

# REAP Conservation Education Program 2010 Grants



A total of 15 conservation education grants were awarded for the May and November 2010 grant rounds, with awards totaling \$307,235. Approximately \$989,834 was leveraged through in cash and in-kind matches through these projects. Another \$30,000 was awarded to the University of Northern Iowa to assist and monitor implementation of CEP grants. A total of 13 projects requesting \$328,040 were not funded.

## **Perpetuate a Good Idea Grants**

**Wapsi Wilds Conservation/Outdoor Recreation Videocasts--\$5,000  
Cedar Valley RC&D, Charles City (REAP CEP#11-12)**

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The project's goal is to promote natural resources, outdoor recreation activities and connect with businesses and communities in a cooperative nature-based tourism effort. The project will entail a website with videocasts, a social media site, and workshops.

## **Park Packs--\$1,600**

**City of North Liberty, North Liberty (REAP CEP #11-11)**

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Ten park packs will be developed for outdoor recreation/education opportunities. The City's initial goal will be for six packs to be checked out per month. They will measure for outcomes such as users continuing to explore the outdoors as a direct result of this project and whether users tell others about the park pack.

## **Nature Packs--\$2,690**

**Plymouth County Conservation, Hinton (REAP CEP #11-02)**

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A classroom set of backpacks will be created to help students explore the natural world with their teacher when a naturalist or field trip is not available. Youth leaders and families will also be able to use the backpacks.

### **REAP CEP Grants**

#### **Improving Absentee Landowner Awareness and Access to Conservation Resources with a Landowner Advisor--\$31,518**

**Conservation Districts of Iowa, Earlham (REAP CEP #11-16)**

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CDI plans to hire a landowner advisor to assist absentee owners of agricultural land in the Middle Raccoon/Brushy Creek watershed. (More than 60% of agricultural land in this area is not farmed by the person who owns it, but leased by an operator.) The goal is to help overcome barriers absentee landowners face as they move from interest in conservation to real conservation action.

#### **Salute to Songbirds Traveling Exhibit--\$16,453**

**Friends of Hartman Reserve, Cedar Falls (REAP CEP #11-10)**

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Hartman Reserve will extend the Salute to Songbirds traveling exhibit to educate more Iowans about the plight of migratory songbirds.

#### **GreenArts--\$20,300**

**Metro Arts Alliance, Des Moines (REAP CEP #11-13)**

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GreenArts is a collaborative project with a goal to connect people to conservation awareness through the arts. MAA will work with local artists and environmental education partners to develop programs for central Iowa schools, community agencies, senior centers and other venues. They plan to engage 50-70 artists, educators and conservationists and about 7,000-10,000 community members in 2011.

#### **Leading Authentic Place-based Student Investigations: Water--\$21,961**

**Iowa Academy of Science, Cedar Falls (REAP CEP #11-05)**

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The Iowa Academy of Science in collaboration with the Iowa DNR proposes to develop and implement the pilot session of a new graduate level course for upper elementary and middle school in-service teachers. Course participants will engage their students in course activities while participating in a 12-week distance learning workshop. Each participant will develop and pilot a place-based water student investigation unit.

**Iowa Project WET Pre-service Workshops--\$8,764**  
**Iowa Academy of Science, Cedar Falls (REAP CEP #11-08)**

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The IAS proposes to provide environmental education workshops for 150 pre-service using Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Curriculum and Activity Guide.

**Inquiry-based Outdoor Education for Early Childhood--\$25,000**

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources-Aquatic Education, Guthrie Center (REAP CEP #11-03)**

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The Iowa DNR, in conjunction with partners, has developed a pilot approach to increase the capacity of early childhood educators and childcare providers to engage children in inquiry-based exploration in the outdoors. It includes trainings and resources for follow-up support.

**Iowa Outdoors on Iowa Public Television—\$37,000**  
**Iowa Public Television, Des Moines (REAP CEP #11-09)**

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IPTV plans to produce a TV series (six, half-hour programs), Iowa Outdoors, designed to educate Iowans about the wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities in Iowa. This series will represent a collaborative effort by IPTV, *Iowa Outdoors* magazine and the Iowa DNR.

**Eagle Cam-- \$8,771**  
**Raptor Resource Project, Decorah (REAP CEP #11-15)**

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Grantees declined this award because their project needs changed.

**Hunter Education Materials: Hunting Lead-Free and Saving Wildlife--\$11,664**  
**Saving Our Avian Resources, Dedham (REAP CEP #11-14)**

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Stakeholder, committee-reviewed materials will be used in hunter education classes and presentations will be given at hunter education instructor regional training meetings. The goal will be for hunters to use ammunition that does not contain lead, which is known as a broad spectrum toxicant to humans and wildlife.

**Rain, Runoff and Rivers: Understanding Watersheds--\$44,980**

**University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education (REAP CEP #11-04)**

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**Project terminated by grantee at midterm.**

This project is to plan and implement three workshops to improve educators' teaching skills and knowledge about the underlying causes of the flooding problem. The goal is for 72 Iowa educators to participate in workshops and updates.

**Green Holidays--\$32,957**

**University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education (REAP CEP #11-07)**

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In Year I, a Green Holidays initiative will be developed. First, UNI will research best environmental holiday and celebration practices and resources, then they will work with partners to develop Iowa-specific practices. Finally, they will pilot the initiative. In Year II, Green Holidays will be shared across Iowa with about 150 trainers.

**Assist and Monitor the Implementation of REAP CEP Grants--\$30,000**

**University of Northern Iowa (REAP CEP #11-01)**

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UNI Center for Energy & Environmental Education 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).*

**Curriculum Development for Targeted Conservation Outreach to Women Farmland Owners--\$38,577**

**Women, Food and Agriculture Network (REAP CEP #11-06)**

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WFAN will collaborate with Iowa conservation partners to produce a new conservation outreach curriculum targeted to women farmland owners. The content and delivery methods will be tested and refined in on-going Women Caring for the Land sessions, and the guide will be available free on the WFAN website.