

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Thursday, June 12, 2025

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9:30 AM – NRC Business Meeting

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3.	Director's Remarks	Information	Kayla Lyon
4.	Division Administrator's Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
*5.	Donations	Decision	Pete Hildreth
6.	Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs – Adopted and Final Rule	Decision	Michelle Wilson
7.	2025-2026 Deer Management Zone Hunts	Decision	Todd Bishop
8.	Proposed County Antlerless Quota Changes for the 2025-26 Seasons	Information	Todd Bishop
*9.	Larson Logging Company, LLC-Invasive Species Management	Decision	Todd Bishop
*10.	Redman Services d/b/a Jason Brewer-Invasive Species Management	Decision	Todd Bishop
*11.	Contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc.-Waterfowl Habitat Projects, Prairie Pothole Region of Canada	Decision	Todd Bishop
*12.	Pass It On: Outdoor Mentors, In-Shooting Shorts Outreach Program	Decision	Tammie Krausman
*13.	Public Land Management Projects Management Agreement, Cody Shooting Complex (LE Range) – Scott County Conservation Board & Scott County Sheriff's Office	Decision	Travis Baker
14.	Small Construction Projects-Ledges State Park Boat Ramp Addition, Road and Parking Lot Repair at Pikes Peak State Park, Roadside Erosion Repair and Pammel State Park.	Information	Travis Baker
15.	Large Construction Projects	Decision	Travis Baker

15.1	Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit, Flood Damage Repairs Phase 6 – Fremont County		
15.2	Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit, Flood Damage Repairs Phase 5 – Fremont County		
15.3	Viking Lake & Lake of Three Fires State Parks, Pavement Preservation – Montgomery and Taylor Counties		
15.4	Lewis & Clark State Park, Steel Roof Replacements – Monona County		
16.	Land Acquisition Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
16.1	Fish Farm Mounds WMA, Allamakee County – Robert Honeywell		
16.2	Turkey Valley WMA, Greene County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation		
16.3	Eagle Flats Wetland Complex, Hancock County – Mattox Farms L.L.C.		
*17.	Contract Amendment-1, Salter Wetlands Associates, LLC-Road Repair, Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit	Decision	Travis Baker
*18.	Contract with the Story County Conservation Board (Hickory Grove Park)- Proposed Beach Area Improvements	Decision	Travis Baker
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*21.	Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program-FY25	Decision	Travis Baker
*22.	Contract with the City of Marshalltown and Iowa River OHV Club-Nicholson Ford OHV Park	Decision	Travis Baker
23.	Contract with Carahsoft Technology Corporation-Asset Management System	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
24.	General Discussion		
Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, July 10, Des Moines Thursday, August 14, Des Moines 			

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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

May 8, 2025

**Video Teleconference
and
6200 Park Ave, Des Moines**

Approved by the Commission **TBD**

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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 Tom Prickett at 9:30 am on May 8, 2025 via video/teleconference attendees.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Uriah Hansen
Tom Prickett
Tammi Kircher
KR Buck
Bill Moritz
Collin Brecher
Laura Kudej

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Kerr (Urbandale), Turkey Regulations

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included:

- *7. Donations
- *9. Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
- *11. Public Land Management Projects (11.3)
- *15. Contract with Terrain360 LLC-Panoramic Imagery of the Des Moines River Water Trails

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the removal of items 11.1 and 11.2. 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

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS

Director Lyon swore in Bill Moritz and Collin Brecher as new NRC Commissioners.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by KR Buck to nominate Tom Prickett as Chair of the Natural Resource Commission.

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

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to nominate Uriah Hanse as Vice Chair of the Natural Resource Commission.

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

Motion was made by KR Buck to nominate Tammi Kircher as Secretary of the Natural Resource Commission.

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

NOMINATIONS APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth thanked Tom Prickett, Uriah Hansen and Tammi Kircher for their willingness to serve as NRC officers for the next calendar year.
- DA Hildreth highlighted his visit to Prairie Rose Lake during the alum application process. Mr. Hildreth noted the professionalism and the organization of the application process. Mr. Hildreth noted that the application did not affect angler activity. In addition, Mr. Hildreth noted that the alum application at Green Valley also went extremely well.
- Mr. Hildreth highlighted several donations and donors and explained the donation process to the new Commissioners.
- Chris Ensminger provided a highlight of the comments received during the 2025 February hunting listening sessions. Mr. Ensminger noted that over 600 people attended the sessions. Over half of the comments received were for the deer seasons, and the remainder of the comments were for turkey, waterfowl, furbearers and small game. Mr. Ensminger mentioned that there may be follow up surveys to get additional data on feedback regarding deer regulation topics. This feedback will assist with regulation proposal changes in the future. Mr. Ensminger responded to several questions regarding the data and next action steps.

CONTRACT WITH FRIENDS OF LAKE DARLING STATE PARK

Sherry Arntzen requested Commission approval for a contract with Friends of Lake Darling State Park to put a solar array unit on the Lake Darling rental lodge. Miss Arntzen clarified that online maintenance of the unit will be performed by the Department. Commissioners held a discussion about Friends groups, including expansion and recognition.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Collin Brecher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CHAPTER 33, RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION (REAP) PROGRAM: COUNTY, CITY, PRIVATE OPEN SPACES AND CONSERVATION EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAMS-COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA

Michelle Wilson presented grant rubrics for the REAP program grants. Commissioners thanked the Department for the simplicity and clarity of the guidelines presented.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT-CHAPTER 17 LEASE RENEWAL, ROYAL RETREAT LLC

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a lease renewal with Royal Retreat LLC for a land lease adjacent to Triboji Beach. Mr. Baker explained how square footage is determined for leases. Mr. Baker also shared the minimum lease fees with the Commissioners and explained how fees will increase in relationship to the Consumer Price Index at time of renewal. Commissioners discussed the process of adjusting fees through rulemaking.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT-CHAPTER 17 LEASE RENEWAL, GUARDIAN HOLDINGS, LLC

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a lease renewal with Guardian Holdings, LLC.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Collin Brecher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Travis Baker presented a pair construction projects including a low water stabilization project at Deception Hollow boat ramp, and site repair after building removals at Ledges and Viking Lake State Parks.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

INFORMATION

LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK, ROCK REEF HABITAT AND OUTLET PIPE WORK

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project to improve rock reef habitat along the shoreline and to replace a damaged outlet pipe at Lake Manawa State Park.

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 agenda item by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

RATHBUN HATCHERY, POND LINER REPLACEMENT

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a pond liner replacement at the Rathbun Fish Hatchery.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Bill Moritz.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED**SAYLORVILLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, UPPER FRASER BOAT RAMP RENOVATION**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for the Upper Fraser boat ramp renovation within the Saylorville Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Collin Brecher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED**LOESS HILLS STATE FOREST AND LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK -ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for roof replacement for several structures located at Loess Hills State Forest and Lewis and Clark State Park.

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 agenda item by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED**LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-SPRINGBROOK WMA, GUTHRIE COUNTY**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located near the Springbrook WMA from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

Public Comments-None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Bill Moritz.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda item by requesting a roll call vote. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED**LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-HERITAGE VALLEY FOREST LEGACY AREA, ALLAMAKEE COUNTY**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to acquire a permanent conservation easement on a tract of land located in northwestern Allamakee County.

