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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS NO. 09006:)
TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE LANCASTER)
COUNTY LAND SUBDIVISION RESOLUTION,) RESOLUTION NO. R-09-0071
TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.16 TO)
SECTION 2.27; AND CHAPTER 6,)
SECTION 6.01 AS PROVIDED IN)
ATTACHMENT "A")

WHEREAS, the Director of Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, at the request of the Director of Public Works and Utilities and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, requests an amendment to Chapter 2, Sections 2.16 to 2.27 of the Lancaster County Land Subdivision Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, at the request of the Director of Public Works and Utilities and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, requests an amendment to Chapter 6, Section 6.01 of the Lancaster County Land Subdivision Resolution; and

WHEREAS, such text amendments are provided in Attachment "A," attached hereto and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2009, the Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended approval of said text amendments; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2009, the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County conducted a public hearing regarding County Miscellaneous No. 09006, and voted to approve the text amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County, Nebraska that the Lancaster County Land Subdivision Resolution be amended as provided in Attachment "A."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other references in said Resolution which may

be affected by the above specified amendments be, and hereby are, amended to conform to such specific amendments.

DATED this 15 day of September, 2009, at the County-City Building,
Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
this 15 day of
September, 2009.
[Signature]
for GARY E. LACEY
Lancaster County Attorney

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER
COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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COUNTY BOARD FACTSHEET

TO : County Clerk
 ATTENTION : Angela Zocholl
 FROM : Marvin S. Krout, Director of Planning 
 RE : **County Miscellaneous No. 09006**
 (Text amendment to Lancaster County Land Subdivision Resolution)
 DATE : August 24, 2009

1. This text amendment to the County Land Subdivision Resolution, the associated text amendment the County Zoning Resolution (County Change of Zone No. 09017) and Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 09006 were heard at the same time before the Planning Commission. The Public Works & Utilities, Watershed Management Division, will also be submitting a request for resolution approving the Little Salt Creek 100-year Floodprone Area and revised Floodway as the "best available information" for local flood regulation purposes.
2. Attached is the Planning staff report (p.2-8 and 11-12) and the minutes of the Planning Commission (p.9-10) on **County Miscellaneous No. 09006**, requested by the Director of Public Works and Utilities and the General Manager of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, to amend the Lancaster County Land Subdivision Resolution (Chapter 2) to add a definition for "Floodprone Area" and to add provisions for regulating locally-adopted "Floodprone Areas" relative to subdivisions in the same way that FEMA floodplains are regulated (Chapter 6). The proposed language is found on p.5-8.
3. The staff recommendation of approval is based upon the "Analysis" as set forth on p.3-4, concluding that the proposed amendments will implement the recommendations of the Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan; are in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan; and will harmonize with the floodplain amendments already adopted by the Lincoln City Council in 2004.
4. The applicant's testimony is found on p.9-10, and testimony in support by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is found on p.10.
5. There was no testimony in opposition.
6. On August 12, 2009, the Planning Commission agreed with the staff recommendation and voted 8-0 to recommend approval (Esseks, Taylor, Partington, Cornelius, Francis, Gaylor Baird, Larson and Sunderman voting 'yes').

Please take the necessary steps to schedule this item on the County Board agenda. A hearing date of **Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m.** is requested. The Commissioners have previously been briefed on this legislation.

If you need any further information, please let me know (441-6365).

cc: County Board
 County Attorney
 County Engineer
 Kerry Eagan, County Commissioners
 Gwen Thorpe, County Commissioners
 Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Public Works & Utilities
 Ed Kouma, Public Works & Utilities, Watershed Management
 Glenn Johnson, Lower Platte South NRD

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LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING STAFF REPORT

for August 12, 2009 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

PROJECT #: County Change of Zone No. 09017 and **County Misc. No. 09006**

Note: This is a combined staff report for related items. This report contains a single background and analysis section for all items.

PROPOSAL: Text amendment to the County Zoning and Subdivision Resolutions to add provisions for regulating locally-adopted Floodprone Areas and Floodways

LOCATION: Various chapters of the County Zoning and Subdivision Resolutions

CONCLUSION: These amendments will implement the recommendations of the Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan, be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and harmonize with floodplain amendments already adopted by the City of Lincoln in 2004.

