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	Communication No.	<u>18-531</u>
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AGENDA HEADING:

Request to join the North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition (NRRWMC) and approving and authorizing the execution of a 28E agreement with various entities to become a party of the North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the 28E Agreement with various cities, counties, and soil and water conservation districts that make up the NRRWMC to allow for improved coordination of policies and projects within the watershed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: N/A

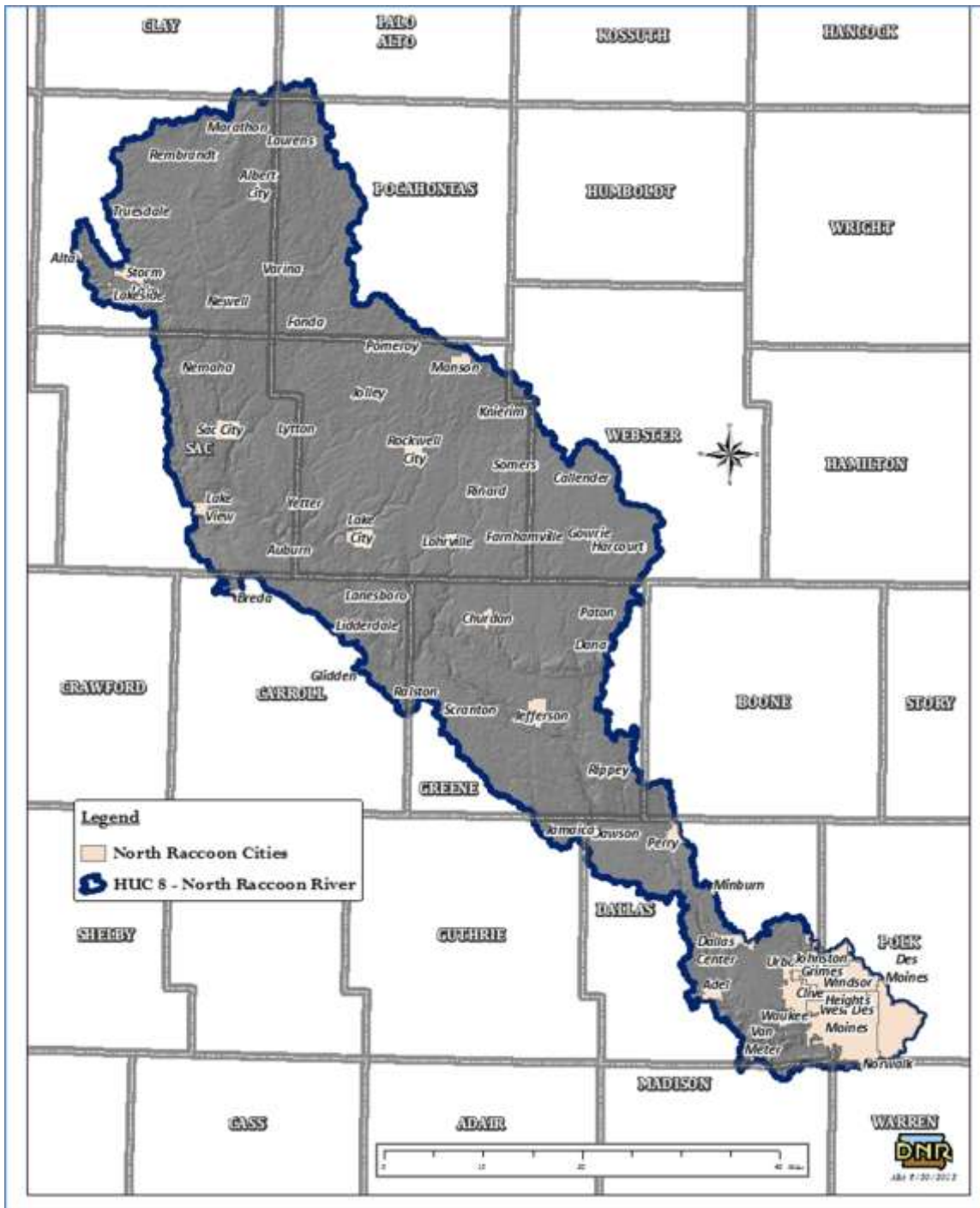
Funding Source: The NRRWMC itself does not levy any fees. Any future project or policy within the watershed requiring funding shall be budgeted and funded through the normal City budgeting process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The North Raccoon River watershed encompasses:
 - 2,471 square miles
 - 14 counties/soil water conservation districts
 - 57 Cities

- The NRRWMC was formed by a Chapter 28E Agreement with eligible political subdivisions within the watershed and is similar to the other watershed management authorities of which the City is already a member. A board of directors governs the NRRWMC, which may undertake the following activities:
 - Assess and reduce flood risk
 - Assess and improve water quality
 - Monitor federal flood risk planning and activities
 - Educate residents of the watershed regarding flood risks and water quality
 - Identify projects to reduce flooding and improve water quality
 - Allocate moneys made available to the Authority for purposes of flood mitigation and water quality

- The NRRWMC provides a framework to coordinate the various communities' flood and water quality mitigation activities. It also allows the opportunity to apply for state planning grants. These grants assist policy development necessary to better manage stormwater throughout the watershed. The NRRWMC does not have any powers to tax or levy fees or purchase property. The NRRWMC is a coordination body, any projects 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, Walnut Creek, North and Middle River, and Beaver Creek Watershed Management Authorities.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Staff time to attend meetings and provide input to the watershed planning process.

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