to those concerns within the limits of the Project's scope of work and funding.

1. Greenleaf Street Roadway Width
 - a. **Description:** Residents who use Greenleaf Street to access S Main Street note the compromised width of Greenleaf Street after the catastrophic landslide occurred there several years ago. Residents are requesting that Greenleaf Street be repaired while it is closed for landslide remediation.
 - b. **Response:** Based upon the public participation request, the Project Team has added Greenleaf Street roadway restoration (slight widening in the area of the slide) to the Project in order to make the roadway a consistent 20 ft width.
2. Flooding on Shaler Street (Shaler Street is a possible detour route)
 - a. **Description:** City Councilwoman Theresa Kail Smith noted the presence of nearly continuous water flow along the Shaler Street hill and requested an investigation into the flow as it leads to ice formation along Shaler Street during the winter. The ice could compromise safety along the detour route.
 - b. **Response:** The water flow source has been located and DOMI is coordinating with PWSA regarding mitigation.
3. Japanese Knotweed
 - a. **Description:** Knotweed covers most of Mt Washington's hillsides and chokes out native ecosystems. Residents of the Greenleaf/Reese Street areas are concerned that the knotweed will compromise the engineering remediation.
 - b. **Response:** Knotweed will not compromise the designed mitigations. The Project design plans present a formalized Erosion & Sedimentation plan, with specific plantings and steep slope mixes required to replant all disturbed areas. DOMI, City Forestry and Parks Divisions will work with the Project Contractor to deter the spread of invasive species, including Japanese Knotweed.
4. Bradley Street contractor access
 - a. **Description:** The Bradley Street contractor access is adjacent to Skookum Field, a baseball field actively used for tournaments and games. Washington Heights Athletic Association (WHAA) is concerned about Contractor disruption, and requested that access not coincide with games/tournaments.
 - b. **Response:** The Contract Specifications will require the Contractor to contact and coordinate with WHAA to avoid blocking access on significant field-activity dates.