Public Comments-None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda item by requesting a roll call vote. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-HERITAGE VALLEY FOREST LEGACY AREA, ALLAMAKEE & WINNESHIEK COUNTIES

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to acquire a permanent conservation easement on a tract of land located in west central Allamakee County.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Collin Brecher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda item by requesting a roll call vote. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-HERITAGE VALLEY FOREST LEGACY AREA, ALLAMAKEE & WINNESHIEK COUNTIES

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to acquire a permanent conservation easement on a tract of land located on the boarder of Winneshiek and Allamakee County.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

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

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda item by requesting a roll call vote. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT-LOESS HILLS STATE FOREST, MONONA COUNTY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Monona County adjacent to Loess Hills State Forest.

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 agenda item by requesting a roll call vote. There were no nay votes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SHIVE-HATTERY-PLAN AND DESIGN OF SEPTIC TANK REPLACEMENT AND SAND FILTER AT BACKBONE STATE PARK

George Antoniou requested Commission approval for a contract with Shive-Hattery for engineering services to design a septic tank replacement and sand filter system at Backbone State Park.

Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Bill Moritz.

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

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH SHELBY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD-INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Tammie Krausman requested Commission approve a contract with the Shelby County Conservation Board for Interpretive Services through cost-sharing a staff member to perform environmental education and outreach services.

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 agenda item by saying aye. There were no nay votes.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Commissioners share their outdoor Spring adventures.
- KR Buck and Uriah Hansen thanked staff for the Storm Lake walleye gillnetting experience in April.
- KR Buck discussed the opportunity to improve restroom services to the public by opening them up sooner.
- Current Commissioners welcomed new Commissioners, Bill Moritz and Collin Brecher.
- New Commissioners shared their enthusiasm for their new role on the Commission.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Tom Prickett adjourned the Natural Resources Commission meeting at 12:05 pm on May 8, 2025.

ADJOURNED

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

Decision Item

***Item #5** (**indicates proposed consent item*)

Donations

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

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Prairie Rose State Park	\$5,400.00	202 Yamaha Drive 2 Golf Cart purchased for the camp hosts to use to help carry cleaners and equipment from restroom to restroom and to the cabins, as well as to help guide campers with questions.	Friends of Prairie Rose State Park
Prairie Rose State Park	\$1,500.00	Monetary donation to Tremel Nursery for the purchase of trees for the park after the destruction of the Emerald Ash Borer. The donation is made in his father's memory.	Lance Bartley
Prairie Rose State Park	\$45.00	Monetary donation from Tremel Nursery to compliment the donation of Lance Bartley for trees for the park.	Tremel Nursery
Pine Lake State Park	\$25,000.00	Anonymous donation to Pine Lake State Park.	Anonymous
Pine Lake State Park	\$25,135.70	Anonymous donation to Pine Lake State Park.	Anonymous
Elk Rock State Park	\$1,593.17	Donation of 5 fire rings to Elk Rock State Park.	Friends of Elk Rock
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$99.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Alan and Connie Berman
Wildlife Diversity	\$50.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Program.	Ken and Miriam Saunders
Wildlife Diversity	\$25.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Program.	Derrick Exner
Wildlife Diversity	\$50.00	Donation to the Wildlife Diversity Program.	Mark Hurley
Parks, Forestry, and Preserves	\$100.00	Donation to Parks, Forestry, and Preserves in memory of Larry Lawrence.	Mary Ann Reiter
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of daughter, Julie Porter.	Wilma Porter
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$150.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John P. Sunstrum.	Willis and Linda Ann Bywater
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John P. Sunstrum.	Robert and Lucy Anderson
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John P. Sunstrum.	Steven and Jennifer Ballard

Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$150.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John P. Sunstrum.	Bankers Advertising Company
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$130.00	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of John P. Sunstrum on behalf of the Rhodes and Carlson families.	Patti Sunstrum
DNR Fire Program	\$50,636.20	One 2025 Chevy Silverado to be used by the fire program as a Type 6 engine aiding in prescribed fire, wildlife, and training.	Joey Gallion
Lake Darling State Park	\$672.76	Donation of a 75" Samsung TV and Sound Bar for Lake Darling State Park Lodge.	Friends of Lake Darling
Iowa DNR	\$18,660.66	Round up total through the Iowa GoOutdoors Licensing System for April and May, 2025.	Multiple Donors
Parks	\$18,030.10	Round up total through the Parks Reservation System for March, April and May, 2025.	Multiple Donors

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: June 12, 2025

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

Decision Item

6. Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs – Adopted and Final Rule

The Commission is requested to approve the Notice of Intended Action – Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs.

Basic Intent of Rule: Chapter 33 defines the processes and requirements for entities to receive funding through the private cost-sharing funds in the county, city, private open spaces and conservation education grant programs of the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund (REAP). REAP is funded through a state appropriation and, by law, those funds must protect Iowa's natural resource heritage of air, soils, waters, and wildlife for the benefit of present and future citizens.

As part of 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2385, effective July 1, 2024, the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Conservation Education Program funds are now administered by the Department and REAP Coordinator instead of by the Conservation Education Program Board. Due to this change, the Department is undertaking rulemaking to create a review and selection committee that will assist the REAP Coordinator in the award of Conservation Education Program grants and disbursement of funds.

NOIA: The Notice of Intended Action (NOIA) was approved by the Commission on March 13, 2025. The NOIA was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 2, 2025, as ARC 10137. Two public hearings were held on April 23rd and May 7th, 2025.

Changes from NOIA: One member of the public attended the hearing but no formal comment was received. No changes to the rulemaking were made from the published Notice of Intended Action.

Effective Date of Final Rule: August 13, 2025.

Michelle Wilson, REAP Coordinator
Conservation and Recreation Division
Meeting Date: June 12, 2025

Attached: Chapter 33, Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs. – Adopted and Final

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

The Natural Resource Commission (Commission) hereby adopts Chapter 33, “Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: County, City, Private Open Spaces and Conservation Education Grant Programs,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 455.A.19.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 455A and 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2385.

Purpose and Summary

During the 90th General Assembly, 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2385, was enacted. This legislation eliminated the Conservation Education Program Board. As of July 1, 2024, the Resource Enhancement and Protection’s (REAP) conservation education funds are now administered by the Department of Natural Resources (Department) and the REAP Coordinator instead of by the Board. Due to this change, the Department is promulgating rules to award the conservation education program grant funds, which includes creating a review and selection committee.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 2, 2025, as ARC 10137.

In-person and virtual options for public hearing were offered. The in-person option was held on April 23, 2025, at 1:00-3:30 PM at DNR Headquarters, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, Iowa and the virtual option was held May 7, 2025 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM via Zoom.

One member of the public attended the hearing but no formal comment was received. No changes to the rulemaking were made from the published Notice of Intended Action.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Natural Resource Commission on June 12, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 571-Chapter 11.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on August 13, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 33.4(3) as follows:

33.4(3) Application deadlines are the same for county, city, and private open space grant programs. Conservation education program application deadlines are offered annually but not on the same schedule as the county, city, and private open space grant programs. Applications for all REAP grant programs will be reviewed and projects selected for funding at least once per year. The department shall publish on its website the date and time for submitting a funding proposal, providing at least 90 days' notice. Applications must be submitted to the department as described on the website.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 571—33.19(455A) as follows:

571—33.19(455A) Conservation education program policy.

