

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

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502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DNR 2 North Conf Room

Thursday, June 8, 2023

9:30 AM – NRC Business Meeting

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1.	Approval of Agenda Consent Agenda (*within agenda indicates proposed consent agenda item)	Decision	Commission
2.	Approve Minutes of 5/11/23 NRC Public Meeting	Decision	Commission
3.	Director's Remarks	Information	Kayla Lyon
4.	Division Administrator's Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
5.	Donations	Decision	Pete Hildreth
6.	REAP Private Public Cost-share Grants (FY23)	Decision	Pete Hildreth
7.	Land and Water Conservation Fund City and County Grant	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
8.	2023-2024 Deer Management Zone Hunts	Decision	Todd Bishop
9.	Public Land Acquisition Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
9.1	Kirke Woods Wildlife Management Area, Madison County – Iowa	Decision	Travis Baker
9.2	Brown's Lake Wildlife Management Area, Woodbury County –	Decision	Travis Baker
9.3	Heritage Valley Forest Legacy Area, Winneshiek County – Mowry	Decision	Travis Baker
9.4	Waterman Prairie Complex, O'Brien County – The Natural	Decision	Travis Baker
*10.	Public Land Management Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
10.1	Chapter 18 Lease Renewal – Muscatine County – Muscatine Power	Decision	Travis Baker
10.2	Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Allamakee County – Interstate Power	Decision	Travis Baker
10.3	Management Agreement – Wildcat Cave – Hardin County	Decision	Travis Baker
11.	Construction-Small Projects: Crow Creek WMA, emergency access	Information	Travis Baker
12.	Construction-Large Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
12.1	Sweet Marsh Wildlife Management Area Boat Channel Dredging –	Decision	Travis Baker
12.2	Bellevue State Park Dyas Unit Wastewater Treatment System –	Decision	Travis Baker
12.3	Saylorville Wildlife Management Area Boat Ramp Renovation –	Decision	Travis Baker
12.4	Big Creek State Park Fishing Pier Replacement – Polk County	Decision	Travis Baker

13.	Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Decision	Jeff Goerndt
14.	General Discussion		
Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thursday, July 13, 2023, Wallace Building ● Thursday, August 9, 2023, Wallace Building 		

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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

May 11, 2023

**Video Teleconference
and
Wallace State Office Building**

**Approved by the Commission on
6/9/23**



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Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission (Commission or NRC) was called to order by Chairperson Marcus Branstad at 10:00am on May 11, 2023 via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Laura Foell
- Kenny “KR” Buck
- Tom Prickett
- Tammi Kircher
- Marcus Branstad (virtual)
- Uriah Hansen

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Name:	Address/County:	Representing:	Topic:
Butch Holbeck	Omaha, NE	Self	River Valley OHV Park
Joe Hunter	Council Bluffs, IA	Self	River Valley OHV Park
Bobby Edwards	Council Bluffs, IA	Self	River Valley OHV Park
Bob Lich	Council Bluffs, IA	Self	River Valley OHV Park
David Kerr	Des Moines, IA	Self	Pheasant Season (length)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following: Contract Amendment with Liberty Press, LLC; Contract Amendment with Pass it On-Outdoors Mentors, Inc; Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program-FY24; Public Land Management Projects (13.1-13.6); and Contract Amendment with R&S Waste Disposal, LLC- Springbrook Waste Management Services.

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION OATH OF OFFICE AND ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Newly-appointed Natural Resource Commissioner KR Buck was sworn into office by Director Lyon. Marcus Branstad was elected Chairperson; Tom Prickett was elected Vice Chair; and Tammi Kircher was elected Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the April 13, 2023 NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by KR Buck.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

DIRECTOR’S REMARKS

- Director Lyon provided an update on the 2023 Legislation Session. Legislation session adjourned the week of May 1st. Director discussed the furbearer legislation signed by the Governor.
- Director Lyon shared that she was able to attend the Loess Hills Cooperative Burn Week in Pisgah, Iowa.
- Director Lyon concluded her remarks by thanking the volunteer firefighters, DNR staff and neighbors who helped during the extreme fire conditions throughout Iowa on April 13th and April 14th.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth began his remarks with congratulating the new NRC Commissioner, KR Buck, and also congratulated the Board Administrator, Alicia Plathe, and her family on welcoming a new baby.
- Mr. Hildreth shared the DNR’s upcoming spring and summer events in state parks. Starting June 9-11, the Iowa DNR begins its program called “Kick Off Summer” in Iowa State Parks and Forests. Dozens of parks will host family-friendly activities. He also shared information about the new state park trail app available along with information on the Hook n’ Paddle Passport app. All information can be found on the DNR website.
- Mr. Hildreth shared an update on the Mississippi river flooding. He stated the DNR staff continue to monitor the issues related to the flooding.
- Mr. Hildreth also shared that the State Forest Nursey holds its end of season sale until May 26. The Nursey has sold over a million seedlings this year!

DONATIONS

Pete Hildreth requested Commission approval to approve donations from the following individuals and organizations: Garry and Robert Brandeburg; Marth Kroese; Kathy Shelton; Lisa Paulos; Janet Sanders; Gary Sanborn; Jason Baugh; David and Jill Sykora; Colten Hilgendorf; Christy Doornink; and Linda Armstrong.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH DUCKS UNLIMITED INC. (RIVERTON)

Kelly Smith requested Commission approval for a contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU), of Dexter, Michigan. Riverton WMA is located in the floodplain between the East and West Forks of the Nishnabotna Rivers in Fremont County, Iowa. The area experiences extreme flooding. This contract is an effort to reverse this trend and help meet goals of providing high quality wetland habitat for migrating waterfowl, shorebirds, and wading birds. This is part of larger efforts to improve water management on Riverton WMA.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tom Prickett to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

Commissioner Tammi Kircher abstained herself from the vote.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS-WOOD DUCK MARSH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for the purchase of a tract of land located in Winnebago County adjacent Wood Duck Marsh Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Mr. Baker explained that this acquisition will provide critical wildlife habitat and water quality enhancement to the adjacent lands. The property will provide public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. There will be no increase in cost of management for the DNR because this area is included in the current plan.

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

Tom Pickett-aye, Tammi Kircher-aye, Laura Foell-nay, KR Buck-aye, Uriah Hansen-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK, PARKING AND BOAT RAMP RENOVATION—POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for the construction project at Lake Manawa State Park. The project will remove all existing asphalt and concrete pavement and replace it with concrete placed over a granular base. Mr. Baker explained that there will be an ADA-compliant sidewalk to the boat launch area.

