

Brief Descriptions
REAP County Conservation Grants August 2001

Manikowski Prairie Addition, Clinton CCB – 134-acre acquisition of native prairie and cropland adjacent to the existing 45-acre Manikowski Prairie State Preserve. Nearly half of the addition contains limestone prairie remnants. The remainder includes cropland, which will be reconstructed as prairie using locally collected prairie species. Plant species listed as Special Concern in Iowa are located on the property.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$216,570

Diamond Lake Park Expansion, Poweshiek CCB -- 240-acre acquisition immediately north of the existing 301-acre Diamond Lake Park. The parcel is a critical part of the lake watershed and must be protected to ensure quality recreational opportunities and cleaner drinking water for the City of Montezuma. It is very hilly and had been in CPR. The CRP contract has expired and the land has been reconverted to cropland, producing excessive siltation of Diamond Lake.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$250,000

Iowa River Gateway Park & Preserve, Iowa CCB 131-acre acquisition along the Iowa River near Marengo. The property contains two lakes (12 & 41 acres) and is located on a state-designated Scenic Byway. The park will provide recreational access to the Iowa River and opportunities for fishing, boating, hiking, environmental education, bicycling, and wildlife viewing.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$295,000

Rail Trail Extension, Butler CCB Development of six miles of abandoned railroad corridor between Clarksville and Allison into a non-motorized trail. This trail segment will be part of a planned 65-mile trail that will connect Beeds Lake State Park, west of Hampton in Franklin County, to Oelwein in Fayette County.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$88,000