

# Presentation to Planning Agency July 17, 2006

## City of Des Moines Critical Areas Ordinance Update

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# Topics for Tonight's Meeting

- Overview of Background Information
- Discuss Wetland and Stream Categorization and Rating Systems
- Discuss Wetland and Stream Buffers
- Provide recommendation to Council Environment Committee

# Initial Findings from CA Inventory

- 1/3 of the way through the wetland categorizations
- Less than half of wetlands will be field verified
- Removing 20 wetlands from inventory and adding 7 wetlands
- A few full categorizations have been completed, including Parkside and Sonju parks wetlands
  - Parkside came through as a Category II under both the rough and full categorization
  - Sonju was upgraded from a Category II to a Category I based on full categorization

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- Stream Buffer Recommendations (cont.)
- Wetland Mitigation
- Geologic Hazardous Areas and Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs)