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	Agenda Item No.	41
	Roll Call No.	<u>16-1419</u>
	Communication No.	<u>16-478</u>
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Agreement with Polk County to provide watershed coordination services to support metro area Watershed Management Authorities (WMA) and receive and file of Fourmile and Walnut Creek Watershed Master Plans.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Cooperative Agreement with Polk County to provide watershed coordination services to support Walnut Creek, Fourmile Creek, and Mud-Camp-Spring Creek Watershed Management Authorities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$32,000

Funding Source: 2016-17 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Storm-4, City-wide Storm Water Utility Improvements, SM057

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City is a member of the Walnut Creek and Fourmile Creek WMAs. Each WMA was created to support cooperation among communities to address water quality and flooding issues with an approach that considers the entire watershed. Each WMA received a grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) which funded the development of a watershed management plan. The Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Plan was completed in April 2015. The Walnut Creek Watershed Master Plan was completed in June 2016. Each plan identifies recommendations for improvements, education strategies, and policies that member communities can each choose to implement to support the overall betterment of the watersheds. Since the Watershed Management Authorities do not have staff or a permanent funding source it has been proposed that Polk County work with Polk Soil and Water Conservation District to provide staff that can support the implementation of plan recommendations among member communities. The support services will include coordination of meetings, water quality monitoring, education and outreach, seeking out funding sources, and supporting efforts to improve ordinances related to stormwater management.

Polk County has developed an agreement with Polk Soil and Water Conservation District to provide watershed coordination services in the amount of \$145,000 for one (1) year. Polk County is seeking funding from 24 members of the three (3) metro area WMAs to contribute to the cost of provide

watershed coordination services. Each member community's contribution is based on population and drainage area within the watersheds. Polk County will provide \$55,350, the City of Des Moines will provide \$32,000, and the remaining \$57,650 will be provided by other members of the three (3) WMAs.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 20, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-0702](#)

Action: [Intergovernmental](#) 28E Agreement with various entities for the Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority. ([Council Communication No. 15-205](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt; refer to the City Manager to compare the 28E for Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority to the 28E Agreement for the Four Mile Watershed Management Authority regarding the ability to have an association administer and raise funds to support the improvements and for possible amendment to the 28E for Four Mile. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Funding agreement to continue similar funding beyond the one (1) year term of this agreement may be considered for Council approval in future years.

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