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

STATE FOREST NURSEY, HOOP BUILDING—STORY COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for the construction project located at the State Forest Nursey in Ames, Iowa. The nursey provides affordable, high-quality native plant material for use in timber production, wildlife habitat restoration, and erosion control. This project will construct a hoop building structure over the existing mulch storage area. The hoop building will be 75'x 88' and will be anchored to a concrete block wall.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAKE WAPELLO STATE PARK, OFFICE AND STORAGE BUILDING – DAVIS COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project at Lake Wapello State Park of Unionville, Iowa. The project consists of building a new shop and office building. The existing structure will be used as storage.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LACEY-KEOSAUQUA STATE PARK, 2023 CONCRETE TRAIL – VAN BUREN COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for construction of 1,800 feet of concrete trail, ten feet wide within the park. The trail would begin in the campground and end at the beach. This project will provide an ADA accessible route from the campground to the beach and cabins. Lacey-Keosauqua’s Friends Group will be donating the funds for this project.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

MISSOURI RIVER WILDLIFE FLOOD REPAIRS – HARRISON, MONONA, SHELBY AND WOODBURY COUNTIES

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for repairing multiple wildlife areas damaged by the flooding in 2019. Roads, parking lots, a water control structure, and a wetland pumping station were damaged. Road and parking lot repair work consists of filling in scour holes, removing deposited sediment, tree debris removal and placing new rock surfacing on two miles of road. Water control structure repairs consist of replacing damaged safety railing and resetting a foot bridge. Pump station repairs consists of replacing all electronic equipment, the mechanical pumps, and the river-side sluice gate. Mr. Baker provided a breakdown of price per area and per county of this project. Mr. Baker explained that DNR received approval from FEMA.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by KR Buck.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY—BUMBLE BEE MONITORING

Kelly Smith requested Commission approval for a contract with Iowa State University of Ames, Iowa. This three-year agreement is part of the Federal grant in which Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Minnesota are cooperating to develop a community of science program referred to as the Midwest Bumble Bee Atlas. Outcomes of this project will be increased understanding of the status and habitat needs of these essential pollinators, greater awareness of the Species of Greatest Conservation Need, and evidence-based conservation recommendations. Iowa State University partnered with four states to develop a federal grant proposal that was selected for funding by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Motion was made by Tom Prickett to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

28E AMENDMENT 1 WITH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Tamara McIntosh requested Commission approval for an amendment to a 28E with Department of Administrative Services. DNR and DAS’s recently-approved 28E for Honey Creek Resort needs to be amended to account for DNR transferring funds to DAS for deferred maintenance needs. Ms. McIntosh confirmed that the DNR will not be involved in the bidding of any new construction.

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Commissioners briefly shared some activities they have been doing this Spring and what they are looking forward to this Summer.

ADJOURN

The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 11:33 am on May 11, 2023.

ADJOURNED

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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5. Donations

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the following donations:

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Wildlife Diversity	\$25.00	Donation in support the conservation of the non-game species in Iowa.	Garry and Robert Brandeburg
Wildlife Diversity	\$500.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity program in memory of Harlan Ratcliff.	Marth Kroese
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$20.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund in memory of Randy Benesh.	Kathy Shelton
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund in memory of Clyde Seago.	Stephanie Burriss
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund in memory of Clyde Seago.	Nancy Ruzicka
Parks and Forestry	\$1,000	Donation to support the parks and forestry of Iowa.	Andrew Feider
Parks and Forestry	\$20.00	Donation to support the parks and forestry in dedication of Jessie Brown.	Trudy J. Eaton
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$30.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in dedication to David Chiaramonte.	Ann Medrano
Wildlife Diversity	\$7.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity in dedication to Derek.	David Sykora
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust fund in dedication to Dean Umphrey.	Cristine Souer

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
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Decision Item

6. REAP Private Public Cost-share Grants (FY23)

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the recommendations from the Project Review and Selection Committee for the REAP Public/Private Cost-share grants as directed by Iowa Administrative Code 571, Chapter 33.

Grant Purpose: Open Space funds (28% of REAP funds) are allocated to DNR for state acquisition and development of lands and waters. One-tenth of this 28% is set aside to cost-share land acquisitions with private organizations. The cost-share arrangement entails 75% of the acquisition costs coming from REAP and the other 25% coming from private contributions. This program provides an excellent opportunity to cost share with private entities for the purchase of high-quality natural areas that become public property. The DNR manages the property that is jointly purchased.

Funding Source(s): Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund - Private/Public Cost Share

Grant Funding Available: \$597,761

Selection Committee Members: As directed by Chapter 33, applications are reviewed by a committee consisting of three DNR staff and three representatives of private organizations to ensure consistency with program policy and purposes.

- Private Entity Representation
 - Ducks Unlimited, Inc. – Jon Kruse
 - Wild Turkey Federation – Dave Bulman
 - Pheasants Forever - Holly Shutt
- DNR Representation
 - Jeff Goerndt, Forestry Supervisor
 - Todd Coffelt, Legislative Liaison
 - Kati Reeder, Wildlife Bureau Executive Officer

Summary of Selection Process: As directed by criteria under Chapter 33.50, the selection committee reviewed all applications. Examples of criteria considered include relation to public land, relationship to relevant regional and statewide programs, rare or unique species communities, public benefits, tourism and economic development potential, and multiple use potential.

Recommendation: The committee recommends funding the project listed in the table. Any unused funds will revert to the grant program for distribution in the next grant cycle.

REAP Public-Private Cost Share Projects				
Grant Applicant	Project Name, County	Project Description	Grant Amount Requested	Recommended Award
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	White Horse Access Addition	The White Horse Access Addition, consisting of 53 acres in Sac County, lies along the North Raccoon River just north of Grant City. This addition is the final piece needed to complete the expansion of the 457-acre White Horse Access, also expanding a 753-acre greenbelt.	\$330,038	\$330,038
TOTALS			\$330,038	\$330,038

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
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7. Land and Water Conservation Fund City and County Grant Recommendations (FY2023)

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the following grant recommendations pursuant to IAC 571.27, Lands and Waters Conservation Fund Program.

Grant Purpose: The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federally funded, fifty percent cost share, grant program. The purpose of LWCF is to offer grants to Iowa's cities and counties to assist with the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation. The program is governed by program rules adopted in Chapter 27 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The scoring criteria established in IAC 571.27 include:

- Relationship to SCORP priorities (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan),
- Direct recreation benefits provided,
- Local needs, and
- Quality of the site.

Also, as established by rule, bonus and penalty points are awarded based on criteria such as level of prior assistance from the LWCF, special features for the elderly and persons with disabilities; minority populations served, degree of public participation and support, recycled content material use, and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of the Interior distributes the LWCF grant funds after their budget is approved, which is usually by the fall of the year.

Grant Funding Available: For this grant cycle (Federal Fiscal Year 2024), Iowa's apportionment for distribution has not yet been allocated. We are expecting to receive the allocation later this summer and to be in the range of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 for local projects.

