

Presentation to City Council July 27, 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 Planning Agency and Council Environment Committee recommendations
- Provide policy direction to staff

Initial Findings from CA Inventory

- 1/3 of the way through the wetland categorizations
- 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)