RECOMMENDATION:	Approval of the attached text
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GENERAL INFORMATION:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Change of Zone 09017 amends sections of Article 2 Definitions and Article 11 Floodplain District Regulations of the County Zoning Resolution.

Miscellaneous 09006 amends sections of Chapter 2 Definitions and Chapter 6 Subdivision Within floodplain of the County Subdivision Resolution.

ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS: Comprehensive Plan Amendment # 09006 to add the Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SPECIFICATIONS: Provisions of the 2030 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan state:

Riparian, Floodplains, and Stream Corridors – Streams and their adjoining corridors snake their way through much of Lancaster County. Throughout the region, surface water runoff flows into these stream corridors that typically consist of floodplains and riparian areas. These are instrumental in providing habitat and water infiltration benefits, along with serving as connectors to natural areas. Pg 54

Obtain reasonably constrained regulations – Maintaining a balance between the natural and human built environment is always a delicate one. Planning policy and regulatory approaches employed in achieving the Plan’s Vision and Greenprint Challenge should strive to be effective, tempered, pragmatic, circumscribed, and respectful of private property rights. Pg 56

Clean air, clean water, parks and open space, mature trees, signature habitats, and prime and productive farmlands are valuable assets. Conservation areas, floodplains, green spaces, and parks define, and help create linkages between, neighborhoods and surrounding population centers. The Comprehensive Plan takes into consideration the effects of natural events and characteristics not only upon localized development, but also upon the community as a whole, upon private ownership issues,

and upon recreational opportunities. The Plan thus commits Lincoln and Lancaster County to preserve unique and sensitive habitats and endorses creative integration of natural systems into developments.

The following principles are based on this Environmental Stewardship statement and describe the desired end state:

◆ Natural and environmentally sensitive areas are preserved and thrive. Wetlands, native prairies and stream (riparian) corridors are preserved to ensure the ecological health of the community.

Environmental Resources: Land and water masses which are of particular importance for maintenance and preservation, such as saline wetlands, native prairie, and some floodway and riparian corridors. Such areas may be either publicly or privately owned.
Agricultural Stream Corridor: Land intended to remain in open space, predominately in agricultural use, but that may also include parks, recreation fields, or parking areas when near future commercial, industrial, or public uses. Such areas will be primarily privately owned, but may also include some public ownership or easements. These areas are mostly in the 100 year floodplain, outside of the existing Lincoln urban development. Pg 16

In April of 2003, the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force developed policy standards for floodplains that took into consideration the natural functions played by these areas. These policy recommendations have been incorporated into the watershed management strategies included in the Utilities section of the Comprehensive Plan. Many recommendations have also been incorporated into the zoning and subdivision codes.

Environmental Resources

Seek the routine use of “Best Management Practices” in implementing stormwater management policy so that the potential for sedimentation problems are minimized.

Further discussion of floodplain and stormwater management considerations and strategies is provided within the Utilities section. Pg 61

The City of Lincoln is in the process of developing an integrated watershed management program combining previously separate floodplain and stormwater management initiatives. This approach recognizes that floodplains, tributaries, and upland areas are all part of a comprehensive, integrated watershed system.

A comprehensive watershed management program will need to incorporate a range of strategies including land use planning, conservation efforts, appropriate standards for floodplains and stormwater, flood warning system development/expansion, stream stabilization, stormwater storage basins, and other structural flood control efforts.

Utilities

As part of the overall watershed management program, the City is also developing a Master Watershed Management Plan. This plan will provide information and computer models to aid in analyzing stormwater management alternatives. A Beal Slough Stormwater Master Plan has already been prepared and adopted by the City. Similar management plans for other basins will be created and implemented by the City. Such plans are formulated in cooperation with other local, state and federal agencies. Pg 78.