33.19(1) *Grants and agreements.* The conservation education program board shall constitute a long-term integrated effort to support conservation education ~~for Iowa educators and students through formal and nonformal education projects and programs by means of competitively awarded grants and cooperative agreements.~~ To support this policy, the board may establish guidelines from time to time to direct applicants to priority areas for funding and shall give preference to grants that meet these guidelines. The board may provide funding for activities that expand the impact of the project and provide accessibility for widespread adoption of programs for implementation by others. The board may provide funding for tracking of project implementation and evaluation.

~~**33.19(1)** *Conservation education program board.* The board will review and amend, as needed, the review and selection criteria for competitive grants and policies of conduct.~~

33.19(2) Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to this division:

~~“Board” means REAP conservation education program board.~~

“Conservation education programs” means programs developed for formal (K-12 students), nonformal (preschool, adult and continuing education) and higher education (postsecondary and adult) programs, within the subject areas of natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

“Dissemination grant” means funds deployed for the purposes of executing projects previously funded by REAP conservation education program funds that were successful in execution and have transferability to other educators and conservation programs.

“Dissemination plan” means the required documentation for projects greater than \$10,000 funded by the REAP conservation education program funds. A dissemination plan contains specific details of the project, including expected outcomes essential for the uptake and use by educators and conservation programs.

“Educator” means any person who teaches environmental/conservation education. This may apply to certified teachers, governmental or private naturalists, education specialists, or others so determined by the ~~board~~ department.

“Environmental/conservation education materials” means materials that are developed or produced that provide knowledge, skills, processes and strategies that enhance Iowa citizens’ understanding of natural resources conservation and environmental issues.

“Stipends for Iowa educators who participate in innovative conservation education programs” may include tuition costs; acceptable food and lodging costs; substitute teacher costs; mileage expenses or separate allowances when applicable for educators to attend ~~board~~

~~approved~~ approved environmental/conservation education workshops, in-service programs and conferences; and other costs as approved by the ~~board~~ department.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 571—33.20(455A) as follows:

571—33.20(455A) Eligibility for funds. In years in which funds are made available, grant applications may be submitted by institutions of higher learning; government agencies, including local school districts; ~~nonpublic~~ private schools and home schools; area education agencies; day cares; and organizations; ~~and individuals with an Iowa residence~~. Preference shall be given to Iowa ~~participants~~ residents.

33.20(1) Fund distribution. The total available funds will be distributed as follows:

a. The first \$50,000 will be awarded to public/private pre-K through grade 12 education disseminated as small grant awards not to exceed \$10,000 per request and no less than \$1,000 per request.

b. The next \$50,000 will be awarded to dissemination grants, if a dissemination project is provided by the department for the year.

c. The remaining \$250,000 will be awarded for large grant awards not to exceed \$80,000 per request. Large grant awards require a minimum of 33 percent matching funds either as an in-kind or a cash match.

d. If all funds are not allocated through paragraphs 33.20(1) “a” and “b,” the remaining funds will be allocated to qualifying projects in paragraph 33.20(1) “c.”

33.20(2) Expenditure guidelines.

a. Eligible program types. Applicants can apply for funding that supports hands-on interactive types of educational experiences, such as workshops, trainings, field trips, or

classroom activities, or passive education experiences, such as interpretive or wayside signs, brochures or video programming, or education center exhibits.

b. Personnel expenses. Requests for personnel expenditures shall not exceed 40 percent of the total grant request and can only be used for staff directly engaged with the educational offering. Administrative support personnel are not eligible grant fund expenses. An awardee will provide documentation on actual hours worked in order to receive the 40 percent reimbursement costs for personnel. This does not include educator stipends or funding provided to individuals in order to attend a workshop, conference or training, all of which are allowable expenses under this grant program.

c. Travel expenses. Reimbursement is for in-state travel only; mileage, lodging, and food expenses will be reimbursed at the current state rate as found on the department of administrative services website.

d. Noneligible expenses. Grant funds cannot be used for technology or infrastructure development or construction whose singular function is not primarily and consistently dedicated to the program or exhibit for which grant funds are requested. Additionally, grant funds cannot be used for food and beverage costs or reimbursements.

ITEM 4. Rescind rule 571—33.21(455A) and adopt the following **new** rule in lieu thereof:

571—33.21(455A) Competitive grant project planning and review committee.

33.21(1) *Review committee.*

a. The director shall appoint a five-person review and selection committee to evaluate project applications. This committee shall include one representative of the department appointed by the director, one representative of the department of education science consultant or designee, one representative of the Iowa conservation education council, one representative of the Iowa

association of naturalists, and one representative of the Iowa association of county conservation boards. Additionally, there shall be at least one alternate identified and designated by the director from each represented organization. Terms of appointment to the committee shall be on a three-year staggered term basis.

b. An individual who is a member, volunteer, or employee of an entity that has submitted a project shall not serve on the scoring committee during that award cycle. Instead, one of the alternates shall review and score in the individual's place.

33.21(2) *Competitive grant project selection criteria.*

a. Under the competitive grant program, a project planning and review committee shall establish criteria and scoring systems to be utilized in project evaluation. The criteria and scoring systems shall be submitted to the natural resource commission for approval.

b. The department shall publish on its website the date and time for submitting a funding proposal and the criteria and scoring system, providing at least 90 days' notice. Applications must be submitted to the department as described on the website.

c. Upon recommendation of the planning and review committee, the natural resource commission shall award the grants.

33.21(3) *Dissemination plan.*

a. After completion of the project awarded through the large grants, and prior to final request for reimbursement, the awardee shall complete a dissemination plan as provided on the department's website. Projects funded with conservation education program funds are intended to be replicable by other educators or conservation programs in Iowa.

b. Annually, the review and selection committee will review dissemination plans; select successful projects per criteria developed and approved by the natural resource commission; and

offer additional award opportunities, not to exceed \$10,000 per awardee, of up to \$50,000 of conservation education program funds for other educators or conservation education programs to implement.

33.21(4) *Nonapplication of copyright.* Program materials developed from REAP funds for conservation education materials shall bear the REAP logo. However, materials developed under this grant shall not be copyrighted by the grantee unless the department gives permission. A digital copy of all program materials developed shall be supplied to the department as part of the dissemination plan.

ITEM 5. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.22(455A)**.

ITEM 6. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.23(455A)**.

ITEM 7. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.24(455A)**.

ITEM 8. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.25(455A)**.

ITEM 9. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.26(455A)**.

ITEM 10. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.27(455A)**.

ITEM 11. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.28(455A)**.

ITEM 12. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.29(455A)**.

ITEM 13. Rescind and reserve rule **571—33.30(455A)**.

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

Decision Item

7. 2025-2026 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 60 different locations, although several will have multiple hunts on them.

2025-2026 DEER MANAGEMENT ZONES

Cancelled or new hunts, as well as quota changes from last year, are highlighted.

