


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-334	Meeting:	August 5, 2019
	Agenda Item:	43	Roll Call:	19-1226
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Cooperative Agreement with Polk Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) to provide funding for an oxbow restoration project on private property in the Fourmile Creek Watershed, in an amount not to exceed \$34,500.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of agreement with PSWCD for a total not to exceed \$34,500 of City funds to be combined with other public and private funding for an oxbow restoration project in rural Polk County to be administered by PSWCD.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$34,500

Funding Source: 2019-2020 CIP, Page Storm – 4, City-wide Storm Water Utility Projects, SM057, Stormwater Utility revenue

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City has been a member of the Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority (WMA) since 2012 which resulted in completion of a watershed management plan in 2015. Cooperation and coordination has been ongoing with other members of the Fourmile Creek WMA including the hiring of a watershed coordinator to help implement the watershed plan recommendations.
- The watershed management plan identifies both rural and urban types of projects which benefit the water quality and quantity concerns of Fourmile Creek.
- PSWCD, as the watershed coordinator, has identified an opportunity with a willing private property owner to restore an oxbow along the main channel of Fourmile Creek north of Ankeny near the intersection of NE 126th Avenue and Hwy 69. The project location is adjacent to a recently approved pond project for which the City is providing funding with a different property owner. The restoration on an oxbow provides water quantity benefits by reconnecting floodplain areas and water quality benefits by restoring natural vegetation and habitat.

- The proposed agreement will provide City funding to PSWCD in the amount of \$34,500, which is 50% of the estimated construction cost of \$69,000. PSWCD will secure the remaining funding to complete the project from Polk County and the private property owner. PSWCD will administer the funds to reimburse the construction costs to the property owner and ensure the construction and maintenance meets Natural Resource Conservation Service standards and recommendations.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 15, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1116](#)

Action: [Cooperative](#) Agreement with Polk Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) to provide funding for a retention pond project in the Fourmile Creek Watershed, not to exceed \$20,000. ([Council Communication No. 19-323](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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