



# COUNTY CONSERVATION

**County Conservation receives 20% of the REAP funds. This money is available to counties for increasing outdoor recreation opportunities, land protection, capital improvements, stabilization and protection of resources, repair and upgrading of facilities, environmental education and equipment.**

### Wapello County Pioneer Ridge Nature Area

- Project funded in 2011. Grant award: \$112,100.
- Expanded Pioneer Ridge Nature Center by 205 acres. Oak/hickory timber with interspersed grass openings (also in Davis County).
- The site is an excellent representation of the Southern Iowa Driftless Region that has one of the most diverse and scenic landscapes in Iowa.

Typical oak woodland on the property following selective harvest. Note how the canopy has opened. Controlled woodland burns will further open the canopy, providing a diverse savanna.

### Clayton County Motor Mill Historic Bridge Reconstruction

- Project funded in 2011. Grant award: \$463,000.
- A bridge again crosses the Turkey River at Motor Mill. The structure is designed to closely resemble the historic, 1895 bridge that was destroyed by the floods.
- The bridge connects communities and a multi-use trail.

### REAP Fund Distribution

1st \$350,000 for Conservation Education  
1% for DNR Administration

County Conservation's 20% allocation is divided into three categories:

- ◆ 40% is available to counties through competitive grants. In the past five years,, CCBs have requested more than 4 times the amount available for grants.
- ◆ 30% is allocated equally to all 99 counties for conservation purposes.
- ◆ 30% is allocated based on population. In order to receive these funds, counties must dedicate at least \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property in the county for county conservation purposes. Only 3 counties in Iowa do not meet this qualification.