

## Brian Carlson

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:14 AM  
**To:** Brian Carlson  
**Cc:** Lori Plaster; Elke Doom  
**Subject:** [External Attachment \*Caution\*]-Robe Lake Study Funding

Brian,

As I mentioned in our phone conversation last week, VFDA is seeking to delay the Robe Lake study that was funded by the city council in the amount of \$104,417 for one year until the Corp of Engineers conducts its evaluation of the project for funding under its Section 206 Ecosystem Restoration Program. VFDA met with the COE in late October and they are very interested and have formally recommended it for further consideration. If approved, the COE would provide the baseline analysis of the lake and it has been suggested that the city's contribution, pending council approval, could then be used to leverage federal funds for actual restoration work in lake.

I expect to hear back from the COE in late April or May. However, if the corp chooses not to pursue the project, it may unfortunately be too late to bid the work for this year. It is my understanding from our discussion that, while grant funding is typically expended within the calendar year of award, the city can work with the recipient to hold the funds until needed. Please consider this a formal request to do so.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. If this is not agreeable to the city, please let us know at your earliest convenience so that we can plan accordingly. If you need a formal letter to provide the council, I would be happy to do so.

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