

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-384

SYNOPSIS –

AGENDA:
AUGUST 24, 1998

As a result of the June 18, 1998, rainfall event and recent previous heavy rains, four properties in the Grandview Avenue area and one property in the Seventh Ward Ditch area need to be purchased immediately. These properties are in locations where storm sewer and combined system improvements are planned for Fiscal Years 1998-1999 and 1999-2000.

SUBJECT:
PURCHASE OF FIVE
PROPERTIES

TYPE:
**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

In order to provide an overland corridor for runoff and a corridor for planned storm sewer improvements, certain properties have been identified to be purchased and the structures removed to mitigate future flooding.

SUBMITTED BY:
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CITY ENGINEER

FISCAL IMPACT –

\$400,000 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Funds
\$ 80,000 Storm Sewer Capital Improvement Funds

RECOMMENDATION –

Authorization of the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of five residential properties.

BACKGROUND –

Certain properties have been identified from the June rain and previous heavy rain events, which experience sewer backups and overland flooding. Based on this previous experience, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for sanitary and storm sewers has targeted projects which will help to mitigate flooding in these areas. These projects included in the 1998-1999 CIP involve the purchase of five residential properties to provide a corridor for sewer construction and overland stormwater flow.

Because these projects are included in the CIP budget, they are able to proceed immediately. Other properties, which are required for establishment of an overland stormwater flow corridor and future sewer projects, are being included in the State Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application for Purchase. We have been informed that this program could take anywhere from three to six months for approval. Therefore, in order to proceed with the budgeted projects in a timely manner, the properties at 2940 State Avenue (Seventh Ward Ditch) and 737 Grandview Avenue, 818 Morton Avenue, 826 Morton Avenue, and 829 Morton Avenue (Grandview Avenue Area) are proposed to be purchased utilizing City funding only.

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