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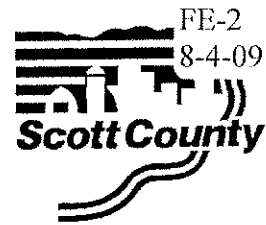
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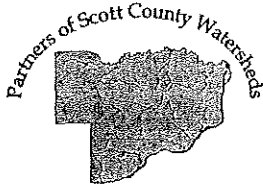
To: Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: July 27, 2009

Re: Request of the Partners of Scott County Watersheds for increase in Scott County annual contribution.

Attached is a letter from the Partners of Scott County Watersheds with a request to increase the County's funding for the coordinator position. Scott County has participated with the Partners of Scott County Watershed since its inception. Supervisor Liske and I serve as the County's representatives on the Partnership Board. Fifty percent of the funding for the coordinator position comes from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and passes through Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District. The matching funds for the local match for the position has come from a combination of contributions from grants, the District and participating partners. The Federal EPA Section 319 grant that has come through the Iowa DNR, that has funded part of the local match, is no longer available. Therefore the Partners are asking Scott County, and the cities of Bettendorf and Davenport to increase their contributions by another \$2,500 each per year. The representatives from the cities have indicated that the cities will approve this request.



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July 15, 2009

Mr. Tim Huey
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Dear Mr. Huey,

Partners of Scott County Watersheds (PSCW) would like to request an increase in Scott County Planning and Development's annual contribution. Over the past few years, Scott County Planning and Development's annual contribution of \$2,500 has supported a coordinator for Partners of Scott County Watersheds. PSCW would like to request that Scott County Planning and Development increase its annual donation from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Historically, PSCW's coordinator has been responsible for hosting monthly educational forums, semi-annual Snapshot Monitoring Events, educational booths at two environmental fairs and site coordinating for XStream Clean-up. During this time, the salary for PSCW's coordinator was primarily funded by a Section 319 grant provided by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency. Additional funding to increase the longevity of the project was provided through the City of Bettendorf's annual contribution of \$5,000, the City of Davenport's annual contribution of \$5,000, the Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual contribution of \$2,000, Scott County Planning and Development's annual contribution of \$2,500 and the Quad City Homebuilders Association's annual contribution of \$500.

As the role of PSCW in the community expanded, so have the coordinator's responsibilities. Currently, PSCW's coordinator is responsible for providing technical and financial assistance related to stormwater concerns for Scott County Citizens living in city limits. In the last nine months, PSCW's coordinator has completed 160 visits to urban residents in Scott County to offer solutions and assistance dealing with stormwater issues. and businesses. PSCW's coordinator is also responsible for educating contractors on sustainable stormwater solutions pre and post development, applications, installations and maintenance. Over the last 9 months, this coordinator has been responsible for providing education to 39 contractors in Scott County. PSCW's coordinator has implemented numerous stormwater best management practices in the Duck Creek watershed that filter pollutants and help to reduce flash flooding. These practices treat

and manage 65,000 gallons of stormwater, during every 1.25 inch rainfall event. The coordinator has assisted the Iowa Department of Natural Resources with weekly water quality testing in the Duck Creek Watershed, totaling twenty-four weeks of sampling. PSCW's coordinator has been responsible for the development and implementation of two, week long environmental day camps targeted at educating underprivileged minority youth in Scott County and Stormwater management solutions and hands on workshops for Habitat for Humanity Homes built in the summer of 2009. The coordinator attained grants to support both of these projects.

PSCW is no longer supported by a 319 grant. Currently, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship provides 50% of the funding need to support a coordinator. The other 50% must come from local sources. If Scott county Planning and Development and other partners increasing their annual donation, PSCW will be able to continue to educate Scott County residents and businesses owners, provide assistance and solution for stormwater concerns, improve the water quality in our watersheds and help reduce flash flooding in our urban streams.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please respond at your earliest convenience with Scott County Planning and Development's donation commitment for fiscal year 2010.

Sincerely,

Partners of Scott County Watersheds

