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	Agenda Item No. 23 Roll Call No. <u>11-1713</u> Communication No. <u>11-636</u> Submitted by: William G. Stowe, Assistant City Manager – Public Works Director	

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the purchase of one acre of wetland mitigation credit from Dallas County, Iowa Voas Mitigation Bank, at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of one acre of wetland mitigation credit from Dallas County, Iowa Voas Mitigation Bank

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$25,000

Funding Source: 2011-2012 CIP – Page Storm Water Improvements-5, Closes Creek Watershed Improvements, STE068

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Wetland mitigation is required for construction activities for two previously completed stormwater detention basin projects: Closes Creek-Nierob Court Stormwater Improvements and Closes Creek Watershed – 26th Street Detention and Storm Improvements. The mitigation is a condition of the Corps of Engineers for the projects to be covered under Section 404 Nationwide Permit No. 43. Purchasing of wetland mitigation credits from the Voas Mitigation Bank (Voas) in Dallas County is the preferred method by the Corps to satisfy permit requirements and has also been determined by staff to be the most economical option in this instance. Voas is located upstream of Des Moines in the Raccoon River watershed and is the only wetland mitigation bank approved by the Corps of Engineers for the project locations. Any water quality improvements provided by the wetland construction will benefit waters of the Raccoon River through the City of Des Moines. The Dallas County Board of Supervisors has approved the sale of one acre of wetland mitigation credit to the City of Des Moines and is ready to provide the required credit upon a one-time payment not to exceed \$25,000.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 13, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1199

Action: [Closes](#) Creek Watershed – 26th Street Detention and Storm Improvements, Elder Corporation.
Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: July 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1314

Action: [The](#) Underground Company, Ltd.– Closes Creek-Neirob Court Storm Water Improvements.
Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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