ANALYSIS:

1. The Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan, a joint project of the City of Lincoln and the Lower Platte South NRD, in cooperation with Lancaster County, has been completed and proposed to be added to the list of subarea plans in the Comprehensive Plan. This basin extends to the northern county line and includes a substantial area within the jurisdiction of Lancaster County, as well as the area in the Lincoln three mile jurisdiction.
2. The Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan is the sixth master planning effort and provides updated and more accurate floodplain and floodway information in the Little Salt Creek Basin. The study recommends the adoption of regulations to apply best available information.

3. This amendment adds the definition of "Floodprone" to the County Zoning and Subdivision and then adds "floodprone" into the flood plain regulations of the zoning and subdivision resolutions.
4. The City of Lincoln has previously adopted zoning and subdivision provisions to apply best available information.
5. The Lancaster County Board has requested zoning and subdivision revisions be developed and brought forward for their consideration.

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PROPOSED LANGUAGE

COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS # 09006

Subdivision

CHAPTER 2 **DEFINITIONS**

Sec. 2.01. DEFINITIONS -- GENERALLY. For the purpose of this resolution, certain words, phrases and terms shall be construed as set out in this paragraph.

Sec. 2.02. ALLEY. Alley shall mean a public way not designed for general travel or to allow through vehicular traffic, used as a secondary access to the rear or side of lots, which shall in no way be a street.

Sec. 2.03. BOARD. Board shall mean the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Sec. 2.04. COMMISSION. Commission shall mean the Lincoln City - Lancaster County Planning Commission.

Sec. 2.05. COMMUNITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM. Community wastewater system means any system, whether publicly or privately owned, serving two or more lots, for the collection and treatment of wastewater or industrial wastes of a liquid nature, including various devices for the treatment of such wastewater or industrial wastes.

Sec. 2.06. COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM. Community water system means any system, including various devices to supply the water, whether publicly or privately owned, serving two or more lots, supplying an adequate amount of potable water to the occupant of the lot or lots.

Sec. 2.07. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. Comprehensive Plan shall be the general plan for the improvement and development of the County outside the jurisdiction of any city or village as provided by Section 23-174.05 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943 and as provided by Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Sec. 2.08. CORNER LOT. Corner lot means a lot which has frontage on two intersecting streets or roads.

Sec. 2.09. COUNTY. County shall mean the County of Lancaster.

Sec. 2.10. COUNTY CLERK. County Clerk shall mean the County Clerk of the County of Lancaster.

Sec. 2.11. COUNTY ENGINEER. County Engineer shall mean the County Engineer of the county of Lancaster.

Sec. 2.12. CUL-DE-SAC. Cul-de-sac means a local street or road which terminates in a permanent turnaround and which by design is not intended to continue beyond its terminal point.

Sec. 2.13. DOUBLE FRONTAGE LOT. Double frontage lot means a lot which has a frontage on two (2) nonintersecting streets or roads.

Sec. 2.14. FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY. Flood Insurance study (FIS) shall mean the Flood Insurance Study for Lancaster County, Nebraska and Incorporated Areas published by FEMA in conjunction with

the FIRM and containing background data such as base flood discharges and water surface elevations used to prepare the FIRM. (Resolution R-01-75, August 21, 2001)

Sec. 2.15. FLOOD PLAIN. Flood plain shall mean those lands within the zoning jurisdiction of the County of Lancaster which are subject to a one percent (1%) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The regulatory flood plain for this title shall be based on the official Flood Insurance Rate Map or Flood Boundary and Floodway Map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Insurance Administration and any revision thereto. Copies of the said maps shall be on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Sec. 2.16. FLOODPRONE AREA. Those lands subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year, as determined by hydrologic and hydraulic studies completed by the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, or other government agency, or other acceptable source as approved by the County where this is the best available information.

Sec. 2.17. FRONTAGE. Frontage means that portion of a parcel of property which abuts on a public street or road.

Sec. 2.18. HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Health department shall mean the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Sec 2.19. INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM. Individual wastewater system means a wastewater system, other than a public or community system, which receives either human excreta or liquid waste, or both, from no more than one lot. Included within the scope of this definition are wastewater stabilization ponds, septic tank soil-absorption systems, chemical-type systems, and such other types of systems as may be similar to those specified herein.