Summary of Selection Process: As directed by criteria under IAC 571.27, the grant review and selection committee met on May 10, 2023, to evaluate and score applications and to provide recommendations for the grant awards. The rating system criteria outlines that no application shall be selected which has received a score of less than 60.

Selection Committee Members: The review and selection committee consisted of five members and three alternates (at least two alternates are required):

- Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (1)
- Iowa League of Cities (1)
- DNR (3)
- Alternates (3) from the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association, Iowa League of Cities, and Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards

Number of Eligible Applications Received: 9

Recommendations: The Committee recommends funding the projects, in the ranked order they are listed, as funds are available. If a ranked project declines its award or an application is withdrawn,

dollars will be offered to the next qualified applicant. Any unused funds will carry forward for use in future projects.

Rank	Score	Grant Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Award
1	70.4	City of Ames	Sands-McDorman Property Acquisition	\$ 1,146,474	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
This project seeks to purchase 49.7 acres on the west side of Ames to develop a new community park.						
2	69.0	City of Grimes	Wallace Farm Park	\$ 2,217,190	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
This project seeks to complete site preparation and trail installation in the newly developed Wallace Farm Park.						
3	67.6	City of Davenport	Goose Creek Park Restoration	\$ 1,310,881	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
The City of Davenport seeks to complete improvements in Goose Creek Park including stream restoration, creek access points, trails, and natural playscapes.						
4	65.2	Polk County Conservation	Fourmile Creek Park Acquisition Project	\$ 368,282	\$ 184,141	\$ 184,141
This project seeks to acquire 42.03 acres to create a new conservation area in the city of Alleman.						
5	64.6	City of Lenox	Lenox Recreational Trail Extension Phase 3	\$ 345,432	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
The City of Lenox is requesting LWCF funds to extend the existing trail system to a recreational complex north of town.						
6	64.2	Decatur County Conservation	Decatur County Savanna Hills Learning Center	\$ 603,113	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
This project seeks to assist Decatur County Conservation in the completion of the Savanna Hills Nature Center. Projects will include sidewalks, art, and interior buildout.						
7	61.0	City of Murray	Mallory Park Splash Pad and Playground	\$ 263,834	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
The City of Murray is requesting funds to replace an aging playground and add a splash pad to Mallory Park.						
8	60.6	City of Bondurant	Acquisition for Extension of the Chichaqua Valley Trail	\$ 300,593	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
This project seeks to acquire two parcels for a trail connection from downtown to the Chichaqua Valley Trail.						
9	60.6	City of Grand Mound	The Grand Mound Splash Pad and Park Improvement Project	\$ 553,601	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
This project seeks to construct a splash pad, seating, and plantings at an existing recreational complex.						

Sherry Arntzen, Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau Chief
 Conservation and Recreation Division
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8. 2023-2024 Deer Management Zone Hunts

The Commission is requested to approve the Deer Management Zone Hunts for the upcoming season as required by 571 Iowa Administrative Code 105.3. The list includes zones to be open to hunting, season dates, legal weapons, license types and quotas, and other information required by rule. Representatives for all of the cities on the list have indicated they want to be included in the list of special hunts. There will be 66 different locations, although several will have multiple hunts on them.

2023-2024 DEER MANAGEMENT ZONES							
Cancelled or new hunts, as well as quota changes from last year, are highlighted.							
Zone Name	Zone #	Season Name	Season Number	Season Dates		License Quota	Any Deer
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	900	
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	January	8	1/11/2024	1/21/2024		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	100	
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Ames (City)	2	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	75	4
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023	50	
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Backbone State Park	4	Cancelled	5				
Bellevue State Park	5	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	50	
Bettendorf & Riverdale (City)	7	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	125	8
Bobwhite State Park - WCCB	91	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	100	
Burlington (City)	97	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	200	8
Cedar Rapids (City)	8	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	400	7
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023	500	
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	750	

Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Clinton (City)	9	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	75	
Coralville (City)	10	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	200	11
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	600	
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Corydon (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	89	January	8	1/11/2024	1/21/2024	350	31
Council Bluffs (City)	69	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/21/2024	300	6
Davenport (City)	11	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	250	12
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	500	
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	January	8	1/11/2024	1/21/2024		
Denison (City)	12	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	50	
DeSoto NWR	13	Early Muzzle	4	12/15/2023	12/18/2023	50	
DeSoto NWR	14	Cancelled	7				
Dubuque (City)	16	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	225	29
Dubuque (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	115	January	8	1/11/2024	1/21/2024	100	
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	350	
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	300	
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Eldora (City)	42	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	50	1
Elkader (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	87	January	8	1/11/2024	1/21/2024	450	14
Elk Rock State Park	18	Late Muzzle	7	1/6/2024	1/7/2024	25	
Fort Dodge	113	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	100	
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	100	
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		

Green Valley State Park	20	Early Muzzle	4	11/11/2023	11/12/2023	35	
Harpers Ferry (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	88	January	8	1/11/2024	1/21/2024	300	22
Honey Creek State Park	85	Reg Gun 1	5	11/18/2023	11/19/2023	75	
IAAP	21	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
IAAP	21	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
IAAP	21	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
IAAP	21	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	1200	
IAAP	21	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
IAAP	21	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
IAAP	21	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
IAAP	22	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	40	
IAAP	114	Bow	8	12/2/2023	12/17/2023	50	
Iowa City (City)	101	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	200	6
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023	30	
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Iowa Falls (City)	24	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	80	3
Jefferson County Park	64	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	25	3
Jones County Central Park	65	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	50	
Kent Park	26	Cancelled	3				
Keokuk (City)	83	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	50	11
Knoxville (City)	75	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	25	
Lacey Keosauqua State Park	28	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	75	
Lake Aquahbi State Park	19	Bow	3	10/14/2023	1/10/2024	30	
Lake Darling State Park	30	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/3/2023	100	
Lake Iowa County Park	70	Cancelled	3				
Lake Iowa County Park	71	Cancelled	7				
Lake of 3 Fires	34	Cancelled	6				
Lake Wapello State Park	38	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/3/2023	50	
Ledges State Park	39	Bow	3	10/1/2023	12/31/2023	40	
Maquoketa Caves	84	Cancelled	3				
Marshalltown (City)	78	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	60	2
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023	40	
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Mason City (City)	92	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	125	9
Mount Pleasant (City)	41	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	50	
Muscatine (City)	43	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	150	5
Oskaloosa (City)	6	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	100	1
Ottumwa (City)	44	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/10/2024	175	18
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023	200	
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		

Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Pike's Peak State Park / McGregor	46	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	100	3
Pine Lake State Park	47	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	30	1
Polk/Dallas Archery Only Zone	48	Bow	3	9/16/2023	1/21/2024	1000	50
<i>Licenses valid within Polk/Dallas deer mgmt zone in urban areas, Polk CCB properties and certain Saylorville Federal lands. Local ordinances or rules apply.</i>							
Polk/Dallas (Perimeter)	61	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
	61	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
	61	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
<i>Licenses valid within Polk/Dallas deer management zone, outside controlled/permit-only areas.</i>							
	61	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023		
	61	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023	75	
	61	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
	61	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Scott County Park	50	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	50	
Smith Wildlife Area	110	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	10	
Smith Wildlife Area	66	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023	3	
Smith Wildlife Area	67	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023	3	
Smith Wildlife Area	68	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024	3	
Springbrook State Park	51	Cancelled	3				
Stone State Park	82	Bow	3	9/16/2023	11/30/2023	75	
Wanatee Park	53	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	100	2
Waterloo/Cedar Falls Metro	56	Bow	3	10/9/2023	1/10/2024	290	20
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023	50	
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	January	8	1/11/2024	1/21/2024		
Wildcat Den State Park	63	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024	50	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023	400	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	January	8	1/11/2024	1/21/2024		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Youth	1	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Disabled	2	9/16/2023	10/1/2023		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Bow	3	10/1/2023	1/10/2024		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Early Muzzle	4	10/14/2023	10/22/2023		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 1	5	12/2/2023	12/6/2023	200	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 2	6	12/9/2023	12/17/2023		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Late Muzzle	7	12/18/2023	1/10/2024		

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9. Public Land Acquisition Project

9.1 Kirke Woods Wildlife Management Area, Madison County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Madison County in Kirke Woods Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF)

Acreage: 240 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$950,000

Appraised Value: \$1,248,000

Property Description: This L-shaped property is located two miles northwest of Bevington in northeastern Madison County. The steep to near level tract lies within and upslope from the North River floodplain. Approximately 65 percent of the property lies within the floodplain and the North River meanders through the tract a distance of approximately one half of a mile. Land use includes 197 acres of oak timber, native prairie grass, wetlands, creek tributaries, and the North River, and 43 acres of cropland. There are no building improvements. Access is provided by a 30-foot wide easement for ingress/egress extending west from a county, gravel road.

Purpose: This acquisition, reflecting close proximity to the Des Moines metro area as well as a diversity of habitat types, will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. A Forest Wildlife Stewardship Plan and prairie reconstruction will be completed as the wildlife Bureau will oversee management of the property.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$945,000 Pittman-Robertson, \$5,000 National Wild Turkey Federation

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

9.2 Brown's Lake Wildlife Management Area, Woodbury County – MidAmerican Energy Company

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a tract of land located in Woodbury County near Brown's Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Donor: MidAmerican Energy Company

Acreage: 35 acres

Property Description: This property is located four miles south of Sioux City in western Woodbury County. The near level tract is a borrow site with a 10-acre pond and remainder seeded to a diverse

mix of native grasses and pollinators. The pond reaches depths of 8 to 10 feet. There are no building improvements. Access is provided along the east and south by county roads.

Purpose: The property will provide for public access to hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation opportunities. There also exists potential for near urban fishery and management for migrating shorebirds and waterfowl.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

9.3 Heritage Valley Forest Legacy Area, Winneshiek County – Mowry

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to acquire a permanent conservation easement on a tract of land located in northeastern Winneshiek County.

Seller: Marlin Mowry and Judy Mowry

Acreage: 47 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$185,981.25

Appraised Value: \$247,975

Property Description: This property is located 15 miles northeast of Decorah, in the Driftless Area of northeast Iowa. The tract consists of two, large blocks of heavily-wooded forestland, located in the central and eastern portion of the parcel. The topography within the easement area varies greatly (approximately 210 ft.), reflecting ridgetop, hillside, and valley areas. Forest species are primarily hardwoods of oak, walnut, and hickory. Dry Run Creek, a small stream that intermittently flows water, is located along the north boundary. There is an agricultural crop area of approximately 11.7 acres as part of three small irregular-shaped fields that is included as part of the easement.

Purpose: The purpose of this conservation easement is to protect environmentally important private forests which are threatened by conversion, and to provide for sustainable management of the working forest. The easement provides for land conservation of the forest land, forest resources, water quality protection, wildlife habitat, and oak savanna and prairies, all while maintaining the continuity of the forested area. This easement acquisition will also help meet Iowa's Wildlife Action Plan (2006, 2012, 2015), as well as provide for continuous open-space views. The Forestry Section will be responsible for monitoring compliance with the terms of the easement.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): Forest Legacy Program grant through USDA Forest Service

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the USDA Forest Service.

9.4 Waterman Prairie Complex, O'Brien County – The Nature Conservancy

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in O'Brien County adjacent to Waterman Prairie Complex.

Seller: The Nature Conservancy

Acreage: 184 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$800,000

Appraised Value: \$1,653,600

Property Description: This contiguous, irregular-shaped property is located three miles southeast of Sutherland in southeastern O'Brien County. The moderately rolling to steep tract is representative of the Waterman Prairie Complex land formation, reflecting high quality prairie and oak savanna habitat. The property consists of approximately 100 acres of cropland, 43 acres of remnant prairie, and a balance to timber/oak savanna.

Purpose: This tract offers the opportunity for high quality remnant prairie and oak savanna protection and management. The acquisition will benefit multiple game and non-game wildlife species, while providing public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$385,000 REAP Open Spaces, \$295,000 REAP License Plate, \$105,000 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, and \$15,000 from O'Brien County Sportsmen's Club.

