

# REAP Conservation Education Program

## 2008 Grants



A total of seven conservation education grants were awarded for the May 2008 grant round, and eight in the November grant round, with awards totaling \$334,045. An approximate \$1,060,681 was leveraged through cash and in-kind matches. Another \$30,000 was awarded to the University of Northern Iowa to assist and monitor implementation of CEP grants.

### Perpetuate a Good Idea Grants

#### **KinderNature in Your Backyard--\$5,000**

**Little Sioux Valley Conservation Association (REAP CEP #09-16)**

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This project will use materials and resources developed through a 2004 CEP grant to Story County. KinderNature in Your Backyard will promote the 2004 KinderNature website, and provide teacher training on those materials to early childhood educators in O'Brien and Osceola counties.

#### **Growing in the Garden for Child Care and Early Childhood Educators--\$5,000**

**Louisa County Agricultural Extension District (REAP CEP #09-09)**

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This initiative will introduce the revised PreK-3 Growing in the Garden curriculum to child care center directors and home child care providers in Linn and Johnson counties. The goal is for 40 or more educators and child care providers to be trained in Growing in the Garden.

#### **Expanding the Eagles' Message: Lead in the Environment Advisory Group--\$4,950**

**Saving Our Avian Resources (REAP CEP #09-10)**

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This project will form a lead-education advisory group that includes stakeholders in the preservation of wildlife. The Advisory Group will provide a plan of action as to how to move forward with educational efforts on lead in the environment and its impacts on wildlife and human health.

### REAP CEP Grants

#### **Innovating Outreach to Iowa's Non-Operator Landowners--\$50,000 Conservation Districts of Iowa (REAP CEP #09-11)**

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The project will increase awareness of the importance of reaching out to absentee landowners on conservation issues. It will also increase knowledge and skills of select conservationists and educators and improve their effectiveness in engaging absentee landowners about conservation issues. Lastly, the project will provide tools and resources to enable the practitioners to champion absentee landowner issues and mentor their peers in working more effectively with these landowners.

#### **Mountain Lions! In Iowa--\$33,342 Friends of Hartman Reserve (REAP CEP #09-01)**

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Hartman Reserve Nature Center will keep the traveling exhibit, Mountain Lions! In Iowa, until June 2010, and coordinate its travel to 12 nature centers around the state. The exhibit addresses the many myths about mountain lions and provides details about the natural history and ecology mountain lions.

#### **Creating an Environmental Education Evaluation Model--\$26,360 Iowa 4-H Foundation (REAP CEP #09-14)**

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The Iowa 4-H Foundation will hire an independent consultant to establish two statewide, environmental education annual assessment systems. One will measure youth outputs and outcomes and the other will measure usage of curriculum materials by educators.

#### **Iowa Project WET Workshops--\$24,851 Iowa Academy of Science (REAP CEP #09-02)**

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The Iowa Academy of Science will provide environmental education workshops for 360 pre-service and 20-30 in-service educators using Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Curriculum and Activity Guide and additional Project WET resources.

**Winter Solstice 2009: No Child Left Inside--\$19,082**

**Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (REAP CEP #09-03)**

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Winter Solstice, to be held at Honey Creek Resort State Park, Lake Rathbun, January 23-25, 2009, will create and promote environmental education opportunities for Iowa educators. Richard Louv, author of Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder and Connie Mutel, author of The Emerald Horizon: The History of Nature in Iowa, will be keynote speakers.

**Green Arts Project--\$20,000**

**Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines (REAP CEP #09-04)**

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The project will connect people of all ages to nature and build conservation awareness through the arts. Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines will work with 75-100 local artists and environmental professionals from partner organizations to develop arts-based conservation education programs for presentation at 60-100 central Iowa schools, community agencies, senior centers and other local venues. The project is expected to impact over 7,000-10,000 community members.

**Growing Futures Youth Corps--\$16,363**

**Trees Forever (REAP CEP #09-15)**

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View documents about this program's [procedures](#), [recruiting materials](#), [schedules](#), [worker forms](#), [worker evaluation](#), [entrance and exit surveys](#), [end-of-program celebration](#), and [partner in-kind form](#).

Growing Futures Youth Corps is an eight-week summer environmental work program for 16- to 21-year old youth in the Linn County area. Its goals include providing a short-term natural resource management workforce

for agencies in Linn County, create a pool of skilled workers for future projects, and help young people become more environmentally knowledgeable and conscientious.

**Iowa Roadside Native Communities: Savanna--\$39,734**  
**University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education**  
**(REAP CEP #09-06)**

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This project entails educating 48 teachers and naturalists about savannas during two weekend workshops in 2008-09. Partners include professionals from all Regents universities and seven organizations.

**Prairies in Progress III: Savanna--\$15,704**  
**University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education**  
**(REAP CEP #09-13)**

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This project will offer teachers in the Iowa's Roadside Native Communities: Savanna additional training in the variables of prairie/savanna development, maintenance and management.

**Community Reading and Environment Celebrations--\$17,515**  
**University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education**  
**(REAP CEP #09-05)**

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UNI will spearhead three month-long "Reading and the Environment" Celebrations, working closely with partners in Muscatine, Dubuque and Cedar Falls. The project goals are to encourage the love of reading and the love of the natural world among citizens in these three communities.

**Waste, Lifecycles & Conservation Teacher Training Initiative--\$28,573**  
**University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education**  
**(REAP CEP #09-12)**

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The project will introduce conservation education lesson plans to an estimated 600-700 K-12 educators through conferences and meetings and will offer three Waste Reduction: Addressing the Overlooked “R” graduate courses to 80-85 teachers.

**Fit Environment--\$27,571**  
**Winneshiek County Conservation Board (REAP CEP #09-07)**  
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Fit Environment will provide resources to teach outdoor recreation to middle and high school physical education students. This allows science and PE teachers to connect children with nature while increasing knowledge and skills. This will be a model for how to get youth outside.

**Assist and Monitor the Implementation of REAP CEP Grants--\$30,000**  
**University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education**  
**(REAP CEP #09-08)**  
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UNI CEEE will assist and monitor the implementation of CEP grants\* with a goal to assure they are completed as approved by the CEP Board. The CEEE will also assist grantees in determination and reporting of grant outputs and outcomes, and facilitate the marketing of CEP grant results to other educators who could benefit from them and to other audiences who should know about the work of the CEP Board. *\*The exception will be grant(s) awarded to the to the UNI staff member who fills this role; the DNR will monitor those grant(s).*