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Mayor John Haila and Members of Ames City Council
RDG Planning and Design
Kelly Diekmann, Planning and Housing Director
515 Clark Ave
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RE: Ames Urban Fringe Plan (AUFPP)

Dear Mayor Haila, Council Members, RDG Representatives, and Director Diekmann,

The Story County Board of Supervisors would like to thank Kelly and RDG representatives for the invitation extended to county staff to meet Tuesday, February 26, 2019, and provide input and feedback on the Ames Urban Fringe Plan (AUFPP) as it's reviewed in conjunction with the city's comprehensive plan update. The Board of Supervisors believes the AUFPP plays a significant role in land use and development and is an important partnership addressing planned growth.

The Board of Supervisors was presented with a memo outlining the areas that county staff discussed with RDG representatives, including previous items communicated by county staff to the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting, and we would like to highlight the key areas of primary importance to Story County:

- Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning
- Housing, including the work of the Story County Housing Trust, and urban growth areas in the Cornerstone to Capstone (C2C) Plan
- Reviewing whether Urban Residential Areas match-up with growth projections
- Reviewing Growth Priority Areas
- Adding policies to address rural water and provisions of full city services to Urban Services Areas

- Reviewing land use designations along HWY 30 corridor with regard to IDOT improvements

We appreciate this opportunity to provide feedback on a tool that has guided public and private development and land use decisions, and is an effective mechanism for planning future growth areas as well as protecting natural/sensitive areas. We look forward to working with Ames and Gilbert on reviewing the policies and land use map designations of the AUPF prior to its expiration in 2021, with a focus on the above identified key areas.

Please contact me or any members of the Story County Board of Supervisors if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Lauris Olson
Chairperson, Story County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Story County Board of Supervisors
Mayor John Popp and Members of Gilbert City Council
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Story County Planning and Zoning Commission