

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-359	Meeting:	August 23, 2021
	Agenda Item:	29	Roll Call:	21-1338
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Cooperative Agreement with Polk County and Polk Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) to provide funding for watershed improvements in Fourmile Creek Watershed, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of agreement with Polk County and PSWCD for a total not to exceed \$50,000 of City funds to be combined with other public funding for construction of water quality best management practices in rural Polk County within the Fourmile Creek Watershed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

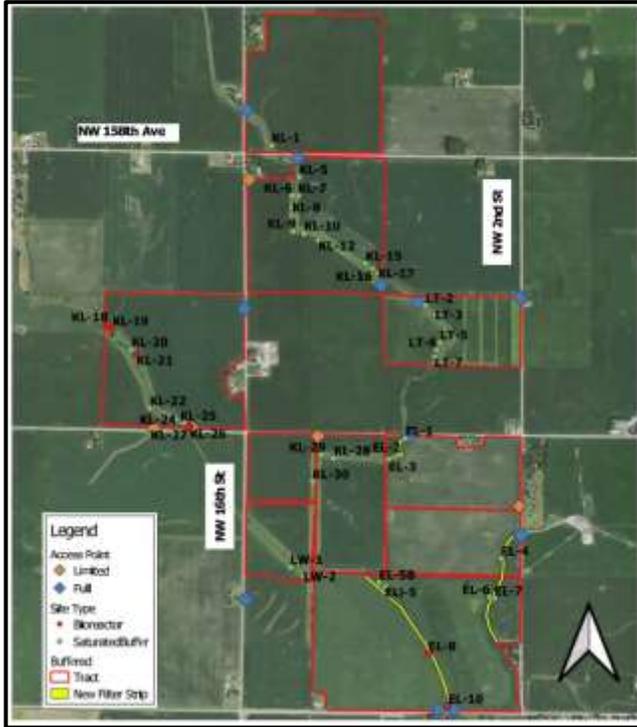
Amount: \$50,000

Funding Source: 2021-2022 CIP, Page 96, 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.
- Polk County as the Fourmile Creek watershed coordinator has identified an opportunity with willing private property owners to construct bioreactors, saturated buffers, and vegetated filter strips. The various best management practices will be designed according to Natural Resource Conservation Service standards and specifications to provide water quantity benefits by treating sub-surface drainage tile and surface runoff before it enters waterways tributary to Fourmile Creek.

- The proposed agreement will provide City funding in the amount of \$50,000 to Polk County, who will be the lead fiscal/contracting agent on the \$285,500 project at multiple sites on 11 properties. Polk Soil and Water Conservation District will be responsible to enter into and enforce a 10-year maintenance agreement with the private property owners to help ensure proper operation and maintenance of the best management practices for a period of 10 years.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 9, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1783](#)

Action: [Cooperative](#) Public Service Agreement between Polk County and the Central Iowa Watershed Management Authorities for the funding of a Watershed Coordinator position. ([Council Communication No. 20-471](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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