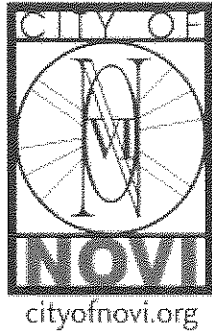


## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** RANDY AULER, PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY  
DIRECTOR

**FROM:** MATT WIKTOROWSKI, SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

**SUBJECT:** BROOKFARM PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE UPDATE

**DATE:** MARCH 7, 2008

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On Thursday, January 17, City of Novi staff inspected the foot bridge that spans Ingersol Creek connecting Brookfarm Park and Village Oaks Elementary. The inspection found that flooding has caused stream bank erosion on the north side of the creek, limiting access to the bridge. Upon consulting a Michigan Department of Transportation Certified Bridge Inspector from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. it was determined that the bridge could be temporarily fixed with minimal disturbance to the site.

Prior to starting repair, the department contacted AEW to verify that no special permitting was required by the State of Michigan. The department has made several attempts since the week of February 18<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with AEW to determine if the project can move forward without permit approval. Pending permitting requirements from MDEQ the repair has been suspended. We anticipate a decision will be reached by the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>.

I will keep you apprised on our efforts to reopen the bridge. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 248.735.5634