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	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>15-606</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Jonathan A. Gano, Public Works Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing the execution of a 28E agreement with various entities for the Beaver Creek Watershed Management Authority.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the 28E Agreement with various Counties and Cities that make up the entire Beaver Creek Watershed in order to establish a Watershed Management Authority. This Authority will allow for improved coordination of policies and projects within the watershed.

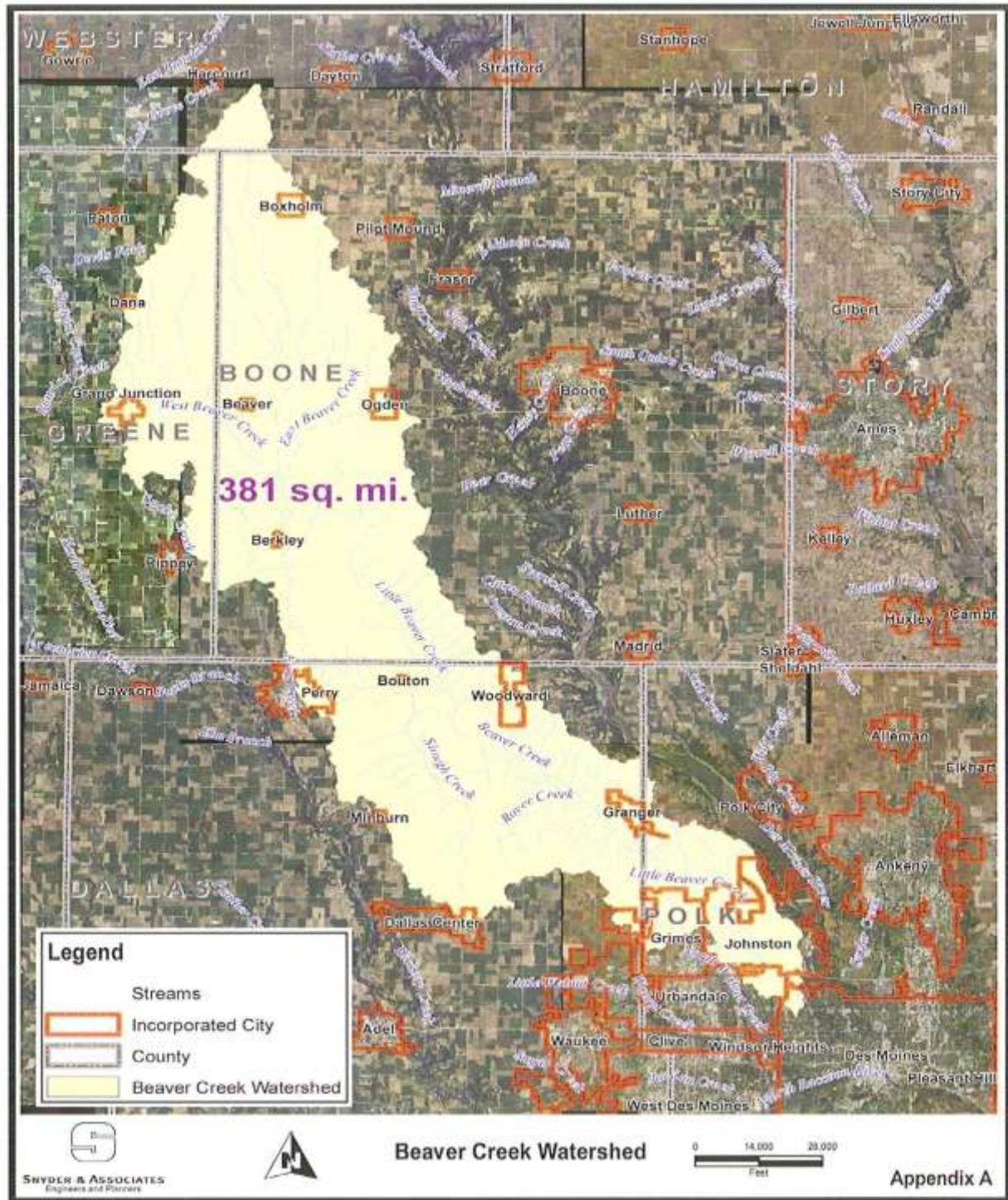
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: The Authority itself will not levy any fees. Any future project policy within the watershed requiring funding shall be budgeted and funded through the normal City budgeting process.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Beaver Creek watershed encompasses 381 square miles in Boone, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Warren counties including approximately 560 acres within the City of Des Moines. Entities eligible to become a member of the watershed include the cities of Beaver, Bouton, Boxholm, Dallas Center, Dana, Des Moines, Grand Junction, Granger, Grimes, Johnston, Minburn, Ogden, Perry, Urbandale, Woodward; the counties of Boone, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Webster; and the Boone, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Webster County Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The proposed Watershed Management Authority provides a framework to coordinate the various communities' flood and water quality mitigation activities. The Authority also allows for the opportunity to apply for state planning grants. These grants will assist in watershed wide policy development necessary to control future increases in flooding. The Authority does not have any powers to tax or levy fees or purchase property. The Authority is a coordination body. Any projects would require an individual community to be a sponsor. If a project were ever cost shared, individual cost sharing agreements would be developed at the time of the project initiation. The City has previously joined the Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority and Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority, making Beaver Creek the third watershed management authority that the City will have joined.



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

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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