Zone Name	Zone #	Season	Season Number	Season Begin	Season End	Zone Quota	Any Deer
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	100	
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	January	8	1/11/2026	1/25/2026		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	100	
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Ames (City)	2	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	75	3
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025	50	
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	100	
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	January	8	1/11/2026	1/25/2026		
Atlantic	80	Archery	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	50	1
Backbone State Park	4	Reg Gun 1**	5	12/6/2025	12/7/2025	200	
Bettendorf & Riverdale (City)	7	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	125	10
Bobwhite State Park - WCCB	91	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	50	

Burlington (City)	97	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	200	9
Cedar Rapids (City)	8	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	400	15
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025	500	
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	100	
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Clinton (City)	9	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	75	2
Coralville (City)	10	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	200	10
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	600	
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Corydon (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	89	January	8	Cancelled			10
Council Bluffs (City)	69	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/25/2026	300	
Davenport (City)	11	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	250	16
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	100	
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	January	8	1/11/2026	1/25/2026		
Denison (City)	12	Bow	3	Cancelled			
DeSoto NWR	13	Late Muzzle	7	Cancelled			
Dubuque (City)	16	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	250	31
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
		Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
		Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	400	
		Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025		
		Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
		Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
		Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		

Dubuque (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	115	January	8	Cancelled			4
Eldora (City)	42	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	50	
Elk Rock State Park	18	Late Muzzle	7	Cancelled			
Fort Dodge	113	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	100	15
Green Valley State Park	20	Early Muzzle	4	11/8/2025	11/9/2025	35	
Harpers Ferry (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	88	January	8	Cancelled			18
Honey Creek State Park	85	Reg Gun 1**	5	Cancelled			
IAAP	21	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
IAAP	21	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
IAAP	21	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
IAAP	21	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	1200	
IAAP	21	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
IAAP	21	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
IAAP	21	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
IAAP	22	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	50	
Iowa City (City)	101	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	200	10
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025	30	
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Iowa Falls (City)	24	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	80	2
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	250	
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Jefferson County Park	64	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	25	4
Jones County Central Park	65	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	50	
Kent Park	26	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	100	
Keokuk (City)	83	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	125	13
Knoxville (City)	75	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	25	
Lacey Keosauqua State Park	28	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	50	3
Lake Aquahbi State Park	19	Bow	3	10/11/2025	1/10/2026	30	
Lake Darling State Park	30	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/7/2025	100	
Lake Macbride State Park	32	Bow	3	Cancelled			
Lake Wapello State Park	38	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/7/2025	50	
Ledges State Park	39	Bow	3	10/1/2025	12/31/2025	40	
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	100	
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		

Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	January	8	1/11/2026	1/25/2026		
Marshalltown (City)	78	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	60	
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	40	
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Mason City (City)	92	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	100	12
Mount Pleasant (City)	41	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	50	1
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	100	
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	January	8	1/11/2026	1/25/2026		
Muscatine (City)	43	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	150	8
Oskaloosa (City)	6	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	100	2
Ottumwa (City)	44	Bow	3	9/20/2025	1/10/2026	175	23
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025	200	
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026		
Pike's Peak S							
Park/McGregor/Marquette	46	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	100	12
Pine Lake State Park	47	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	30	1
Polk/Dallas Archery Only Zone	48	Bow	3	9/20/2025*	1/25/2026*	1000	45
<i>Licenses valid within Polk/Dallas Urban deer management zone in urban areas, Polk CCB properties, and certain Saylorville Federal lands. Local ordinances or rules apply</i>							
Scott County Park	50	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	50	
Smith Wildlife Area	110	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	10	
Smith Wildlife Area	66	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025	3	
Smith Wildlife Area	67	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025	3	
Smith Wildlife Area	68	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026	3	
Springbrook State Park	51	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	10	
Stone State Park	82	Bow	3	9/20/2025	11/30/2025	40	
Wanatee Park (formerly Squaw Creek)	53	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	100	11
Waterloo/Cedar Falls Metro	56	Bow	3	10/6/2025	1/10/2026	300	35
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026		

Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025	50
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025	
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026	
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	January	8	1/11/2026	1/25/2026	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Youth	1	9/20/2025	10/5/2025	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Disabled	2	9/20/2025	10/5/2025	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Bow	3	10/1/2025	1/10/2026	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Early Muzzle	4	10/11/2025	10/19/2025	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 1	5	12/6/2025	12/10/2025	100
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 2	6	12/13/2025	12/21/2025	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Late Muzzle	7	12/22/2025	1/10/2026	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	January	8	1/11/2026	1/25/2026	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Youth	1	cancelled		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Disabled	2	cancelled		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Bow	3	cancelled		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Early Muzzle	4	cancelled		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 1	5	cancelled		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 2	6	cancelled		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Late Muzzle	7	cancelled		

Cancelled
New or Changed

Youth	1
Disabled	2
Bow	3
Early Muzzleloader	4
Gun 1	5
Gun 2	6
Late Muzzleloader	7
January	8

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: 06/12/2025

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

Information Item

8. Proposed County Antlerless Quota Changes for the 2025-26 Seasons

The following county antlerless quota changes are proposed for the 2025-26 deer hunting seasons. Changes are proposed where population indices, wildlife bureau staff and hunter observations indicate the population is above or below goal.

County	Quota	County	Quota	County	Quota
Adair	1200 <u>950</u>	Floyd	250	Monona	0
Adams	750 <u>500</u>	Franklin	100	Monroe	2500 <u>2250</u>
Allamakee	3800	Fremont	0	Montgomery	1500 <u>0</u>
Appanoose	2800 <u>2500</u>	Greene	1000 <u>0</u>	Muscatine	900 <u>1000</u>
Audubon	0	Grundy	0	O'Brien	0
Benton	325	Guthrie	2350 <u>2000</u>	Osceola	0
Black Hawk	0	Hamilton	100	Page	0
Boone	600 <u>500</u>	Hancock	100	Palo Alto	0
Bremer	300	Hardin	200	Plymouth	0
Buchanan	400	Harrison	0	Pocahontas	0
Buena Vista	0	Henry	1050	Polk	1350 <u>1200</u>
Butler	300 <u>400</u>	Howard	450	Pottawattamie	0
Calhoun	0	Humboldt	0	Poweshiek	200
Carroll	0	Ida	0	Ringgold	1600 <u>1350</u>
Cass	0	Iowa	450	Sac	0
Cedar	775	Jackson	1100	Scott	200
Cerro Gordo	100	Jasper	400	Shelby	0
Cherokee	0	Jefferson	1500	Sioux	0
Chickasaw	375 <u>475</u>	Johnson	950 <u>1100</u>	Story	150
Clarke	2400 <u>2100</u>	Jones	1100	Tama	300 <u>200</u>
Clay	0	Keokuk	500	Taylor	1500 <u>1200</u>
Clayton	4000	Kossuth	0	Union	1400 <u>1100</u>
Clinton	400	Lee	1800 <u>1900</u>	Van Buren	2400 <u>2300</u>
Crawford	0	Linn	850 <u>1000</u>	Wapello	1600 <u>1500</u>
Dallas	1900 <u>1700</u>	Louisa	775 <u>875</u>	Warren	3000
Davis	2000 <u>1900</u>	Lucas	2500 <u>2250</u>	Washington	1200

County	Quota	County	Quota	County	Quota
Decatur	2500 <u>2200</u>	Lyon	0	Wayne	2700 <u>2450</u>
Delaware	4400 <u>1300</u>	Madison	3300	Webster	200 <u>100</u>
Des Moines	4000 <u>1100</u>	Mahaska	475	Winnebago	0
Dickinson	0	Marion	2050	Winneshiek	2700
Dubuque	1200	Marshall	150	Woodbury	0
Emmet	0	Mills	0	Worth	0
Fayette	2500	Mitchell	400 <u>200</u>	Wright	400 <u>0</u>

Proposed quotas were published on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Deer-Hunting on June 02, 2025 as required by IAC 571-106.10(5).

