

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC REAP Private Public Cost-share Grants – September 2009

The Department requests Commission approval of the recommendations of the Project Review and Selection Committee for the REAP Public/Private Cost-sharing grants. The committee requests full funding for the top two ranking projects, with the remainder of available funds provided to the third ranking grant, as show below. The committee met September 10, 2009, to review and score applications. Committee members include three from the DNR: Paul Tauke, Kevin Szcodronski, Jeff Joens; and three outside the agency: Jon Kruse, Storm Lake; Margo Underwood, Mason City; Glenn Vondra, Adel.

A total of \$560,000 is available from the DNR’s REAP Open Spaces Account to cost share with private entities for the purchase of high-quality natural areas that become state-owned property.

Applicants must provide at least 25% of the project cost. There were four applications for grants that totaled \$672,546 in requests. Using all available funding would fully fund the top two grants, leaving the 3rd grant with \$164,685, or \$18,946 less than this grant request of The Nature Conservancy. No funds are available for the 4th ranking project. The Nature Conservancy said it will provide the additional \$18,946 needed to purchase the Austin Hill property in O’Brien County.

In the event that any of the top grants are unable to execute their project, approval is sought to offer those funds down the list in the ranking order as shown.

2009 REAP Public-Private Cost Share - \$560,000 available

PROJECT NAME - COUNTY	TOTAL SCORE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	ACRES	APPLICANT
Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area Addition - Hamilton	159.83	\$250,640	\$250,640	200	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Hansen Addition to Stone State Park - Woodbury	159.50	\$144,675	\$144,675	58	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Austin Hill - O'Brien	146.83	\$183,631	\$164,685	109	The Nature Conservancy
Wood Turtle Addition - Butler	144.17	\$93,600		78	Allan Dale Fayette Meyer Trust
TOTAL		\$672,546	\$560,000		

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