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Ames-Gilbert-Story County Fringe Agreement

Proposal dated 23 November 2022
Jon Popp, Mayor of Gilbert

The Fringe Agreement is due to expire at the end of 2022. It is a valuable tool to reduce confusion and help landowners and developers plan for how the land between Ames and Gilbert can be used in the future.

I propose the following be used in the new agreement among these three entities for the space bounded by:

- US Hwy 69 to the East
- George Washington Carver Ave. to the West
- 190th street to the South
- 180th street to the North

Target areas of agreement:

- Gilbert will not plan to annex any land South of 180th street
- Ames will not plan to annex any land North of 190th street
- Story Co will oversee any developments in this area to be sure it fits with the type of developments already in this area
- Water service is already provided in this area by Zenia Rural Water District
- If water service is needed for fire protection, Gilbert will allow connection to their water system (new facility build in 2021)
- Fire service is already provided in this area by Gilbert Franklin fire district
- Gilbert will confirm it will provide sewer service if a connect is needed (capacity increased in 2020)
- The landowners will be responsible for storm water release at a rate the current drainage districts handle water
- Story County will be responsible for leading efforts to improve safe traffic flows in this area

The following Key benefits of this plan will be:

- This will preserve the funding of the Gilbert Franklin Fire district
- The landowners will be responsible for their land's future use
- The landowners will have a choice in how their land is used
- Gilbert will remain a rural community not contiguous with any other community – this is critical in preserving access to future grants (***Iowa Rural Enrichment Grant*** as example)
- Prime farmland will be preserved into the future

Sincerely,



Jonathan C. Popp, Mayor
City of Gilbert, Iowa

Letter approved during Gilbert City Council meeting; November 28, 2022.

Cc: Kelly Diekmann, Ames Planning and Housing Director
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