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Mayor John Haila and Members of the Ames City Council  
City of Ames  
515 Clark Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

Mayor Jon Popp and Members of the Gilbert City Council  
City of Gilbert  
105 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Gilbert, IA 50105

**RE: Final Extension of the Current Ames Urban Fringe Plan until April 30, 2023**

Dear Mayor Haila, Mayor Popp, and City Council Members,

At their December 6, 2022, meeting, the Board of Supervisors gave initial consideration to the edits made to the draft Ames Urban Fringe Plan by City of Ames staff. The Board also considered Gilbert's November 23, 2022, letter regarding the draft Plan. The Board will take action at its December 13, 2022, meeting to outline acceptance of any changes and any further requested edits/changes to the draft Plan in a letter to the cities of Ames and Gilbert.

The County appreciates Ames' time in working on the edits and providing a draft for further review by the other cooperators. The County also appreciates Gilbert's requests and the letter detailing their motivations.

**The current Ames Urban Fringe Plan expires on January 1, 2023. The Board understands that the other cooperators' remaining meeting dates prior to January are limited. Due to a desire to work through the remaining Plan issues while having the current Plan in effect, the Board of Supervisors voted to extend the current Fringe Plan until April 30, 2023.** Beyond clear subdivision review processes, having a Plan in place assists the County in review of any conditional use permit or rezoning requests.

**The County is asking the Ames and Gilbert City Councils to vote on extending the current Ames Urban Fringe Plan until April 30, 2023.** If an additional extension is approved, this will allow the cooperators adequate time to find agreement on key issues, prior to directing staff to move forward with creating a final draft of the Plan and holding public hearings.

Sincerely,

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Planning and Development Director

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Cc: Kelly Diekmann, Planning and Housing Director, City of Ames  
Sonia Arellano Sundberg, City Clerk, City of Gilbert

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