

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC **Joint State Agency Agreement Between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Finance Authority, and Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship-Division of Soil Conservation**

Environmental Protection Commission approval is sought for a joint state agency agreement for administration of the Local Water Protection (LWP) program and stormwater best management practice (BMP) efforts. These programs are part of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund's non-point source pollution control loan offerings.

IDALS-DSC has administered the LWP program since 2004 through a contract with DNR. Through IDALS-DSC's efforts, more than \$7 million has been issued in loans for soil, sediment, and nutrient control practices.

With the proposed agreement, IDALS-DSC will continue its work on the LWP program and add new services for developing, promoting, and administering loans for post-construction stormwater runoff control BMPs as well.

The roles of each agency will be:

- The DNR will establish program rules, establish set-aside amounts and interest rates and terms in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan, and sign off on IDALS-DSC requests for cost reimbursement.
- The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA), will establish linked deposit or other loan participation mechanisms with local lending institutions, process requests for linked deposits and other loan participation, and advise DNR on appropriate set-aside amounts and interest rates and terms.
- IDALS-DSC will work with Soil and Water Conservation Districts to promote the LWP program and stormwater BMPs, develop application materials, approve project applications, interface with lenders on loan approvals and practice certification, and project loan demand for establishment of set-aside amounts.

The agreement provides IDALS-DSC with reimbursement for administrative expenses. The agreement allows up to \$107,760 for fiscal year 2008 and \$116,380 for fiscal year 2009. These amounts cover personnel, travel, supplies, and indirect costs. Funds for the agreement come from Clean Water State Revolving Fund administrative accounts.

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