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OPEN SPACES

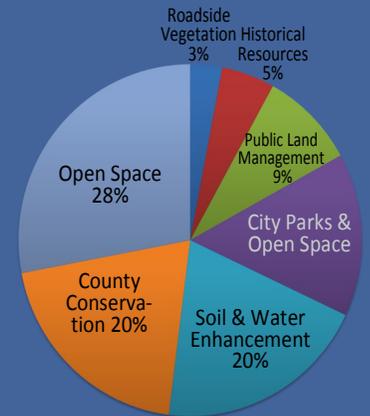
28% of REAP is dedicated to the Department of Natural Resources for permanently protecting and developing Iowa's public lands and waters. Property taxes are paid on public land purchased with REAP. \$844,610 was paid to counties in FY13 out of the Open Spaces Account.

1/10th of the Open Spaces allocation is available for a cost-share program for non-profit organizations. The DNR owns and manages the property that is jointly purchased.

1/20th of this allocation is available to the state's Protected Water Areas program. This program is directed at protecting designated rivers to maintain their scenic and natural qualities and provide public access. Portions of the Boone, Little Sioux, Middle Raccoon, Upper Iowa, and Wapsipinicon Rivers are currently designated "protected water areas."

REAP Fund Distribution

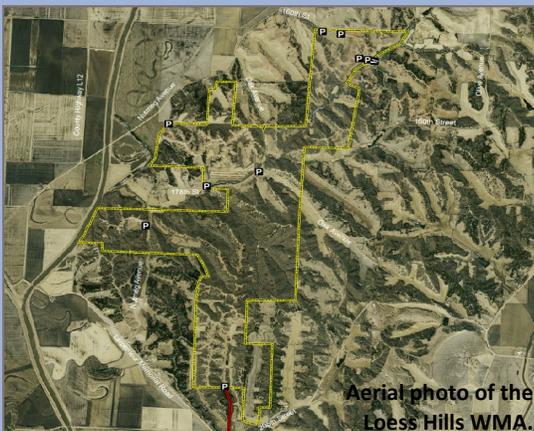
1st \$350,000 for Conservation Education
1% for DNR Administration



Open Space Project

Loess Hills Wildlife Management Area Addition, Monona County

- 270 acre tract purchased in 2011 for \$460,000 (\$115,000 REAP, \$345,000 federal funds).
- Contains significant remnant and native prairie.
- Provides excellent public access for hunting and additional outdoor recreation.



Aerial photo of the Loess Hills WMA.

Private/Public Partnership Grants

Barkley State Forest Addition, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Boone County

- Funded in 2012. Grant: \$118,500
- 76 acre addition to Barkley State Forest
- Home to at least 26 plant species labeled as infrequent to rare.
- Important habitat for many unique species, including the Southern Flying Squirrel.



Photo by Heather Jobst, INHF