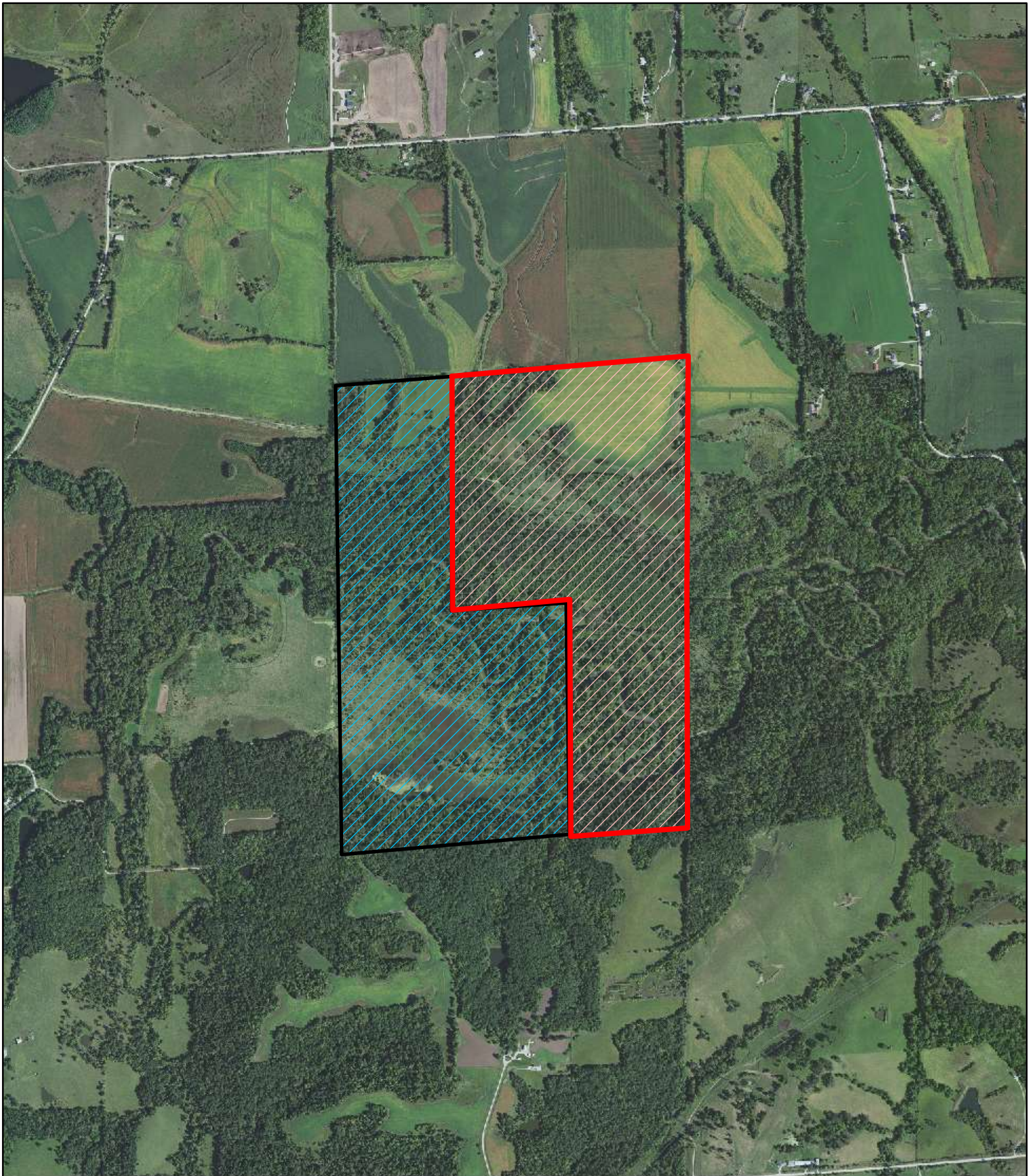
Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the USDA Forest Service. The property will remain on the tax rolls.

