

July 14,2026

To Mayor Wright and River Heights City Council,

The following is background information related to our request to be included on the July 21, 2016 City Council meeting agenda.

In 2003, we created a pond as part of the Stone Creek Subdivision in River Heights. The pond was excavated to a minimum depth of four feet. Its water sources include groundwater, Prolog Irrigation water, and stormwater runoff from River Heights City. Unfortunately, the inflow has carried a significant amount of silt into the pond.

Over the past 23 years, silt has accumulated, reducing the water depth to roughly one foot. This has negatively affected the pond's quality, including its wildlife and fish. On a positive note, the pond has served as a beneficial stormwater silt-settling basin, preventing that material from flowing directly into Spring Creek — a benefit to River Heights City. Nevertheless, the silt must now be removed.

Several years ago, we met with the City Council to discuss possible assistance. At that time, the City approved a budget of \$10,000 to help with the project. The money was to come out of the stormwater fund. We continued exploring the most practical and cost-effective solutions. We consulted multiple contractors (several of whom declined the job) and tested various pumping methods, none of which proved effective. We have now secured an experienced contractor who is available and willing to perform the work. The current estimate for the work is \$15,000 to \$25,000.

We respectfully request to be included on the July 21, 2016 City Council meeting agenda to renew the discussion of this situation and to request that the City participate in the cost of silt removal. As a current city council member I am aware that I must recuse myself from any City council decisions regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Steve and Susan Roberts