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***9. Contract with** Larson Logging Company, LLC

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Larson Logging Company, LLC, of Clearfield, IA.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$49,764

Dates: October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Funding Source(s): 60% 319 Clean Water Act State Land Grant, 20% Lakes Restoration Program, 20% REAP Land Management

Contract Purpose The purpose of this contract is to remove and treat invasive tree and brush species from the oak savanna and grassland areas on the designated area on Lake Icaria (WMA). Eastern red cedar, green ash, red mulberry, elm, bush honeysuckle, Russian olive, and many other invasive tree and brush species have invaded the grasslands around the lake. Work used to address these invasive species will be grinding, shearing, cutting, and piling with skid loaders and chainsaws on 35.75 designated acres. Future maintenance of the acres will be under the management plans for the area. This project is part of a larger effort to improve the Lake Icaria WMA watershed. The purpose of removing the invasive brush and tree species is to restore oak savanna and grassland habitats, thus improving infiltration rates and wildlife habitat for savanna and grassland wildlife species. This will result in better water quality for the lake and improved fishing and hunting opportunities. This project falls in line with the current management plan in place for the Lake Icaria WMA.

Selection Process Summary: The Department used the Informal Request for Quotes process and emailed RFQ to multiple contractors.

Date bids received: May 2, 2025

Review and Selection Committee: DNR Contract Manager

Scoring Criteria: Proposals were scored based on the cost. **Bids received:** 6

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Bid	Rank
Larson Logging	Clearfield, IA	\$49,764.00	1
Land Management Resources	Ankeny, IA	\$51,837.50	2
Custom Forestry Applicators LLC	Robinson, KS	\$63,456.25	3
Carstens Ag & Tiling LLC	Fontanelle, IA	\$53,413.36	4
Dylan Wagner	Van Meter, IA	\$78,650.00	5
Jarred Construction LLC	Tingley, IA	\$107,071.25	6

*All bids were adjusted based per acre bid amount and a slightly expanded project area of 35.75 acres opposed to original 33 acres.

Todd Bishop, (Wildlife) Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***10. Contract with Redman Services d/b/a Jason Brewer**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Redman Services /Jason Brewer, of Greenfield, Iowa.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$43,334.00

Dates: October 1 2025 to March 31 2026

Funding Source(s): 60% 319 Clean Water Act State Land Grant, 20% Lakes Restoration Program, 20% REAP Land Management

Contract Purpose:

The purpose of this contract is to remove and pile invasive tree and brush species from the designated area on Meadow Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Eastern red cedar, green ash, red mulberry, elm, bush honeysuckle, Russian olive, and many other invasive tree and brush species have invaded the grasslands around the lake. Work used to address these invasive species will be pushing, pulling, and piling with a dozer, excavator and skid loader on 36.68 designated acres.

The unit staff will follow up with native prairie seeding. Future maintenance of the acres will be under the management plan for the area. This project is part of a larger effort to improve the Meadow Lake WMA watershed. The purpose of removing the invasive brush and tree species is to restore grassland habitat, thus improving infiltration rates and wildlife habitat for grassland wildlife species. This will result in better water quality for the lake and improved fishing and hunting.

Selection Process Summary: The Department used the Informal Request for Quotes process and emailed RFQ to multiple contractors and made phone calls to several contractors to solicit bids.

Criteria Reviewed: Criteria reviewed for this work included bid amounts.

Proposal Due Date: May 2, 2025

of Proposals Received: 4

Recommendation: Redman Services (Jason Brewer)

Vendor	Location (city, state)	Bid	Rank
Redman Services (Jason Brewer)	Greenfield, Iowa	\$43,334.00	1
Rauch Construction CO	Oregon, Mo	\$109,856.60	4
Jared Construction LLC	Tingley, Iowa	\$102,704.00	3
Carstens Ag & Tiling LLC	Fontanelle, Iowa	\$54,802.85	2

*All bids were adjusted based per acre bid amount and a slightly reduced project area to 36.68 acres.

Todd Bishop, (Wildlife) Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

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***11. Contract with Ducks Unlimited Inc.**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU), of Dexter Michigan.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$35,000

Dates: June 13, 2025 to June 30, 2025

Funding Source(s): State Migratory Bird Stamp

Contract Purpose: DU is dedicated to the increase and production of waterfowl and other migratory bird populations in Canada via restoration and preservation of wetland and grassland habitats. Conserving waterfowl production habitats in Saskatchewan, Canada is critical to reaching and maintaining continental population goals as set forth in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Iowa's State Duck Stamp was established to conserve continental waterfowl populations through habitat conservation projects in Iowa, with authority to provide up to fifteen (15) percent of the revenues to support habitat projects in Canada. This agreement is in recognition that the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba represent the largest geographic portion of North America's Prairie Pothole Region, and that they provide critical nesting habitat for the same waterfowl populations that nest and migrate through the State of Iowa. Since the State Duck Stamp was established in 1972, Iowa has contributed more than \$1 million to conservation of waterfowl production habitat in Canada via annual cooperative agreements with DU. DU has submitted a funding proposal, 2025 Proposal to Conserve Critical Waterfowl Habitat in the Prairie Pothole Region of Saskatchewan.

The DNR's purpose in entering into this Cooperative Agreement is to support waterfowl habitat projects in the Prairie Pothole Region of Canada. DNR is dedicated toward the conservation of continental populations of waterfowl and other migratory birds, especially those that nest in the Prairie Pothole Region and migrate through the Mississippi Flyway and State of Iowa. DU's purpose in entering into this Cooperative Agreement is to increase and maintain abundant continental waterfowl populations through restoration and protection of wetland and other critical waterfowl production habitats in the Prairie Pothole Region.

Selection Process Summary: The DNR enters into this Cooperative Agreement based on statutory authority provided in Iowa Code section 484A.4, which sets forth the following:

All revenue generated from the migratory game bird fee shall be used for projects approved by the commission for the purpose of protecting and propagating migratory game birds and for the acquisition, development, restoration, maintenance or preservation of wetland, except for that part which is specified by the commission for use in paying administrative expenses as provided in section 456A.17.

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***12. Contract Amendment 2 with** Pass It On: Outdoor Mentors, Inc.

Commission approval is requested for a contract amendment with Pass It On: Outdoor Mentors, Inc. **of** Wichita, KS.

Amendment-2

Amendment Amount: Not to exceed \$15,000

Amendment Dates: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Funding Source(s): USFWS Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education Grant and subsequent year's grant funds.

Amendment Purpose: The DNR and Pass it On: Outdoor Mentor (PIO) have partnered in delivering a Shooting Sports outreach program. The purpose of this amendment is to renew the contract for another year and modify the tasks to better recruit participants for the coordinated hunts. The partnership has proven successful in introducing new youth to hunting in Iowa. During the most recent agreement, PIO has reached 296 youth. 140 of these youth are part of a trap team while 92 youth attend multiple events. In all, 57 trap teams were engaged, demonstrating the effectiveness of the agreement.

