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Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Plan Provides Leadership in Protecting Iowa's Environment

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – August 28, 2015 – The Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority has adopted a sustainable environmental improvements plan for Fourmile Creek, a portion of which runs through the City of Pleasant Hill. The Fourmile Creek Watershed encompasses approximately 76,642 acres, covering 120 square miles primarily in Polk County.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 5:30 p.m., Snyder & Associates will present the Fourmile Watershed Management Plan to the City Council during a work session. We invite the public to attend the work session to learn more about the plan and provide input. Watershed improvements are extremely important to protect water quality in and around Fourmile Creek.

The watershed management authority and Snyder & Associates has worked hard to complete the Watershed Plan, which will benefit the counties of Boone, Polk, and Story to reduce damages from flooding, increase community safety, provide educational resources for the general public, and create expanded and improved recreational opportunities.

The authority was established in 2012, and participation from all eligible jurisdictions was critical to serve as a model and provide leadership in protecting Iowa's environment. The top priorities for the authority include flooding concerns along with soil and water quality in the watershed.

"The Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Plan is aimed at reducing sediment and bacteria levels in the creek," said Ben Champ, Vice Chair of the Watershed Management Authority and Assistant City Manager for the City of Pleasant Hill. "It's important for businesses and residents within Pleasant Hill to understand the City is committed to protecting creeks and streams within the community. We are working in conjunction with other cities to implement practices that are effective in minimizing our impacts on downstream jurisdictions."

To learn more about the Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Plan, visit fourmilecreekwatershed.org.

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