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	Agenda Item No. 25 Roll Call No. [_____] Communication No. <u>13-338</u> Submitted by: Patrick J. Kozitza, Public Works Director (Interim) and Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the implementation of the Easter Lake Water Quality Management Plan.

SYNOPSIS:

In 2012 the City cooperated with other agencies to complete the Easter Lake Water Quality Management Plan (the Plan) which identified recommended improvements both in the lake and throughout the watershed to promote improved water quality. By Roll Call No. 12-1574 on October 8, 2012 Council committed funding toward Phase 1 of the Plan in support of a grant application by Polk Soil and Water Conservation District. An MOU has been recommended for approval which, while not committing additional funding, does identify partners who will be showing good faith efforts to cooperate for implementation of the Plan. Partners identified in the MOU include the City of Des Moines, Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District, Polk County Conservation Board, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Easter Lake, located within Easter Lake Park, has been a great recreational resource for the residents of Des Moines, Iowa since 1967. To improve the overall water quality of Easter Lake and the surrounding watershed, area stakeholders worked together to develop the Plan. The planning effort was co-sponsored by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, City of Des Moines, and Polk County Conservation Board. Other support agencies involved in review and development of the Plan included; the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Plan serves as the most current culmination of existing studies, citizen and stakeholder input, and the consultant's recommendations for structural and non-structural Best Management Practices intended to reduce delivery of pollutants to stormwater, reduce stormwater runoff, and renovate Easter Lake.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 8, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1574](#)

Action: [Supporting](#) Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Application for an Iowa Department of Natural Resources Watershed Implementation Grant to be used for Easter Lake Watershed, Project 1.

Date: February 27, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0358](#)

Action: [Intergovernmental](#) 28E Cooperative Agreement with Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Polk County Conservation Board to fund Easter Lake Water Quality Plan.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Cooperate with partners to implement projects identified in the Easter Lake Water Quality Management Plan.

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