Original Contract Purpose: The goal of the program is to engage high school students and college trap shooting athletes with a variety of hunting activities with the aim to recruit new participants into hunting various species open to hunting seasons in Iowa.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount \$30,000; Timeframe: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. Purpose: partnership in delivering Shooting Sports outreach program.

Amendment 1 Terms: Amount \$30,000; Timeframe: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025. Purpose: to extend the contract for another two years with commensurate compensation.

Amendment 2 Terms: Amount \$15,000; Timeframe; July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Purpose: to extend the contract for another year with commensurate compensation.

Tammie Krauseman

Bureau Chief

Communications Outreach and Marketing Bureau

NRC Meeting Date: Jun 12, 2025

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***13. Public Land Management Project**

Management Agreement, Cody Shooting Complex (LE Range) – Scott County Conservation Board & Scott County Sheriff's Office

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the Management Agreement with the Scott County Conservation Board and Scott County Sheriff's Office for the Law Enforcement Range portion of the Cody Shooting Complex located in Scott County.

Location: This property is located at 30245 220th Avenue, Long Grove, Iowa. The Law Enforcement Range is the northern most 100-yard range within the complex.

Site Purpose: This agreement is for the care, operation, and maintenance of the Law Enforcement Range portion of the Cody Shooting Sports Complex.

Management History: This will be the first year the Law Enforcement Range of the Cody Shooting Sports Complex will be under county management.

Management Agreement Term: This Management Agreement is with the Scott County Conservation Board and Scott County Sheriff's Office for 4 years.

This agreement was approved by the Scott County Conservation Board on May 22, 2025.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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14. 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	Summary	Cost Estimate	Bids
5/22/2025	25-02-08-06	LEDGES STATE PARK	BOONE	This project will increase the length of the existing boat ramp by twenty feet by pushing the existing end section further into the river and pouring a new section in place.	\$30,000.00	\$8,395.00 \$20,025.00 \$21,700.00 \$22,255.00 \$26,032.50 \$29,831.00 \$40,629.20
5/15/2025	25-03-22-02	PIKES PEAK	CLAYTON	Granular surfacing access roads and parking areas due to flood damage at Sny Magill and Turkey River Landing.	\$49,000.00	\$29,093.00 \$37,125.00 \$41,006.25 \$41,600.00 \$42,400.00 \$63,800.00
5/8/2025	25-05-61-02	PAMMEL STATE PARK	MADISON	Roadside erosion repair. Project consists of removal and replacement of 73' of curb & gutter and placement of 189 tons of riprap.	\$26,000.00	\$18,249.55 \$20,490.00 \$23,396.99 \$24,706.00 \$24,736.20 \$24,811.00 \$25,816.00 \$26,408.50 \$32,213.25 \$39,960.00 \$88,406.70

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
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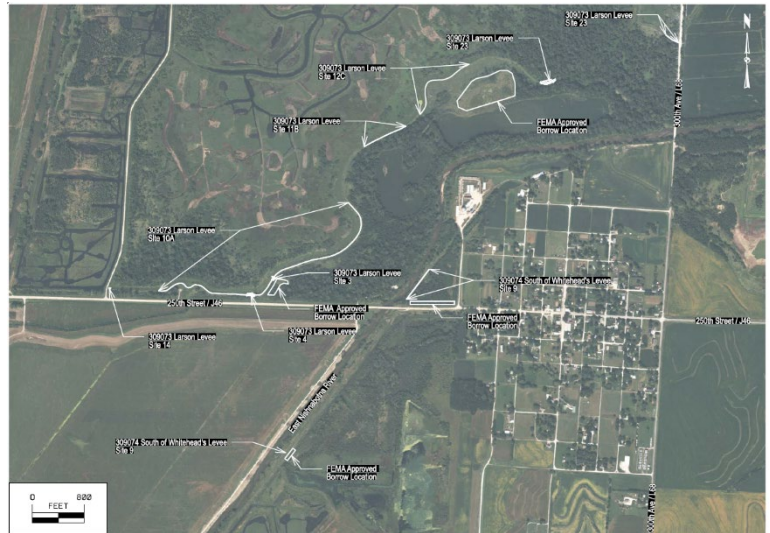
15.1 Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit, Flood Damage Repairs Phase 6 – Fremont County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary:

Missouri River flooding in 2019 caused infrastructure damage on multiple Wildlife Management Areas in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. The DNR worked to receive FEMA public assistance funds for the repairs. FEMA obligated the initial repair project in 2021. However, due to the remote locations of the damages, Engineering and field staff determined that it would be difficult to source enough commercial fill to complete the repairs. Therefore, we asked FEMA for approval to borrow fill from adjacent areas. This triggered an archaeological review and a new version of the project, which was obligated in 2023. This project has a significant number of damaged sites that need to be designed, permitted and bid out; therefore, Engineering has been designing the repairs in phases to get the work completed.

This project involves repairing blowouts and sloughing at Larson, Whitehead, Jensen, and Rose levees.



Engineering Project #: 22-04-36-07

Cost Estimate: \$437,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council

Bid Letting Date: 5/22/2025

Construction Completion Date: 10/8/2025

Number of Bids Received: 4

Bidders

MDX LLC	Sidney IA	\$241,407.70
Levis Thies dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt IA	\$317,494.10
Hendrickson Transportation LLC	Hamburg IA	\$320,242.77
Three Oaks Construction Inc	North Sioux City SD	\$366,705.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to MDX LLC.

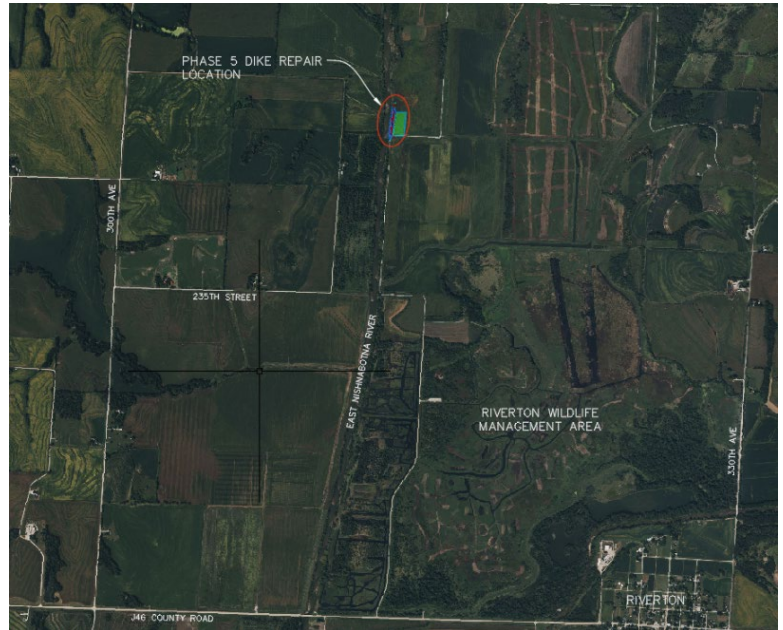
15.2 Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit, Flood Damage Repairs Phase 5 – Fremont County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary:

Missouri River flooding in 2019 caused infrastructure damage on multiple Wildlife Management Areas in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. The DNR worked to receive FEMA public assistance funds for the repairs. FEMA obligated the initial repair project in 2021. However, due to the remote locations of the damages, Engineering and field staff determined that it would be difficult to source enough commercial fill to complete the repairs. Therefore, we asked FEMA for approval to borrow fill from adjacent areas. This triggered an archaeological review and a new version of the project, which was obligated in 2023. This project has a significant number of damaged sites that need to be designed, permitted and bid out; therefore, Engineering has been designing the repairs in phases to get the work completed.