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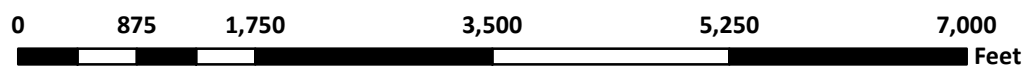
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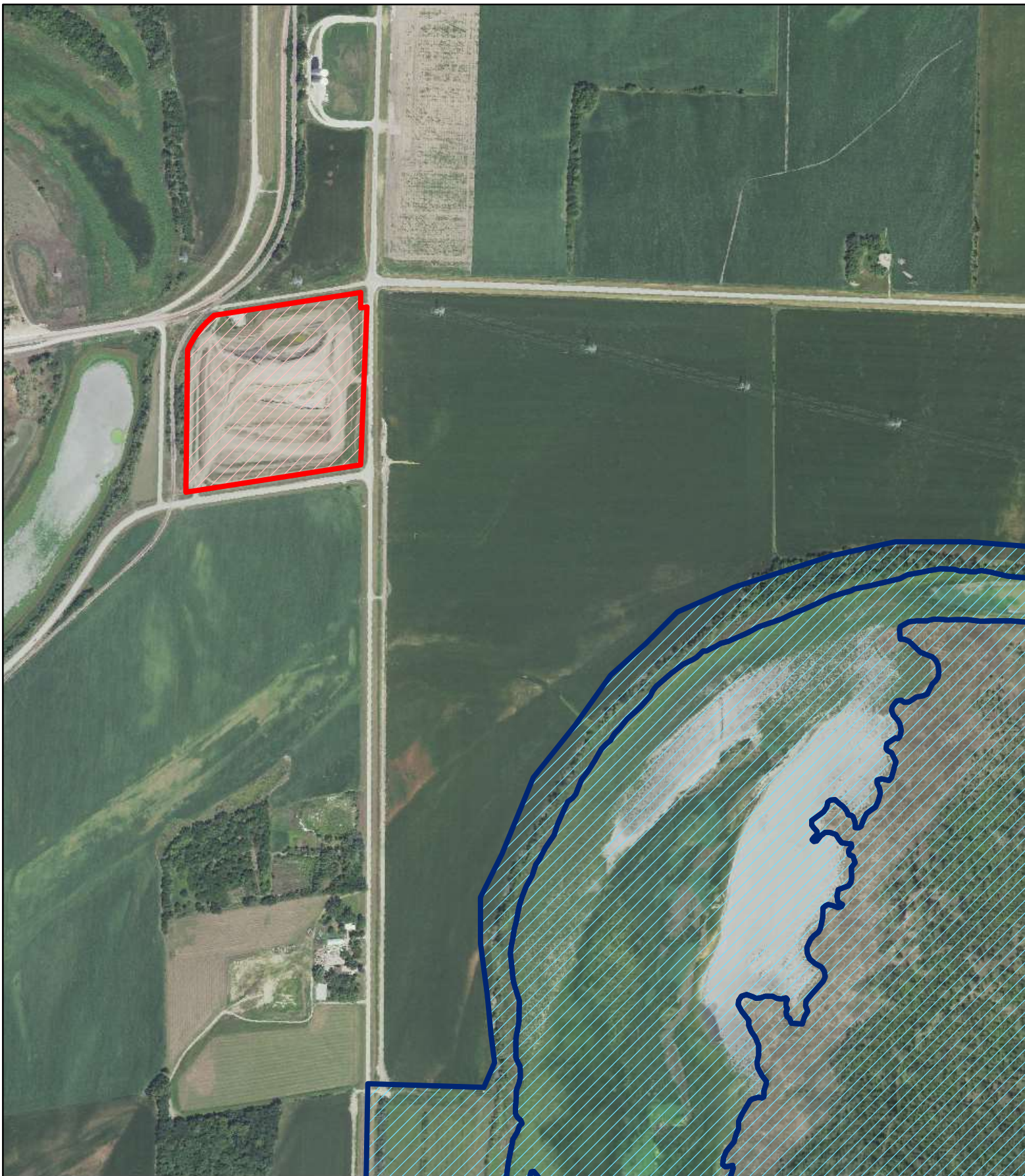
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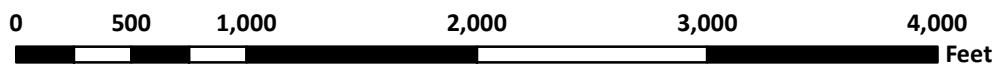
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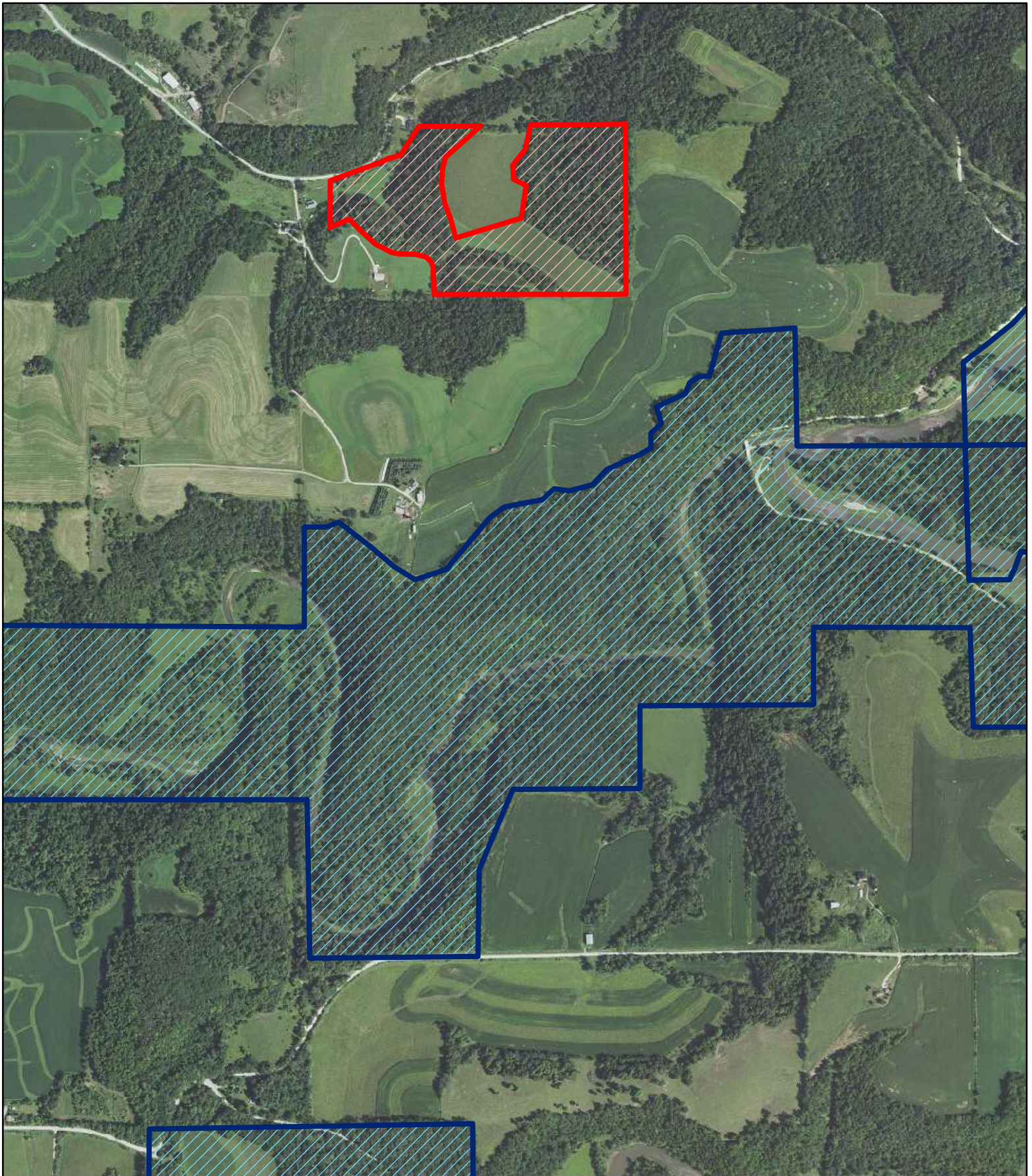
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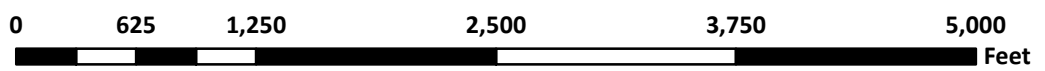
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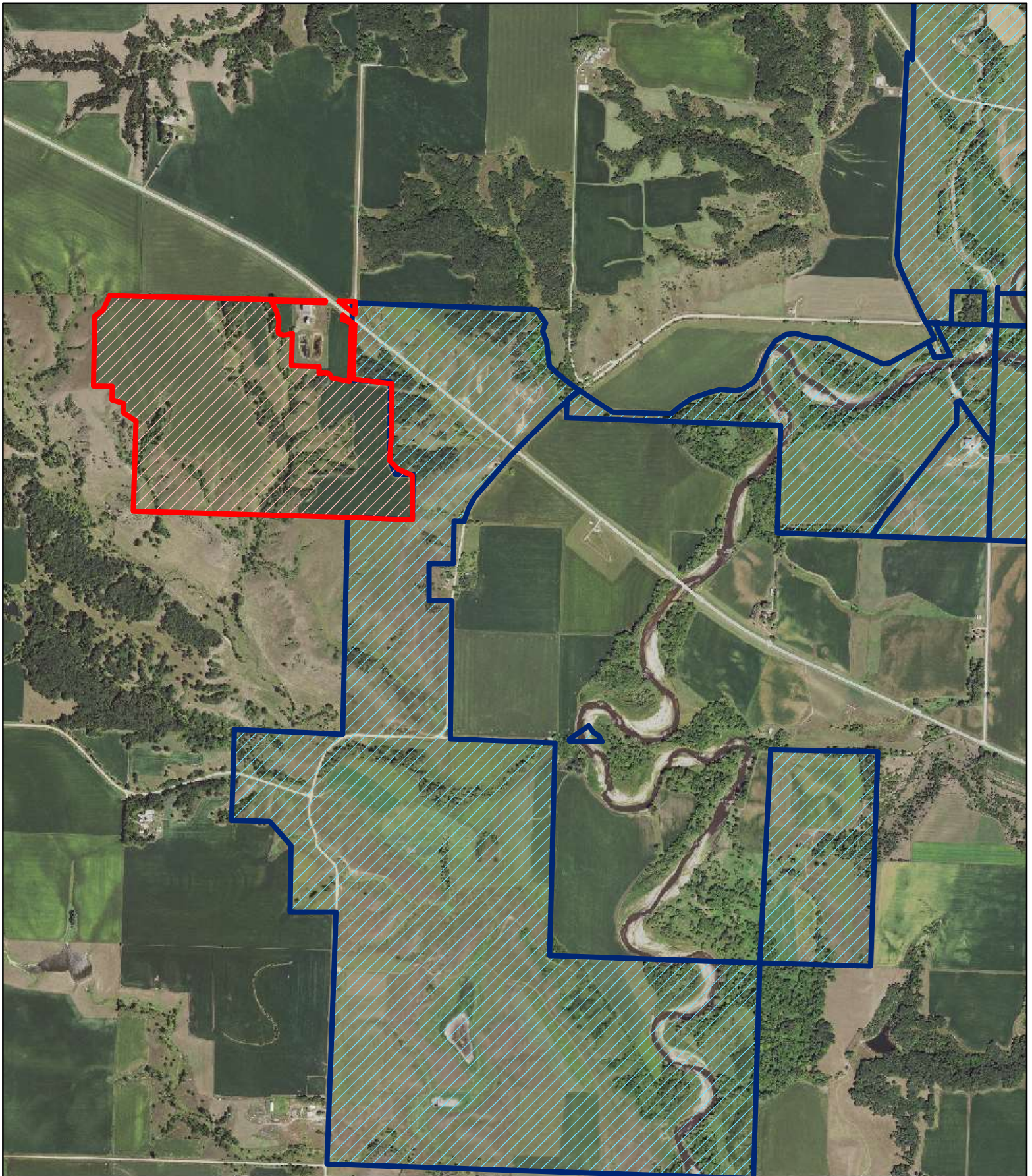
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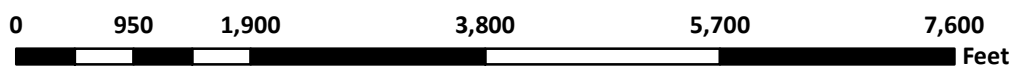
-  Mowry Tract
-  Public Land



