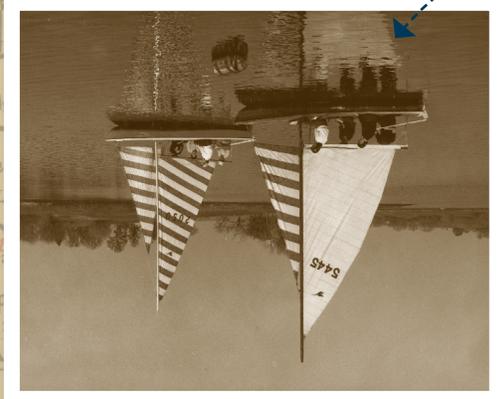


APPLY NOW FOR DNR WATERSHED PLANNING GRANTS



PLAN YOUR JOURNEY TO CLEANER WATER

**TAKE THE FIRST STEP.
CALL US AND WE'LL GET YOU STARTED.**



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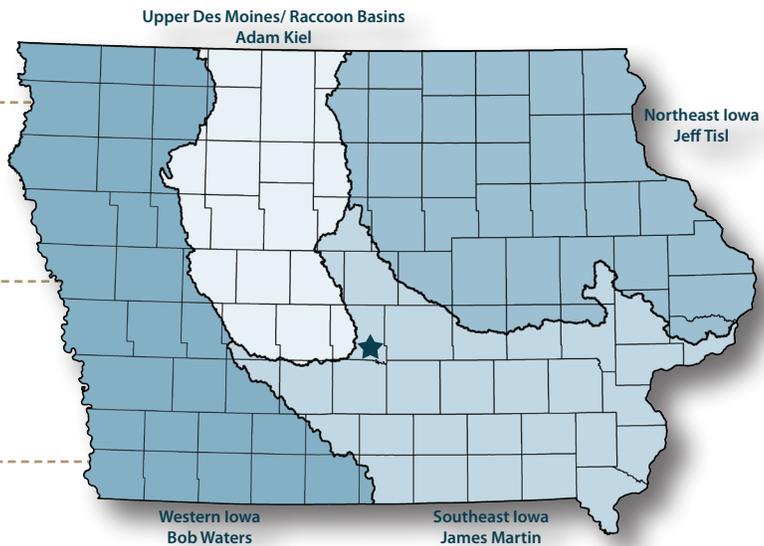
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CONSIDER IT A ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS.

DNR WATERSHED PLANNING GRANTS help you every step of the way when it comes to improving your community's local lake, stream or river. The first thing? Call the DNR for a consultation, then make sure to send in your application by April 1.

Experience has shown that locally-led, long-term, comprehensive plans are critical to water quality success. With a DNR Watershed Planning Grant, you receive guidance and funding to complete a Watershed Management Plan. That plan will identify problems in your lake or stream's basin (also called a watershed), solutions to those problems and outreach strategies to make it all come together.

So, gather your neighbors and community groups and band together as a watershed organization. Then, contact the DNR and explore the resources available to you to venture on your water quality trek.

DNR WATERSHED PLANNING GRANT BASICS:

- Groups can request between \$10,000 and \$50,000
- Funds can be used to gather resources to develop the plan - like people to assess the watershed, technical writers and outreach specialists
- Grant funds must address a waterbody that directly or indirectly drains into a lake, stream or river on Iowa's impaired waters list (see watershed.iowadnr.gov for more info)
- Only watersheds of 50,000 acres or less are eligible for grants
- Grant funds require a 50 percent local match (20 percent of the local match must be in cash; no more than 80 percent of the local match may be in-kind contributions)
- Groups must complete a Watershed Management Plan within 24 months of grant award
- A completed and approved Watershed Management Plan makes you eligible for additional funding, like the DNR's Watershed Implementation Grants, to put your plan in action

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