

## HISTORY FAQ

1. **Maps from the Civil War show that the area which now floods on King Street was a waterway. According to the Historic Beaufort Foundation, this body of water “is a remnant of larger body of tidal water which until the early 20th century extended right and left along what is now King Street, isolated the land east of East Street and south of King Street on an island. The Civilian Conservation Corp created the basin in the 1930s.” Not surprisingly the flood path shown in figure 12 p 21 of the August 2022 report is nearly identical to the waterway that previously existed. Given the historical flow of water and the continued path of flooding in the same areas, why hasn’t the city considered that the waters -- at least in part -- should be piped up King Street directly into the river where it once flowed, instead of concentrating a large area of flood water into one small location?**
  - a. It is understood that at one time a waterway once paralleled King Street and that the extent of that waterway has been significantly reduced resulting in the current configuration of The Point. Currently, drainage for the contributing watershed is routed to the existing pond and through the outfall at Federal Street. Routing the drainage as proposed and constructing the proposed Pump Station is the most cost effective and least disruptive means to improve drainage system performance. Routing drainage further east along King Street would be far more impactful than that of the solution currently proposed in that it would affect far more trees and residents.