



# Gregory Canyon Creek Open House Public Comments

**Date:** 10.23.13

**Meeting Location & Neighborhood:**

Flatirons Elementary library – Gregory Canyon Creek

**Number of Attendees:** 67

**Staff in Attendance:**

Susan Richstone	Dave Thacker	Chris Trice	Dean Paschall
James Hewat	LaDonna Eubanks	Annie Noble	Melinda Melton
Jeff Hirt	Kurt Bauer	Russ Sands	Allison James
Marie Zuzack	Katie Knapp	Rod Rindal	Pieter Beyer
Bob Harberg	Margaret Rogers (Populus)		

**Purpose of Meeting**

*The purpose of the open house was to provide an opportunity for the community to see flood extent information that the city has collected, weigh in about the impacts of the recent flooding, and provide comments about where they thought flood waters went in their neighborhood. This was also an opportunity for residents to speak with city staff to get information and assistance with flood recovery and find out the status of public facilities. In addition to the sign in station, there were stations providing the following information:*

- *Flood Recovery Information*
- *Flood Mapping Information*  
*(with approximate delineations of recent flooding for review and comment by residents)*
- *Impacts and status of Transportation Infrastructure*
- *OSMP Flood Recovery Progress (Opening of Trails and Lifting of Restrictions)*
- *Energy Smart Information*

**Summary of Public Comments**

Many attendees would like another meeting with the city presenting a plan for clean-up and flood recovery efforts in the neighborhood. Members of the community would like the planners and engineers who will be working on the area to be there as well to answer any questions. It was also mentioned that the older homes were built much higher than the newer built homes, that the 810 Marine Street drainage ditch needs clearing and for the city to be careful with

culvert improvements so that they don't cause more damage downstream and don't conflict with the wetlands regulations.



**A link to the map-based summary will be added to this summary and BoulderFloodInfo.net when available. All address-specific comments provided at the meeting will be reflected on the map comments.**

## General Comments

- Thanks for having this event. My main comment: if you set out to “improve” Gregory Creek, don't lose sight of everything that went right. Yes, a lot of basement damage, but no serious injury, no deaths, and surprisingly little major structural damage. Be careful that e.g. culvert improvements upstream don't result in more concentrated life threatening flooding a little lower.
- There should be an in-depth audit of what went wrong and what went right. Maintenance of culvert intakes is critical but may come into conflict with the wetlands regulations. What takes top priority in maintenance and support on Gregory Creek?
- Better coordination between the city and ditch company.
- Unfortunately, this open house was not particularly helpful. Although many neighborhood people attended, the city did not seem prepared or interested in the details of what actually happened during the flood and discussions regarding how to improve the situation moving forward.
- When is the city actually going to have a Q & A meeting? Where do we go for specific information about the high hazard locations?

- This was a good idea. Another opportunity for community getting together and for people to vent. We have an old house and had little damage. Notice that older buildings were built much higher than current construction.
- Please email list of attendees to everyone that attended.
- Waste of time – useless