



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 7, 2025

**ITEM TITLE:** Stormwater Management Policy

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### **DISCUSSION:**

Staff initially started this discussion during the May 5, 2025, City Council Work Session. During that meeting, concerns were raised about the attached Stormwater Policy, which is largely a copy of the Manchester version.

Additionally, Wapsie Valley Creamery has expressed interest in providing feedback on this policy and has attached additional feedback they received, which they wish to share with the Council as we continue to work on this policy.

I reached out to David Carney, Director of SUDAS/Public Works Service Bureau, Institute for Transportation, at Iowa State University, also to ask if this policy would still be necessary if the City were to formally adopt SUDAS regulations.

Mr. Carney's advice was to adopt a Stormwater Management Policy AND adopt SUDAS as well. He also recommended that retention should be discouraged and only used if the site doesn't have access to drainage/storm sewer. He also recommended against the "variance" of "No storm water management facilities are required if storm water runoff from a development, up to and including the 100-year storm, can be piped or conveyed in its entirety to the Wapsipinicon River without significant adverse impact to intervening properties. Similar waivers of stormwater management requirements may be considered on other watersheds on a case-by-case basis."

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.