



Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors Meeting

To: Cities, Counties, Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and other stakeholders in the Lower Cedar Watershed

From: Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority

Subject: August 11, 2020 Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Quarterly Meeting including Lower Cedar Watershed Plan kickoff discussion with FYRA Engineering & ECICOG.

BACKGROUND: In 2010, Iowa lawmakers passed legislation authorizing the creation of Watershed Management Authorities (Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 466B Subchapter II). A Watershed Management Authority (WMA) is a mechanism for cities, counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and stakeholders to cooperatively engage in planning and management at the watershed scale. A WMA was formed for the Lower Cedar Watershed including parts of Cedar, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, and Scott Counties.

A WMA is formed by a Chapter 28E Agreement by two or more eligible political subdivisions within the watershed. A board of directors governs the WMA, which may undertake the following activities:

- Assess and reduce flood risk;
- Assess and improve water quality;
- Monitor federal flood risk planning and activities;
- Educate residents of the watershed regarding flood risks and water quality; and
- Allocate moneys made available to the Authority for purposes of water quality and flood mitigation.

A WMA does not have taxing authority and it may not acquire property through eminent domain.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: The quarterly meeting of the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority board of directors has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30. This public meeting will be held via a web conference call. (see Zoom call-in information below). Cities, Counties, SWCDs and other watershed stakeholders are encouraged to attend and learn how they can collaborate with this important organization.

MEETING AGENDA: The complete meeting agenda follows, in addition to the full list of invited cities, counties, and SWCDs. Please post the agenda in a public location and share the invitation widely with staff, elected officials, and other interested stakeholders.

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Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors Meeting

August 11, 2020 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Web Conference

Web Conference Instructions:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94345508520>

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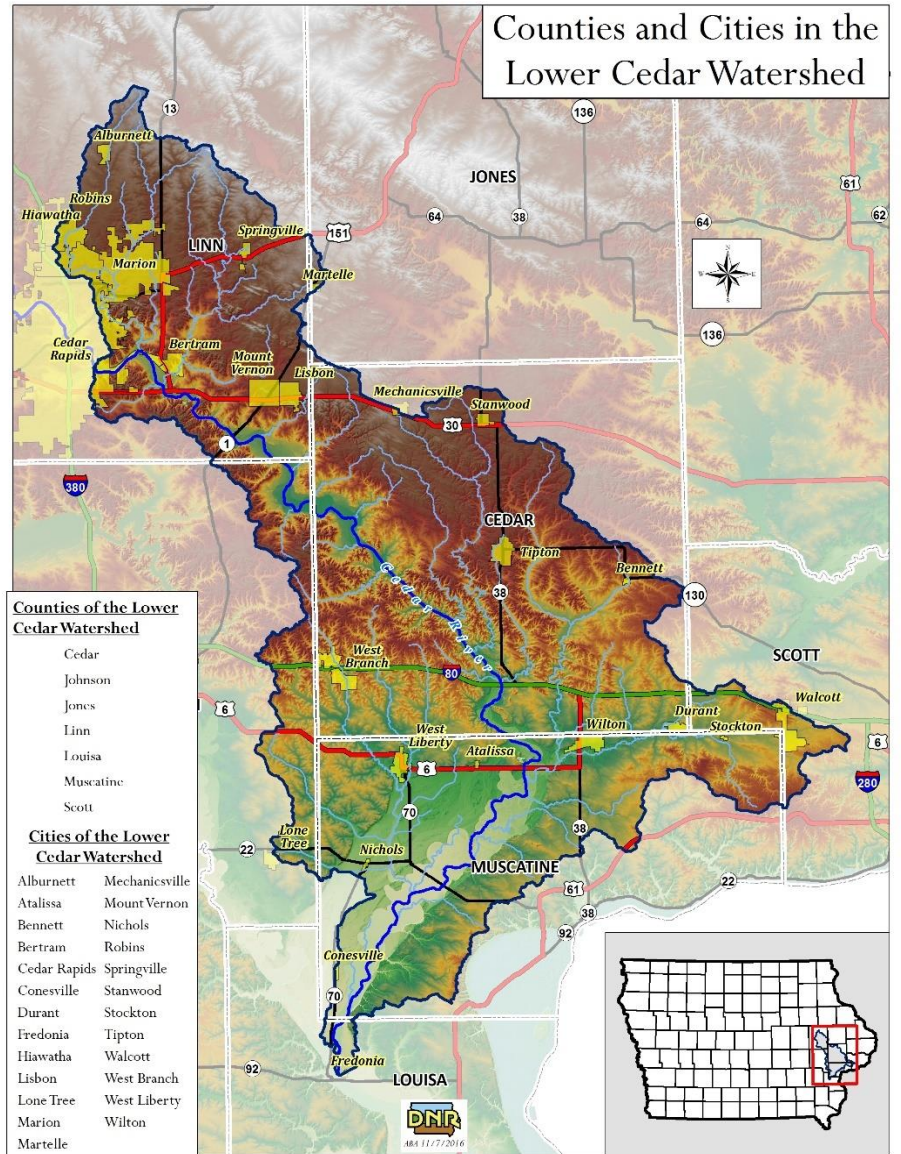
Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2020 Board meeting
3. Budget Update (5 min)
4. USDA-NRCS Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations Program grant application update (10 min)
5. LCWMA Watershed Plan Kickoff led by FYRA Engineering & ECICOG (approx. 1.5 hrs.)
 - *Discuss Vision and Measures of Success*
 - *Review of Scope*
 - *Review of Schedule*
 - *Gap Analysis: What do we know? What/where are the gaps?*
 - *Identification of other stakeholders/partners*
 - *Existing information, assessments, and plans*
 - *Existing "wish list" projects and/or problem areas*
 - *Best management practices (most used, most needed)*
 - *Issues and conditions unique to the Lower Cedar River and its watershed*
 - *Habitat, cultural, and social considerations*
6. Other Business
 - a. Member updates, announcements, events
7. Next Meeting – November 10, 2020 @ 6:30 PM (location TBD)
8. Adjournment

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Lower Cedar WMA – Eligible Members

Counties & SWCDs	Cities
Cedar	Alburnett
Johnson	Atalissa
Jones	Bennett
Linn	Bertram
Louisa	Cedar Rapids
Muscatine	Conesville
Scott	Durant
	Fredonia
	Hiawatha
	Lisbon
	Lone Tree
	Marion
	Martelle
	Mechanicsville
	Mount Vernon
	Nichols
	Robins
	Springville
	Stanwood
	Stockton
	Tipton
	Walcott
	West Branch
	West Liberty
	Wilton



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