Sec. 2.20. INDIVIDUAL WATER WELL SYSTEM. Individual water well system means a water system, including various devices to supply the water, other than a public or community water system, which supplies adequate potable water to no more than one lot.

Sec. 2.21. LOT. Lot means: (a) A portion of real property containing at least the area required, at the time it was created by the zoning district in which it is or was located, abutting at least one public street, road, or private roadway, or

(b) a parcel of real property with a separate and distinct number or other designation shown on a final plat approved by the Lancaster County Board recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Sec. 2.22. OUTLOT. A parcel of real property having the same definition as a "lot" as defined hereinbefore, but not presently designated for building or occupancy, reserved for future building or occupancy after platting and subdivision, which present and proposed future use must be designated by the subdivider at the time of filing of the initial plat.

Sec. 2.23. MAJOR HIGHWAY, STREET OR ROAD. Major highway, street or road is a highway, street or road shown on the Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Board.

Sec. 2.24. PLANNING DIRECTOR. Planning Director shall mean the administrative head of the Planning Department as provided by Section 23.174.04 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943 and as provided by Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Sec. 2.25. SUBDIVISION. Subdivision shall mean the division of a lot, tract or parcel of land into two or more lots, sites or other divisions of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of ownership of building development, except that the division of land shall not be considered to be subdivision when the

smallest parcel created is more than ten (10) acres.

Sec. 2.26. TEMPORARY DEAD-END STREET OR ROAD. Temporary dead-end street or road shall mean a street which is terminated at the boundary line of the subdivision, but which will be required to be extended at a later date to provide access to abutting land.

Sec. 2.27. TEMPORARY TURNAROUND. Temporary turnaround shall mean a surfaced area for the turning of vehicles at the end of a temporary dead-end street or road.

CHAPTER 6

FLOOD REGULATIONS FOR SUBDIVISION

Sec. 6.01. SUBDIVISION OF LAND WITHIN FLOOD PLAIN OR FLOODPRONE AREA. There shall be no platting or subdivision of land allowed by the Board within the area defined as a floodplain or floodprone area unless the following conditions are met:

(a) It is determined by the Board after receipt of additional hydrological or grade studies from the subdivider or appropriate federal or state agencies that the lands to be developed are no longer subject to be covered by flood water of a 100-year frequency flood, or

(b) The location, grade, and flood-proofing of all proposed water mains and wastewater collectors which are to be extended into or through any portion of the floodplain or floodprone area to serve the proposed development shall first be approved by the Board prior to the extensions of such utilities into the floodplain or floodprone area.

(c) That the development of any land located within the floodplain or floodprone area will be accomplished so as to completely protect all areas of habitation and employment by raising of the ground elevation to at least one (1) foot above the 100-year frequency flood. The raising of the ground shall be accomplished in such a manner that the general flow and storage of water is not unduly restricted or limited and will not cause flood hazards to other lands and developments, either within the proposed subdivision or otherwise, and that said protection shall be accomplished without creating the need of significant public expenditures for flood control.

(d) That any proposed use which is located within a floodplain or floodprone area shall not include buildings which are inhabited and will be limited to such uses as open space, streets, and parking areas on that portion of the land within the floodplain or floodprone area where significant damage to life and property from flooding is more likely to occur. Any use approved to be located on land which is included within an area designated as a floodplain or floodprone area shall be approved only where the following factors have been considered and arrangements have been made which area satisfactory to the Board.

(1) The danger to life and property by water which may be backed up or diverted by such obstruction or land use;

(2) The danger that the obstruction or land use will be swept downstream to the injury of others;

(3) The availability of alternate locations;

(4) The construction or alteration of the obstruction in such a manner as to lessen any danger;

(5) The permanence of the obstruction or land use;

(6) The anticipated development in the foreseeable future of the area in which the proposed subdivision is to be located which may be affected by the obstruction or land use; and

(7) Any additional conditions adopted by the Board to ensure proper use of the areas within the floodplain or floodprone area.

(e) The proposed centerline grade of streets, roads, or private roadways located within the floodplain or floodprone area that are necessary to serve the proposed development shall not be more than one (1) foot below the 50-year frequency flood elevation.

