

From: Florine Morrison
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 8:29 PM
Subject: Support for re-location of beaver

To Mayor and Members of Council,

Re: Recommendation to move the Stanton Drain beaver to Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

It is my understanding that on October 30th there will be a new recommendation made to Council regarding the relocation of the beaver from the Stanton Drain. After further investigation, Environmental & Engineering Services has agreed that Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary has the facilities to provide for the beaver over the winter and best fulfills the City's pledge of humane re-location.

Experts* agree that moving beaver at this time of year; taking them away from their lodge/shelter and food supply is a death sentence. Even the best intentions of the City to deliver food to the beaver at Munsee-Delaware would not aid their survival. Immediately upon release at Munsee-Delaware they would start to travel, looking for their old habitat and fighting for territory before trying to settle in a new location. They will not benefit from any food delivered to the drop-off location and without shelter and protection they stand little chance of survival over the winter. It takes experience and practice and the proper traps (Hancock) to successfully live trap and move beaver. Howard Smith from Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary meets these qualifications.

I strongly urge you to support the recommendation from Engineering to have the Stanton Drain beaver humanely trapped and sent to Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary for the winter with plans to release them to the wild in the spring.

Sincerely,

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