



Our Mission:

Stop Twin Parks from conversion into drainage basins. Eliminate flooding in Pueblo Alto

Background:

The Albuquerque Municipal Development Department (DMD) in collaboration with AMAFA (Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority) has postponed the storm water runoff project that would convert Twin Parks into drainage basins. The “Near Heights (Pueblo Alto) Storm Drain Improvements Project” is planned to convey excess storm water runoff via larger underground pipes from east of Washington NE to discharge into deep drainage ponds covering most of both parks. Our Twin Parks as we know them would be destroyed.

Current Status:

Mayor Keller state in a recent letter on August 7, 2020 that “The project is on hold for the foreseeable future due to social distancing.” This is therefore only a delay, not a stop to the project.

Your signatures on our petition and your letters created this postponement!
Thank you for your support!

JOIN US:

If you want to become a member of Friends of Twin Parks and receive updates via email please send your name and email address to FOTPabq@gmail.com

We will not share your information. You can opt out at any time by asking us to delete your name.

We gratefully accept donations to our cause. Use the Zelle app (download or through your bank) and send your donation to: fotpabq@gmail.com

More Info:

- To stop Twin Parks ponding we want to gather public and professional input to seek a sustainable green solution and create a positive environmental legacy.
- You can learn more about the proposed project by visiting our Facebook page, <https://m.facebook.com/FriendsofTwinParks/> Check out our video: “**Save Paradise**”

- AMAFCA (Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority) has a drainage ponding plan for storm flooding in Parks and School areas that would result in the loss of safe, open space recreation areas in 12 Albuquerque Neighborhoods.

Projected Models

This “to-scale” model was created based on the accepted proposal for Campo Manana, the upper park from the accepted Bohannon-Huston’s proposal. A larger pond is planned for the lower park.

- The brown areas are showing the three to one foot slope, the 4 foot culvert at the top is the new storm drain from Pueblo Alto.
- The walls are 3 foot and 3.5-foot concrete “free-board walls” for holding storm water from flooding the street around the park, but effectively restrict access to the park.
- The standpipes at the bottom of each pond drain the storm water (or “sewage”- the name given to the contaminated water from the street) to the next pond.
- The trees are reported to be kept but the design dimensions would make that unlikely.
- We anticipate a concrete access ramp (not shown) into each park for maintenance.

Avenida Estrellita is the street with the cab at the top of the picture:



Overall view of the upper-park model, looking NE from Avenida Manana. (trees not shown)



Eye-level view of the upper-park model, looking NE from bottom of park

Photo-shopped view of the lower park, looking towards Avenida Manana, looking NE, showing the pond embankment, storm-water inlet and access ramp, along with a 5-foot human for scale.



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A Twin-Park fan's conception of the city's lower-field detention-pond-to-be - all information derived from Bohannon Huston Inc's. proposal. The view is of the upper end of the field, showing the storm-water inlet, which connects to two upper-field detention ponds, the nine-foot high embankment that results from digging the pond into a hillside, and the city-required paved access ramp from Avenida la Manana to the pond floor. The 1.03-acre field will become divided into 0.38 acre of pond floor, 0.28 acre of 3:1 sloped embankments, and 0.37 acre of original-grade remnants. The proposal quotes a storage volume of 4.9 acre feet, but the volume computed here is only 3.95 acre feet. In any event, the proposed 3 ponds do not meet the city's current requirement of 10 acre feet. Ponds too big, parks too small..

REMOVED FROM CABQ WEBSITE AUGUST 7, 2020

Reference for Postponement:

<https://www.cabq.gov/gis/map-views/municipal-development-projects>

On that page, click on [View what we're building for the City of Albuquerque.](#)

WHEN IT IS POSTED AGAIN On the map that comes up, navigate to Pueblo Alto and zoom in to see IF there is a red dashed line that runs parallel to Jefferson. If that line is present when you click on it, voila, the project will appear. The Information below was present in July and now is not on the map.

Project Number	593892
Project Name	Near Heights Storm Drain Improvements
Project Description	UPSIZING AND IMPROVING STORM DRAIN SYSTEM
Project Status	STUDY PERIOD
Project Manager	Kathy Verhage 768-2680
Comments	Signed supplemental received January 9. Scope and fee to conduct a public meeting submitted for processing on January 22. On hold due to social distancing requirements.
Division	Storm Drainage
Estimated Cost	3,500,000.00
Estimated Start Date	2/28/2022
Estimated End Date	10/31/2022
Council District	7

AMAFCA List of other sites for Ponding: From Smith Engineering's 11/2017 San Mateo To Moon Mini Drainage Management Plan. (add-on study of Pueblo Alto requested by Councilor Gibson)

- 1 Los Altos Park
- 2 Hayes Middle School
- 3 Mesa Verde Community Center
- 4 North side of Central between Louisiana and Wyoming
- 5 Jerry Cline Park
- 6 Domingo and Louisiana
- 7 Mark Twain Elementary
- 8 Marble between Cardenas and Cauga
- 9 Alvarado Park
- 10 I-40 and San Mateo
- 11 Expo New Mexico Racetrack Pond
- 12 SE corner of Louisiana and Gibson

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mayor Keller** <MayorKellerIQ@cabq.gov>

Date: Fri, Aug 7, 2020 at 4:23 PM

Subject: Responding to your message



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Dear Mr. Moreno,

Thank you for contacting my office to share your concerns with the storm drain project. The project is on hold for the foreseeable future due to social distancing. The project has been removed from the web page and design and construction dates previously provided on the web page were merely placeholders and not meant to be interpreted as fixed dates. A public meeting will be held prior to making any decisions..

At the City of Albuquerque, we always want to know about the issues that matter most to our residents, and I appreciate hearing from you about how we can make our City government work better, smarter, and more efficiently to make Albuquerque a safe, innovative, and inclusive community for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Keller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line.

Timothy M. Keller
Mayor



LAST THOUGHTS:

- FOTP will continue to work and need your continued support to request and promote alternative ideas to solving the Pueblo Alto flooding problem and not destroy our treasured 80 year old Twin Parks.
- Twin Parks deserves due diligence, accountability and transparent scrutiny along with some creativity to come up with better solutions to correct 70 year old storm drainage planning mistakes
- **PUEBLO ALTO's Homes are not the only homes in the City affected by flooding AND the loss of TWIN PARKS is not the only park threatened.**