(f) Any area within a floodplain or floodprone area from which fill is taken shall be hydrologically designed and maintained to reduce the likelihood of becoming refilled by silt. The subdivider must make arrangements satisfactory to the Board binding his/her successors and assigns, to regrade or remove such silt as is necessary to return any area to its approved design after flooding has occurred. Any area from which fill is taken within a floodplain or floodprone area shall be at a grade that will continue to permit adequate drainage into the stream or watercourse. If a water area is to be maintained within the floodplain or floodprone area, consideration shall be given to the effect the water area may have upon the flooding of both the land within the floodplain or floodprone area and other lands outside of the flood plain or floodprone area.

The subdivider shall obtain the approval of the County Engineer for any modifications in the location or design of the borrow area within the floodplain or floodprone area.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 09006,
LITTLE SALT CREEK WATERSHED MASTER PLAN,
COUNTY CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 09017 and
COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS NO. 09006**

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:

August 12, 2009

Members present: Esseks, Taylor, Partington, Cornelius, Francis, Gaylor Baird, Larson and Sunderman.

Ex Parte Communications: None.

Staff recommendation: Approval.

Staff presentation: **Mike DeKalb of Planning staff** stated that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment amends three pieces of the Comprehensive Plan as well as updating the Land Use Maps. The two text amendments change the county zoning and subdivision regulations to incorporate "floodprone areas" so that the best available information can be applied in the regulations as the best available floodplain information.

Proponents

1. Ed Kouma, Public Works & Utilities, Watershed Division, stated that the Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan is the sixth in the series that have been done for the City. The purpose of the master plan is to create long term planning tools and improvement projects for water quality, flood management and stream stability to provide guidance for sustainable urban growth.

Floodplain mapping was done in the study and the floodprone areas were updated. The study shows the existing approved FEMA floodplain maps. Some of the areas, which are mostly at the extension of the tributaries, are now included as defined floodplains that were not previously defined. The items before the Planning Commission are to make the revisions to the county zoning and subdivision regulations to add provision for regulating locally adopted floodprone areas and floodways. This mirrors the regulations in the city jurisdiction.

Kouma went on to advise that the study identified problems throughout the basin. Eighteen stream stability projects were identified with recommendations as possible improvements to the basin to improve water quality and stream stability. The recommendations were for grade control at bridges and for silt-in basins. Other recommendations include stormwater BMP's and recommendations for future development which would include testing for dispersive soils. Approval of the study adopts floodprone areas as best available information.

There are other recommendations for bridges and culverts, natural resources, riparian corridor and water quality, but these were not recommended as projects.

Kouma suggested that the public process was key throughout the study. Two open houses were held, there were mailings and two committees were formed to assist the study team. The Web site has been maintained throughout the study – keyword “watershed”.

Adoption of the Master Plan is recommended. The request is to add the master plan to the list of approved subarea plans and watershed studies. The proposed future land use plan updates the agricultural stream corridor and environmental resources land uses to reflect the updated floodprone area and floodway information. This is consistent with updates that have been made in other watersheds.

Kouma pointed out that the majority of the watershed has agricultural land use designation. Two areas extend slightly into the industrial/commercial areas and urban residential land uses. Those areas are still zoned for agricultural use. The commercial area near Interstate 80 was already zoned so it was not updated with these changes.

2. Paul Zillig, Assistant Manager of the Lower Platte South NRD, testified in support, The NRD was a partner with the City in preparing this plan. The Board met in July and approved the plan and recommends the Planning Commission approval as well.

There was no testimony in opposition.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 09006
ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:

August 12, 2009

Larson moved approval, seconded by Gaylor Baird.

Sunderman commented that this is not the first watershed study the Planning Commission has been through. The issues have come forward previously and the Commission is fairly familiar with them.

Motion for approval carried 8-0: Esseks, Taylor, Partington, Cornelius, Francis, Gaylor Baird, Larson and Sunderman voting ‘yes’. This is a recommendation to the Lancaster County Board and the Lincoln City Council.

