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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. And Senator Schrock, can you explain to me why these three cities were chosen to be the first ones that were...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...that some work is to be done on?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Because...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Why South Sioux City? It's not the third-largest city in the state.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Because...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Would you respond?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Because of the problems with their infrastructure; because of the problems with runoff. That's the reason those three were chosen by the federal government, the three that are targeted, that have the problem that the program needs to address to start with.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Is that because of the amount of concrete or hard surface that are in those cities, that the water goes off into the storm sewers at a higher rate of speed, and actually creates more runoff in those three cities?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I presume that's the reason, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: And I understand that everyone in the state, no matter where they live, is paying towards their local NRDs. Is that correct? If I live in downtown Lincoln, I am assessed at the same rate as someone who lives in, say, Malcolm?

SENATOR SCHROCK: As far as an NRD levy, you would be. But you're not within the city...if you're not within the city limits of...let's say of Lincoln, they couldn't charge that annual \$50 fee, or the \$250 to \$1,000 fee for your commercial businesses.