



**BUFFER STRIPS IN FAYETTE COUNTY**

# SOIL & WATER ENHANCEMENT

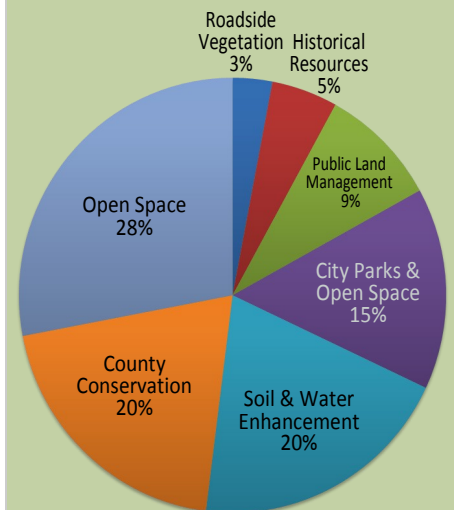
The Soil and Water Enhancement Account receives 20% of REAP funds. Funding is allocated to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship-Division of Soil Conservation (IDALS-DSC) and is used to support water quality improvement and protection efforts of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). This funding is divided equally between the Water Protection Practices (Practices) and Water Protection Projects (Projects) Funds.

- The **Practices** funds are distributed equally to all 100 SWCDs to implement agricultural and urban water quality improvement practices, along with forestry related practices and native grass plantings. SWCDs provide a financial incentive to producers to assist with the installation of practices that target and prevent the off-site movement of sediment, nutrients, and livestock waste.
- The **Projects** funds are distributed to SWCDs through a competitive grant process. SWCDs apply for financial support, which may be used for administrative and technical assistance as well as best management practices appropriate to address the water quality concerns identified through a cooperative effort with local partners and/or watershed groups.

## REAP Fund Distribution

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

The remainder is distributed by the formula below



### Practices Fund Summary FY2012

Practices Installed:	645
Producers Receiving Cost-Share	598
Practices Cost-Share Funds Provided:	\$1,195,324.69
Funds Leveraged from Other Sources:	\$1,408,487.80
Acres Benefitted:	5,660
Soil Savings (tons/yr.):	14,322



### Projects Fund Summary FY2012

Total Projects Funded:	26
SWCDs with Approved Projects:	41
Projects Cost-Share Funds Provided:	\$1,326,251.60
Funds Leveraged from Other Sources:	\$3,556,500.99
Acres Benefitted	5,630
Sediment Delivery Reductions (tons/yr.):	26,652