COUNTY CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 09017
ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:

August 12, 2009

Francis moved approval, seconded by Cornelius and carried 8-0: Esseks, Taylor, Partington, Cornelius, Francis, Gaylor Baird, Larson and Sunderman voting ‘yes’. This is a recommendation to the Lancaster County Board.

COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS NO. 09006
ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:

August 12, 2009

Cornelius moved approval, seconded by Francis and carried 8-0: Esseks, Taylor, Partington, Cornelius, Francis, Gaylor Baird, Larson and Sunderman voting ‘yes’. This is a recommendation to the Lancaster County Board.



July 14, 2009

Marvin Krout, Planning Director
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Dear Marvin:

This is a request by the Public Works and Utilities Department and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) to place three items on the August 12, 2009 Planning Commission agenda:

1. An amendment to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to add the Little Salt Watershed Master Plan to the list of sub-area plans in the Plan Implementation section and to the list of watershed studies in the Utilities section; and to amend the Lincoln Area and Lancaster County future land use maps to ensure the Agricultural Stream Corridor, Green Space, and Environmental Land Uses are consistent with the updated Floodprone Area and Floodway boundaries as appropriate.
2. At the direction of the County Board, proposed revisions to the County Zoning Regulations to add provisions for regulating locally-adopted Floodprone Areas and Floodways.
3. At the direction of the County Board, proposed revisions to the County Subdivision Regulations to add provisions for regulating locally-adopted Floodprone Areas and Floodways.

The Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan is a joint project of the City of Lincoln and NRD in cooperation with the County, and it represents the sixth master planning effort to date. Master Plans for Beal Slough, Cardwell Branch, Stevens Creek, Southeast Upper Salt Creek, and Deadmans Run have previously been adopted as subarea plans. The Little Salt Creek Watershed Master Plan was initiated in order to develop long-term planning tools and improvement projects to address water quality, flood management, and stream stability to provide guidance for sustainable urban growth in the watershed. The Master Plan consists of four major elements: 1) Floodplain Management Tools, 2) Capital Improvement Projects, 3) Stormwater Best Management Practices, and 4) Other Improvement Recommendations.

The enclosed Plan represents an extensive and inclusive public process to solicit input from a broad range of stakeholder groups, which included the involvement

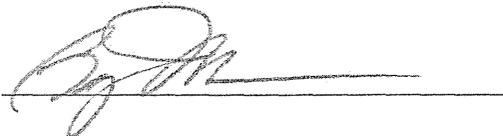
of a 16-member Citizen Advisory Committee and a 14-member Technical Advisory Committee, two open house public meetings, a series of five newsletters, and a project web site, all of which are detailed in the Master Plan.

The intent is to bring resolutions before the City Council and County Board in tandem with the above three items to adopt the Little Salt Creek Floodprone Area and Floodway as the best available information for local regulatory purposes. While the City has an ordinance in place as a basis for adopting updated Floodprone Area information, the County does not yet have regulatory provisions to recognize the updated information. Because such a large portion of the Little Salt Creek watershed is within the County's zoning jurisdiction, the County Board requested revisions to the County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations be brought before them for their consideration.

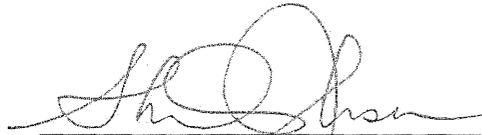
The entire Master Plan, together with information regarding the process for its development, can be found online at lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: "watershed."

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact Ed Kouma in the Public Works and Utilities Department, ekouma@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-7018.

Sincerely,



Greg MacLean, Director
Public Works & Utilities Dept.



Glenn Johnson, General Manager
Lower Platte South NRD

cc: Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Ben Higgins, Ed Kouma - PW/U Dept.
Mike DeKalb - Planning Dept.
Doug Pillard - Co. Engineering
Tom Fox - County Attorney's Office
Lynn Johnson, J.J. Yost, Terry Genrich - Parks Dept.
Paul Zillig - Lower Platte South NRD
Mark Meyer - Intuition & Logic
Milan Wall - Heartland Center for Leadership Development

Attachments: 1 bound copy of Watershed Master Plan with CD
12 copies of Executive Summary with CD of full Master Plan