This project involves repairing washouts to an 800-foot section of the Thompson Levee by building a new levee approximately 50 feet to the east.



Engineering Project #: 22-04-36-05

Cost Estimate: \$160,000

Operating Bureau: Wildlife

Funding Source: 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council

Bid Letting Date: 5/22/2025

Construction Completion Date: 09/26/2025

Number of Bids Received: 5

Bidders

Levis Thies dba Empire Excavation	Odebolt, IA	\$116,380.50
Three Oaks Construction Inc	North Sioux City, SD	\$132,495.00
Legacy Grading LLC	Unionville, MO	\$147,755.85
Hendrickson Transportation LLC	Hamburg, IA	\$150,464.55
MDX LLC	Sidney, IA	\$173,321.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Levis Thies dba Empire Excavation.

15.3 Viking Lake & Lake of Three Fires State Parks, Pavement Preservation – Montgomery and Taylor Counties

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Viking Lake State Park and Lake of Three Fires State Park are in SW Iowa. Viking Lake is a 1000-acre park with a 136-acre lake in Montgomery County. Lake of Three Fires is a 1155-acre park with an 85-acre lake in Taylor County. Both parks are popular destinations for campers, anglers, hikers, bird watchers and nature enthusiasts. Both parks offer modern campgrounds, showers, restrooms, day use shelters, picnic areas, swimming areas, playgrounds, boating, and hiking trails. Lake of Three Fires also offers equestrian trails, 4-season cabins, lodge rental, and an adjacent 400-acre hunting area.

This project will repair several roadway failures in both parks with asphalt patches and a large repair at Lake of Three Fires on a road leading to one of the boat ramps. All asphalt roads in both parks will receive slurry leveling at rutting and joint failure locations and a two-coat chip seal with a fog seal to help lock the new aggregate in place. Work will address 3.47 miles of roadway at Viking Lake and 2.96 miles at Lake of Three Fires.



Engineering Project #: 22-04-69-01

Cost Estimate: \$620,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100% Parks and Institutional Road Fund

Bid Letting Date: 5/22/2025

Construction Completion Date: 3/15/2026

Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

Blacktop Service Co.	Humboldt, IA	\$599,794.35
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC	Waunakee, WI	\$929,107.64

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Blacktop Service Co.

15.4 Lewis & Clark State Park, Steel Roof Replacements – Monona County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: On June 12, 2024 severe thunderstorms, with hail, hit Lewis & Clark State Park. The hail produced was large enough to damage the roofs of all the structures within the park and it was determined that the roofs warranted replacement. This project is only for the replacement of the roofs that have ag-panel type steel roofing. A prior approved contract is addressing the asphalt shingle roofs, and a future project will address the standing seam roof type that is on the main visitor center.

This project will provide new steel roofing on seven structures within the park. All existing roofing will be removed and replaced with new materials as part of this contract.

Engineering Project #: 25-01-67-01
Cost Estimate: \$69,000
Operating Bureau: Parks
Funding Source: 100% Executive Council
Bid Letting Date: 4/24/2025
Construction Completion Date: 8/1/2025
Number of Bids Received: 2

Bidders

PG Customs, LLC	Harlan, IA	\$68,848.00
Story Construction Co dba L&L Builders	Sioux City, IA	\$146,963.00

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to PG Customs, LLC.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
June 12, 2025



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16. Public Land Acquisition Projects

16.1 Fish Farm Mounds WMA, Allamakee County – Robert Honeywell

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Allamakee County adjacent to Fish Farm Mounds Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: Robert Honeywell

Acreage: 20 acres with Management Access Easement

Appraised Price: \$132,000.00

DNR Purchase Price: \$132,000.00

Property Description: This property is located in northeast Allamakee County about 4.5 miles south of New Albin. The property is bordered to the east by Fish Farm Mounds WMA. This property includes a large remnant hill/goat prairie. The remaining property is predominately timber with a high-quality oak hickory component. This acquisition includes an access easement for management purposes.

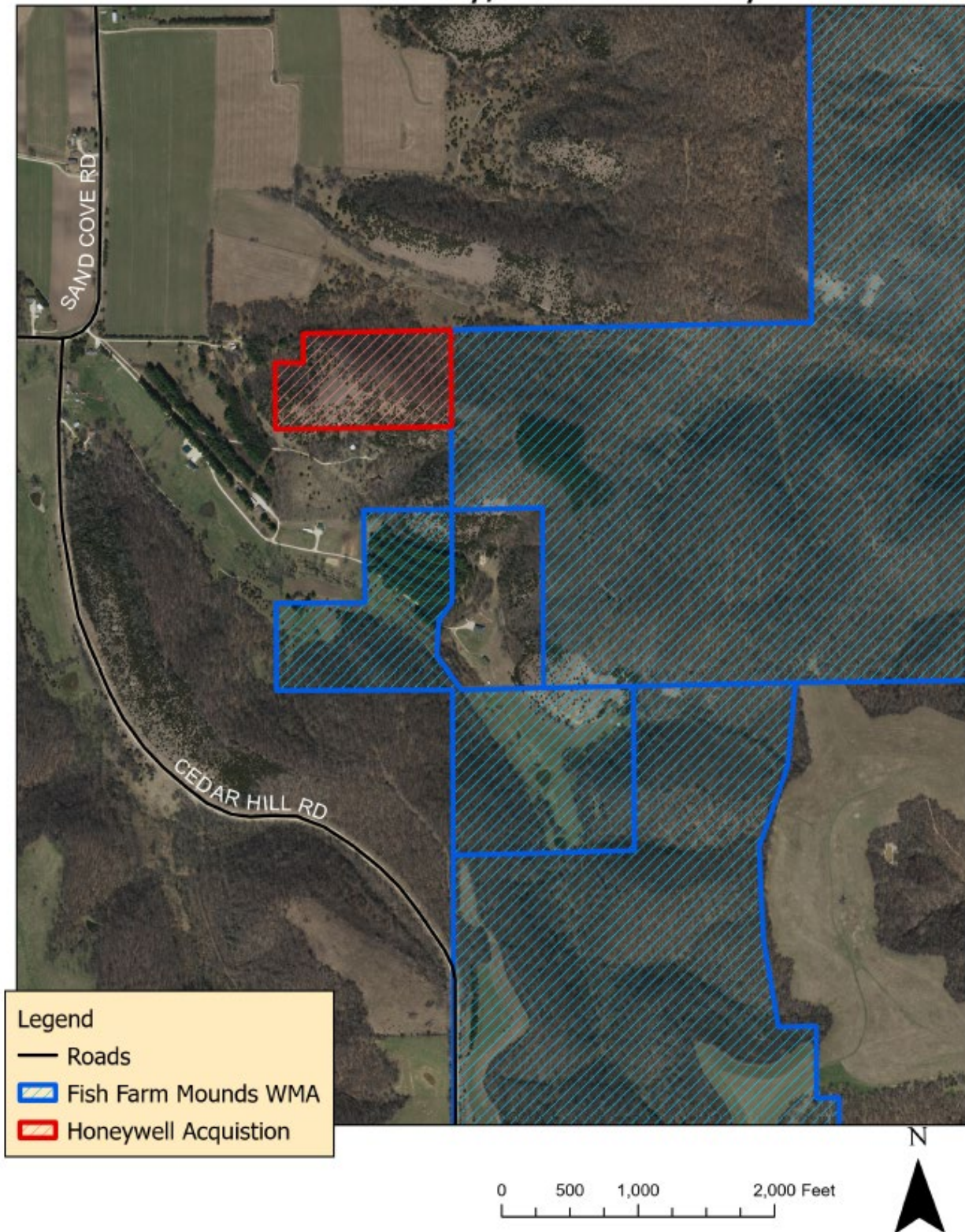
Purpose: The goat prairie provides habitat for listed species including Ottoe Skipper, Leonard's Skipper, Wild Indigo Dusky Wing, Timber Rattlesnake and the endangered plant Ground Pine has also been found in the area. Management will include removing encroaching eastern red cedar to ensure lasting habitat for the listed species. Additionally, this tract is located within a High Priority Rusty Patch Bumblebee recovery zone. The property will provide for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$33,000 REAP License Plates, \$99,000 Wildlife Restoration Land Grant

