DATE: September 9, 2013

RE: Boneyard Creek Improvements Project – Griggs Street to Broadway Avenue

Favorable weather conditions resulted in significant progress on the Project during August 2013. Work completed during the month included: pavement leading up to the North Race Street Bridge; monument walls for all four corners of the bridge; anchor slab sidewalks for perimeter walls off the northwest, northeast, and southeast corners of the bridge; foundation and walls for the planter wall at the southwest corner of Griggs Street and North Race Street; the west abutment for the railroad trestle pedestrian bridge; Ameren power relocations through the bridge and along North Race Street to the north; curb and gutter for a portion of City Parking Lot 25; two sections of the form-lined decorative wall just east of the building at 208 Griggs Street; creek-side sheet pile removal from the northwest corner of the North Race Street Bridge to the west; and excavation for the east abutment for the railroad trestle pedestrian bridge. On Broadway Avenue, the box culvert over the Boneyard Creek was repaired with new parapets and sidewalks being poured. Pavement replacement on North Race Street between University Avenue and Park Street was also completed.

The North Race Street Bridge was opened to local traffic on September 3, 2013. North Race Street will remain closed to through traffic as construction proceeds on the next phase of the street reconstruction project. The next phase of the street reconstruction project includes North Race Street between University Avenue and the Silvercreek Restaurant (402 North Race Street). Access will be available to Silvercreek Restaurant over the new North Race Street bridge from Main Street. Pavement work on the next section of North Race Street is expected to be completed by Friday October 18, 2013.

Other anticipated project work includes construction of: additional sections of the poured wall east of the building at 208 Griggs Street; monument and parapet walls leading from the North Race Street Bridge; the east abutment to the railroad trestle pedestrian bridge; the sheet pile wall south of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge; and sidewalks on Broadway Avenue.

If you are interested in receiving e-mail notifications regarding construction progress and street closures associated with the project, please send an e-mail to Brad Bennett at bmbennett@urbanaillinois.us and you will be added the notification list. You can also follow construction progress by visiting urbanaillinois.us/projects/boneyard-creek-improvements-project and the project’s Flickr photo album at www.flickr.com/photos/urbanaboneyardproject/sets/.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during construction of the Boneyard Improvements Project.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Boneyard Creek Improvements Project, please contact Mr. Brad Bennett at (217) 384-2316 or Ms. Beth Reinke at (217) 384-2385.
Photo 1: Workers pour north bridge approach pavement.

Photo 2: Completed north bridge approach pavement.

Photo 3: Workers form curb for south bridge approach.

Photo 4: Completed south bridge approach pavement.

Photo 5: Demolition for Broadway box culvert repairs.

Photo 6: Falsework for Broadway box culvert repairs.

Photo 7: Rebar for west Broadway box culvert repairs.

Photo 8: Completed sidewalk for Broadway box culvert repairs.
Photo 9: Form placement for first section of Wall #2.

Photo 10: Formwork and rebar for first section of Wall #2.

Photo 11: Completed parapet for first section of Wall #2.

Photo 12: First section of Wall #2 – sedge seed form liner.

Photo 13: Ameren power relocations through bridge.

Photo 14: Channel sheeting removal on north side of creek.

Photo 15: Curb & gutter forming for City Parking Lot #25.

Photo 16: Foundation form for planter wall at NW corner of Griggs and Race Street.