

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

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FY2010 Water Trail Grants

The Iowa Legislature annually appropriates funds under Iowa Code section 452A.79. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources under Chapter 30 of 571 Iowa Administrative Code targets a portion of these funds toward the water trails granting program. The program targets an annual total of \$50,000 to implement a water trail program. These funds are available to local governments (city, county, school) and service organizations to create water trails on rivers, lakes, sloughs and other waterways in Iowa.

The Department received 18 applications requesting \$255,604. The Department's annual water trails budget is \$50,000. The recommended state fiscal year 2010 awards, totaling \$50,000, as determined by scoring committee members including three Department staff and two Iowa citizens, are as follows:

Project	Sponsor	Score	Funding recommendation
Grand River Water Trail	Decatur CCB	95.4	\$16,109
Lizard Creek Water Trail	Webster CCB	94	\$11,002
Turkey River Water Trail Project	Fayette & Clayton CCBs	92.8	\$21,037
Raccoon River Water Trail	City of Des Moines	92	\$1,852
Winnebago River Water Trail	Winnebago CCB	90.4	
Dubuque Water Trail	City of Dubuque	86.8	
Middle River Water Trail	Madison & Adair CCBs	83.8	
Phase I Iowa R Water Trail	City of IA City	82.6	
Volga River Water Trail	UIU	82.6	
Lake Red Rock Water Trail	RRL Assn	81.4	
S. Raccoon R. Water Trail	Guthrie CBB	79.8	
Rathbun Lake South Shore Water Trail	Appanoone County Trails, Inc	75.2	
Turkey River, Elkader to Motor Mill	City of Elkader	72.2	
Hills Access Restroom	Johnson CCB	71.8	
Boies Bend Boardwalk Step	Buchanan CCB	71.6	
Benton Co Cedar River Water Trail	Vinton Unlimited	65.4	
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Maple R Access Grays	Monona CCB	46.4	

The Department recommends fully funding the top ranked projects. If a ranked project declines funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project until all funds are spent.

The Department recommends entering into grant agreements with the above-mentioned parties to accomplish the projects identified in their respective applications.

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