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	<p><b>Agenda Item No.</b> 15</p> <p><b>Roll Call No.</b> [ _____ ]</p> <p><b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-145</u></p> <p><b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.</b> City Engineer</p>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements necessary for various levee flood protection maintenance and system improvements along the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend authorization to acquire necessary property interests for the above project. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: To be determined by an independent appraisal after the right-of-way requirements have been determined.

Funding Source: 2011-12 CIP, Storm Water Improvements, Flood Protection System Improvements, FLD008, Page – Storm Water Improvements – 10.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

As a result of the levee inspections, the City of Des Moines will be required to make several maintenance and improvement projects, in various locations along the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers in order for existing levees to remain certified. These are storm water maintenance projects performed in conjunction with the levee projects that will protect the life and property of the citizens of Des Moines from the devastation of floods.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Establish fair market value and close on transactions.

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