

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

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Contract with Lake Improvements Commission (LIC) for Storm Lake (Buena Vista County) Dredging

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The Department requests Commission approval of a two year contract with the Lakes Improvements Commission (LIC), Buena Vista County, Iowa. The LIC is a nonprofit corporation pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 504 and the DNR recognizes the creation and governance of the LIC, as defined by the Articles of Agreement established under Joint Agreement #024020 filed with the Buena Vista County Recorder. The contract will begin on July 1, 2009, and terminate on June 30, 2011. The total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$1,000,000. DNR shall have the option to renew this contract as long as this contract and any extensions do not exceed a six-year period.

This contract will be funded through the Lake Restoration Program with funding appropriated under SF376, Section 24. The parties propose to enter into this contract for the purpose of reimbursing the LIC for continued and planned lake dredging operations at Storm Lake (Buena Vista County).

Storm Lake is one of the 35 significant public lakes prioritized for restoration. Lake Restoration Program guidelines recommend the Department give priority for funding to active lake projects so long as progress toward completion of the project remains consistent with the goals of the program. The LIC is in the final stages of a multi-year dredging project. The goal of the project is to increase lake mean water depth and improve the lake water quality.

This Agreement is made pursuant to statutory authority granted to the parties pursuant to Iowa Code section 28E.4 or 28E.12 (2009). The DNR and the LIC enter into this agreement pursuant to a program established under Iowa Code §456A.33B, LAKE RESTORATION PLAN AND REPORT, known as the State Lake Restoration Program.

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