



MEMO

TO: Stephanie Reyes, Interim Assistant City Manager
FROM: Drew Wells, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: December 2, 2019
RE: **Report on safety measures at Cape's Camp/Thompson Island area**

SUMMARY

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a report requested by Mayor Hughson concerning safety measures effected by city staff and/or resources in the immediate area of Cape's Dam.

Safety Measures taken at Thompson's Island, Cape's Camp, Cape's Dam and Stokes Park since 2014

- Barbed wire fencing removed
- Sink Hole covered and caution tape installed around area
- Mowed Thompson Island and Cape's Camp area for visibility and safety
- Installed limestone blocks to prevent parking on Thompson Island
- Installed gates along trails and park rules signage

After floods of 2015

- Installed Fencing and signage closing the area of Thompson's Island and cape's Camp
- Removed flood debris from area
- Removed downed trees in river channel and mill race
- Removed trash dumpsters and other debris from river channel and mill race
- Removed Concrete chunks from mill race and below mill race falls
- Removed collapsed bridge connecting Cape's Camp and Thompson Island
- Quit mowing Thompson Island to discourage movement in the closed park of people on the Island
- Reinstalled PVC pipe over railroad rails on Cape's Dam that was previously installed by citizens
- Removed hazardous fallen tree on Cape's Dam
- Installed safety rope with floats from Cape's Dam to river bank upstream to designate a safe line of travel around the dam
- Worked with HCP and River foundation to remove hazardous trees along river banks in the area
- Enforced trespassing in Thompson Island and Cape's Camp
- Worked with code enforcement to deal with code and safety issues on adjacent properties

We believe all practical items have been addressed and do not see any additional measures at this point that can be implemented.

Parks staff is onsite once a week to gather trash and during our collection efforts, staff performs a cursory check of the area for safety measures. The Park Rangers are out there on a more regular basis, sometimes multiple times a week and also review the area and report issues as necessary. I will advise the Parks staff to make an inspection visit at least weekly with the sole purpose of the visit for safety-related matters. This will begin this week and if anything substantial is addressed, I'll be sure to inform you.