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-  TNC Tract
-  Public Land



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***10. Public Land Management Projects**

10.1 Chapter 18 Lease Renewal – Muscatine County – Muscatine Power and Water

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 18 lease 22-R with Muscatine Power and Water.

Location: A portion of the bed of the Mississippi River approximately 2,177 feet in frontage and approximately 200 feet in depth. This riverbed is located in Muscatine County in Section 14, Township 76N, Range 2W, immediately south of the Muscatine City limits as that limit existed in 1945.

Site Purpose: The site is used to unload barges of coal.

Lease History: The location has been under a lease since 1980.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$22,858.50 with a condition that the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The term of the lease will be five years.

10.2 Chapter 17 Lease Renewal – Allamakee County – Interstate Power and Light Company

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 17 lease 34-R with Interstate Power and Lights Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Location: The leased area is described as a portion of the bed of the Mississippi River including approximately 1400 feet of frontage by 200 feet of depth located at Mississippi River Mile 660.0 in Allamakee County, Iowa.

Site Purpose: The site is used as an area for barge fleeting and unloading of coal.

Lease History: The location has been under a barge fleeting lease since 1983. A Public Notice was printed in a local newspaper and no comments were received. This lease is being renewed for one year to complete the retirement of the power plant.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$12,264.00 with a condition that the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The term of the lease will be one year.

10.3 Management Agreement – Wildcat Cave – Hardin County Conservation Board – Hardin County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with Hardin County Conservation Board for Wildcat Cave located in Hardin County.

Location: The area is located along the Iowa River, 1 mile north of Eldora off 215th St.

Site Purpose: This 45.75-acre area is used for hunting and fishing and has a trail to Wildcat Cave.

Management History: This site has been managed by the Hardin County Conservation Board since 1996.

Management Agreement Term: The term of this Agreement with the Hardin County Conservation Board is for 25 years.

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11. Construction - Small Projects

The following Engineering managed projects have been let utilizing the Competitive Quotation process for projects \$100,000 or less:

Bid Date	Project No.	Location	County	Project Description	Summary	Cost Estimate	Bids
5/11/2023	23-06-82-02	Crow Creek WMA	Scott	Emergency Access Road & Boat Ramp	Project includes constructing a 500 LF emergency access gravel road and a small concrete boat ramp at Crow Creek WMA. Contact Mark Moeller for plans and specs.	\$30,000	\$37,490.00 \$44,175.00
5/18/2023	23-03-12-02	Big Marsh WMA	Butler	Osborn Shallow Water Excavation	This project consists of shallow water excavation of a wetland	\$29,000	\$34,961.00 \$36,454.50 \$45,290.00 \$63,431.10

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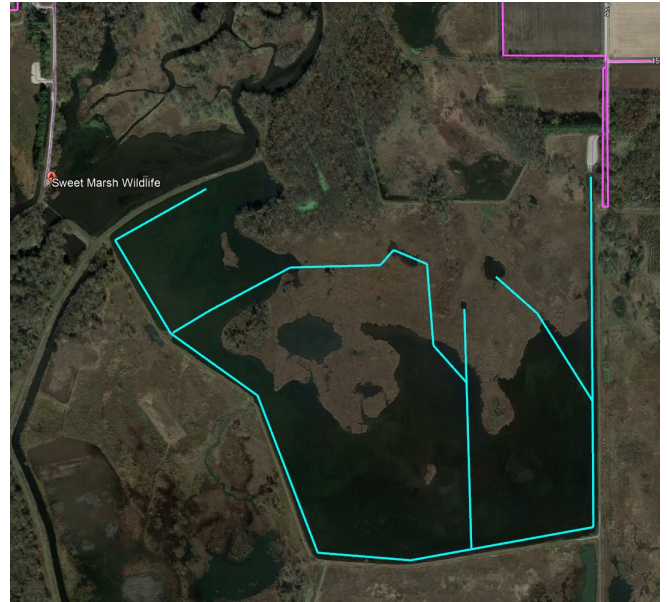
12. Construction Item – Large Projects

12.1 Sweet Marsh Wildlife Management Area Boat Channel Dredging – Bremer County

The Natural Resource Commission is request to approve the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Sweet Marsh Wildlife Management Area covers over 3,100 acres and consists of marsh, timber, and upland habitat which provides for multi-use outdoor recreation, with a focus on water fowl and angling. The WMA is located approximately four miles northeast of Tripoli.

The dike complex was originally constructed in the 1950's and draws water from the Wapsipinicon River. Over the years, wave-action erosion and recent flood overtopping has deteriorated the dike system. Additionally, sedimentation has reduced the depth of the main pool. For this project, the pool has been drained, and standard heavy earth moving equipment will be used to repair the dikes and dig channels to allow for boat access in the pool.



