



**City of Rochelle**  
Economic Development Department

## **Memo**

**To: City Manager Dave Plyman**  
**From: Jason Anderson**  
**Date: November 17, 2015**  
**Re: Flood Modeling – Rochelle Rail Expansion**

The City of Rochelle Railroad is currently operating at or above its designed capacity. Extending the rail system is necessary for further industrial development for rail related industries. The City and GREDCO own 2.2 miles of rail right of way south of the current terminus which will allow additional track to be built which will open 100's of acres to new development.

Before the rail can be extended it is necessary that a flood modeling and associated floodway/flood plain permitting study be done to determine how to manage the drainage and detention of storm water in conjunction with the rail construction. The cost of the study will be paid out of the railroad revenue funds which are exceeding budgeted levels for the current fiscal year. The Staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposal to proceed with the study.