



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

00-531

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

NOVEMBER 20, 2000

28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines, Iowa, Des Moines Regional Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) and the Metro Waste Authority (MWA) to provide an integrated community education program designed to protect water quality in the urban watershed.

SUBJECT:

28E AGREEMENT
FOR THE URBAN
ENVIRONMENTAL
PARTNERSHIP

FISCAL IMPACT -

No funding is required for this action.

TYPE:

Approval.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

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In May 1999, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) issued the City a Permit for Discharges from the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This comprehensive permit requires the City to continue to implement a public education program which includes the following:

1. A program to promote, publicize and facilitate public reporting of illicit discharges, water quality impacts associated with discharges from the MS4 and improper disposal of material into the MS4.
2. A program to inform the public regarding the proper management and disposal of used oil and toxic materials.
3. A program to inform the public regarding the proper use and disposal of pesticides and fertilizers in order to minimize contamination of storm water.

The most cost-effective way to meet this requirement is to join with

other area agencies who share these goals. Through the Des Moines Water Works, the Urban Environmental Partnership (UEP) can provide an integrated community education program to reach all area K-8 grade schools with curriculum specifically tailored to address the requirements of the permit. The project manager for the UEP is a state-certified teacher who plans, manages, and implements the education program.

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