Memorandum

To: **People and Environment Recovery Board**

From: **Kiera Bulan, Resilience Division Manager**

Date: **October 5, 2026**

Subject: **Supplemental Materials for October 5, 2026, People and Environment Recovery Board Meeting**

Summary Statement

Please review the enclosed materials for the upcoming People and Environment (P&E) Recovery Board meeting on October 5, 2026.

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Update on Previous Board Input

August 3, 2026 P&E Meeting

- **Agenda Item**:
    1. Urban Forest Master Plan
    2. Resilience Hubs
- **Board Action:**
    1. Review draft UFMP guiding principles, goals and strategies and provide input on strategy development:
        - What's resonating?
        - What's missing?
        - Potential synergies we should be aware of?
        - General comments before we build out Action Steps?
    2. What are your priorities for supporting hub facilities within the CDBG-DR infrastructure program? What insights do you have in helping us structure the $2.125M funding opportunity such that a variety of organizations can effectively take part?
- **Input Reported to City Council:**
    1. The input from P&E has informed revised draft goals and strategies that the project team is currently reviewing with internal stakeholder departments, while the consultant team is developing detailed action steps and a complete draft plan. Once completed, there will be a public comment period and then the final plan will be reviewed by P&E and the Planning, Economic Development and Environment (PEDE) Council Committee prior to adoption by full Council.
    2. On August 18, 2026 PEDE heard a report on the Resilience Hub Mapping Project that included the P&E Recovery Board input and was asked to provide feedback.
        - Resilience Hubs Presentation (slide 14) at the Planning, Economic Development and Environment (PEDE) Committee meeting
        - Watch the Resilience Hubs PEDE committee discussion [36:16]

August 25, 2026 P&E Meeting

- **Agenda Item**:
    1. Biltmore Village Infrastructure Project
    2. Azalea Parks and Infrastructure Project
        - Update: There will be additional engagement opportunities for both the Azalea Park Project and the French Broad Park Project sometime this fall.
- **Board Action:**
    1. The People and Environment and Infrastructure Recovery Boards were asked: "Given the input we've received to date, what questions do you anticipate from the community?"
    2. The People and Environment and Infrastructure Recovery Boards were asked to share their initial comments, concerns, and feedback about the initial concept design for the Azalea Parks and Infrastructure Project.

- **Input Reported to City Council:**
    1. City Council heard a report on the Biltmore Village Infrastructure Project. No action was taken at this time. The project is still in the design phase, with the project team incorporating feedback gathered from the community including the August joint recovery board meeting. The design will be reviewed at the Historic Resources Commission meeting in October before the plan is finalized.
        - Watch the Biltmore Village Infrastructure Project Update [12:41]
        - Biltmore Village Infrastructure Presentation (slide 18) at the September 8, 2026 City Council meeting
    2. City Council heard a report on the Azalea Parks & Infrastructure Project that included the recovery board's input. No action was taken at this time.
        - Watch the August 25, 2026 City Council Azalea Parks and Infrastructure Project discussion [11:24]

Supplemental Materials for October 5, 2026

91 Riverside Drive

- Following a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, RiverLink, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, submitted a proposal for a 15-year public-purpose lease to transform 91 Riverside Drive, a vacant, one-acre brownfield, into a flood-resilient public preserve. The proposal aims to facilitate the adaptive reuse of the property as a community asset by integrating ecological restoration, green infrastructure, and public art, without requiring capital from the City of Asheville's General Fund. RiverLink will assume full responsibility for project coordination, fundraising, and long-term site maintenance.
    - 91 Riverside Leasing Proposal Summary
    - 91 Riverside Drive Request for Proposal
    - 91 Riverside Evaluation Scoring Guide