Engineering Project #: 19-03-09-06

Cost Estimate: \$400,000.00

Operating Bureau: Fisheries/Wildlife

Funding Source: Marine Fuel Tax

Bid Letting Date: 5/18/2023

Construction Completion Date: 5/14/2024

Number of Bids Received: 6

Bidders

Veit & Company, Inc.	Rogers, MN	\$397,653.76
Denver Underground & Grading, Inc.	Denver, IA	\$410,037.85
Aaron Crane Construction, LLC	Manchester, IA	\$475,000.00
CJ Moyna & Sons, LLC	Elkader, IA	\$535,407.38
JB Holland Construction, Inc.	Decorah, IA	\$536,644.35

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Veit & Company, Inc.

12.2 Bellevue State Park Dyas Unit Wastewater Treatment System– Jackson County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the following construction project:

Project Summary: Bellevue State Park is located just south of Bellevue, Iowa, and was dedicated in 1928. Bellevue State Park is located in two separate tracts: The Nelson Unit and the Dyas Unit. Amenities at the Dyas Unit include a 26-site campground, a picnic shelter, a boat ramp, and approximately 4 miles of hiking trails.



The wastewater treatment facility located at the Dyas unit of Bellevue State Park, will be upgraded as the current lagoon system is out of compliance with its NPDES discharge limits. This project will add a new leach field to the existing system. Leach field systems are reliable, do not have moving parts, and need little maintenance to function properly. This option will also eliminate the need for disinfection as leach field is a non-discharging system.

Engineering Project #: 19-06-49-01

Cost Estimate: \$200,000.00

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: Infrastructure 100%

Bid Letting Date: 5/18/2023

Construction Completion Date: 10/31/2023

Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

F. L. Krapfl, Inc.	Dyersville, IA	\$260,108.014
Boomerang Corp. of Iowa	Anamosa, IA	\$313,850.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to F. L. Krapfl, Inc.

12.3 Saylorville Wildlife Management Area Boat Ramp Renovation – Boone County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the following construction project:

Project Summary: The Saylorville WMA is 11,013 acres in size and stretches Boone, Dallas and Polk counties. The area consists of the Des Moines River valley from Highway 17 in Polk County to Fraser, and includes timber, upland, and lake habitat. This area has numerous parking lots and river boat ramps.



The existing gravel parking lot and concrete plank ramp is in need of repair. The planks are beginning to be displaced and the ramp is not usable. This project will replace the existing ramp with a standard concrete ramp.

The parking lot will receive new granular surfacing for seven parking spaces and concrete for one ADA parking space.

Engineering Project #: 20-02-08-02
Cost Estimate: \$135,000.00
Operating Bureau: Wildlife
Funding Source: 50% MFT, 50% Coast Guard Boat Safety Grant
Bid Letting Date: 5/18/2023
Construction Completion Date: 9/30/2023
Number of Bids Received: 1

Bidders

Absolute Concrete Construction DBA Absolute Group	Granger, IA	\$169,169.00
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Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Absolute Concrete Construction DBA Absolute Group.

12.4 Big Creek State Park Fishing Pier Replacement – Polk County

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the following construction project:

Project Summary: Big Creek State Park is located just north of Des Moines, and was opened to the public in the 1970’s. The park encompasses 3,550 acres, including a 866-acre lake. Other amenities include a beach with a concession building, numerous picnic shelters and restrooms, six boat ramps, fishing jetties, rentable boat slips, boat storage, a disc golf course, and a bike trail.

The existing wooden ADA fishing pier was constructed in 1989. The 2020 derecho damaged the pier, buckling the deck. This project will remove the existing pier and replace it with a new steel-framed pier with composite decking. The overall size of the pier will be reduced due to cost, but fishing access will be supplemented by the construction of an ADA paved fishing path that will be located along the shoreline to the north of the pier.



Engineering Project #: 21-02-77-12
Cost Estimate: \$400,000.00
Operating Bureau: Parks
Funding Source: 66% FEMA, 22% Executive Council, 12% Infrastructure
Bid Letting Date: 5/18/2023
Construction Completion Date: 6/30/2024
Number of Bids Received: 3

Bidders

Dixon Construction	Correctionville, IA	\$497,080.00
United Contractors, Inc.	Johnston, IA	\$515,319.00
Herberger Construction Company, Inc.	Indianola, IA	\$529,107.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Dixon Construction.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
 Conservation and Recreation Division
 NRC Meeting Date: June 8, 2023

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Decision Item

13. Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

The Natural Resource Commission approval is requested for a contract with Trees JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Wahoo, NE.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed **\$64,725**

Dates: June 9, 2023 to May 31, 2024

Funding Source(s): Woodland Health Initiative

Contract Purpose: To assist 15 Iowa communities with planning and managing their urban tree resources, development of response to the presence of Emerald Ash Borer and other tree pests and problems. As a part of the project each eastern Iowa community included in the contract will receive an inventory of street and park trees, a visual survey of forest health symptoms, a summary of benefits those trees, and an urban forest management plan.

Tasks include:

- Inventory street and park trees in identified communities. Collect data for each tree that includes all require categories for data collection, i.e., GPS derived locations for each tree and data elements for each tree.
- Visually survey all trees for signs and symptoms of invasive pest and disease in the identified communities, return data to DNR in shapefile format via e-mail.
- Calculate the benefit of the street and park trees using the most current version of i-Tree and create maps of the trees for each urban forest management plan.
- Finalize urban forest management plans for the identified communities and submit plans to DNR for approval.
- Presentation of the urban forest management plans to each community.

Communities include: DeWitt, Garner, Garwin, Humboldt, Jewell, Kingsley, Livermore, Manson, Nashua, Osage, Pierson, Prairie City, St. Charles, Stanhope and Wall Lake

This process was done annually since 2012 for 188 other communities in total. These inventories and plans have aided communities with current information to make tree care and budget decisions. The data collected in these have help prioritize removal and treatment of ash trees as well as monitored for pests like walnut twig beetle that is necessary for Iowa to continue international sale of wood products.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from 187 in-state arborists and national tree inventory companies. Proposals were scored based on the criteria as described in the RFP which included cost of service and experience conducting street tree inventories and writing urban forestry management plans which includes work plan, past work projects, capacity of respondent and mechanism for GIS collection.

Date Proposals Received: May 15, 2023

of Proposals Received: 6

Recommendation: JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Score (60 point technical + 10 point Cost Average)	Rank	Cost
Tree Doctor		Unresponsive	-	-

JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Wahoo, NE	41	1	\$64,725
Native Resource Preservation LLC	St. Paul, MN	32.012	5	\$814,680
Wiregrass Ecological Associates	Lexington, SC	34.33	4	\$77,850
Wright Tree Corp, Option 1	Des Moines, IA	38.09	2	\$101,575.77
Wright Tree Corp, Option 2	Des Moines, IA	37.56	3	\$103,700.28

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester, Forestry Section
 Conservation and Recreation Division
 NRC Meeting Date: June 8, 2023