

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT
AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER QUALITY PRACTICES**

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Iowa DNR) is implementing a grant program focusing on improved green urban storm water best management practices as part of the state's I-JOBS legislation. As part of this grant program, Iowa DNR has approached the City indicating funding is available to match local funds for installation of three water quality practices on city property.

The three water quality facilities will be designed by Public Works Engineering staff and installed by Public Works Operations staff. One facility will be installed in the parking lot island on the west side of City Hall. This area will capture and treat storm water runoff from the bank site that currently flows onto the City Hall parking lot. The second and third facilities will be installed at the City operations facility located at 2207 Edison Street. One will be located on the west side of the building and the other located on the south side of the building. All of these facilities will be installed within the Skunk River Watershed. The grant is in the amount of \$32,820. The local match will be in-kind labor through the design and construction services of the Public Works Department.

As part of the grant agreement, education and outreach activities will be incorporated into the current Smart Watershed program. These will include signage at each of the facilities, including information about the facilities in public literature, as well as showcasing the facilities during events such as the Clean Water Festival and Public Works Open House.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the grant agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for installation of water quality practices. The Municipal Engineer would be authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the City.
2. Reject the proposed agreement.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Through approval of the grant agreement, the City will be able to move forward with a cost-sharing partnership to install three water quality practices on public property, thereby improving water quality within the community.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Grant Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for installation of water quality practices.