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. This parcel will remain on the Allamakee County tax rolls.

Realty Services / Fish Farm Mounds WMA
Allamakee County/ Robert Honeywell



16.2 Turkey Valley WMA, Greene County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Greene County adjacent to Ruth Hanson Wildlife Management Area (WMA), which is owned by Greene County Conservation Board.

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 131 acres

Appraised Price: \$615,000.00

DNR Purchase Price: \$615,000.00

Property Description: This property is located in southeast Greene county about 4 miles southwest of Rippey. The property is adjacent to the Green County owned Ruth Hanson Wildlife Management Area. The tract is primarily high-quality mixed hardwood timber along the North Raccoon River. The cropland will be seeded to diverse native planting, including milkweeds and other plants to attract pollinators. Access is provided through Terrace Avenue.

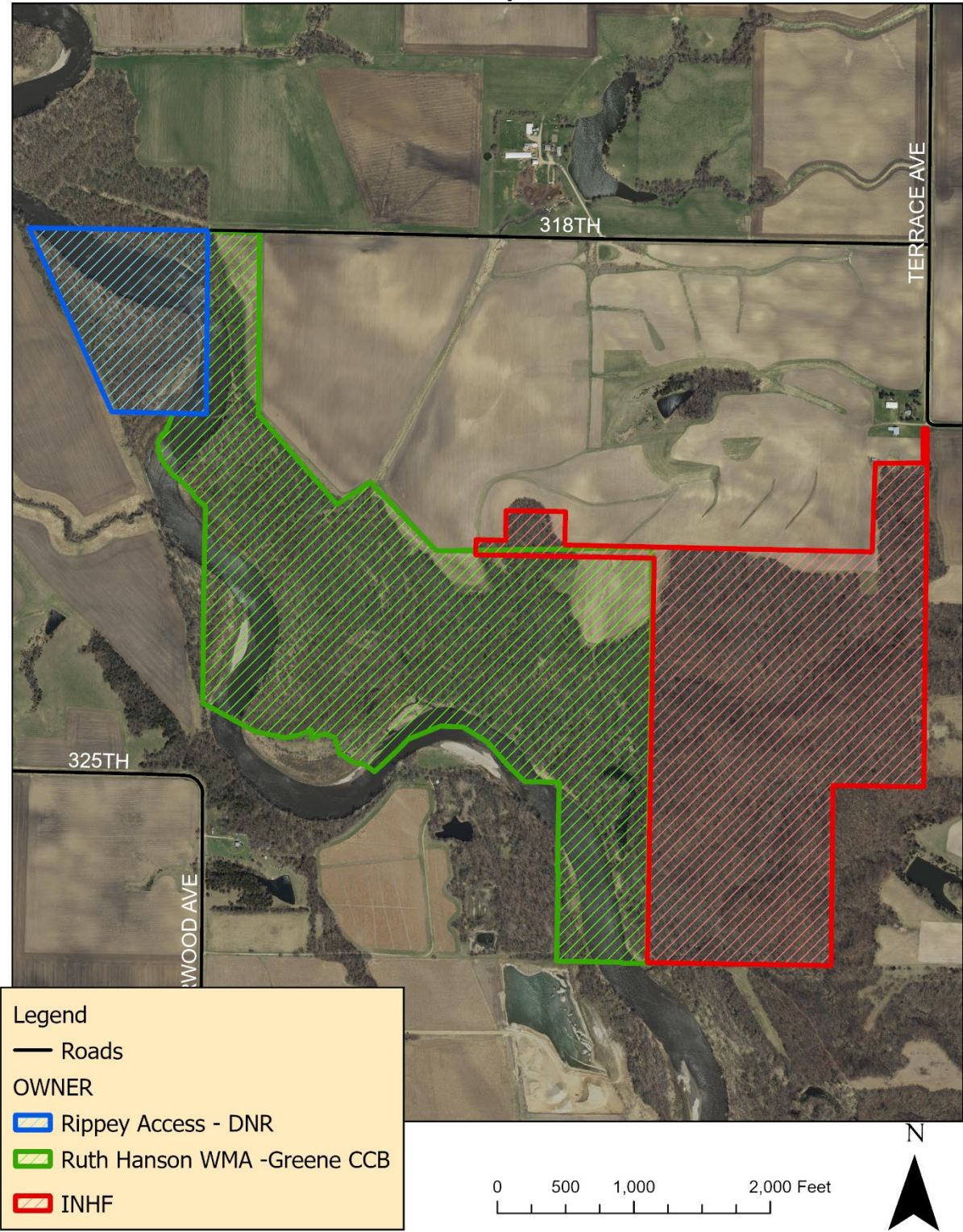
Purpose: This tract drains directly to the North Raccoon River which has been designated a priority watershed in the Nutrient Reduction Strategy. Additionally, it will provide for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$153,750 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$461,250 Wildlife Restoration Land Grant

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. This parcel will remain on the Greene County tax rolls.

Realty Services / Turkey Valley WMA
Greene County/ INHF



16.3 Eagle Flats Wetland Complex, Hancock County – Mattox Farms L.L.C.

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Hancock County adjacent to Eagle Flats Wetland Complex.

Seller: Mattox Farms L.L.C

Acreage:160 acres

Appraised Price: \$344,000.00

DNR Purchase Price: \$344,000.00

Property Description: This property is located in central Hancock county, 6.5 miles northwest of Garner. The property is bordered to the north and west by Eagle Flats Wetland Complex, to the east by Nash Avenue and to the south by 270th Street. This property was recently enrolled in the USDA Wetland Reserve Easement Program and once restored, by the USDA, will have 108 acres of wetlands in 6 different basins. The remainder of the property will be restored to highly diverse native grasses and forbs. Access is provided through 270th Street.

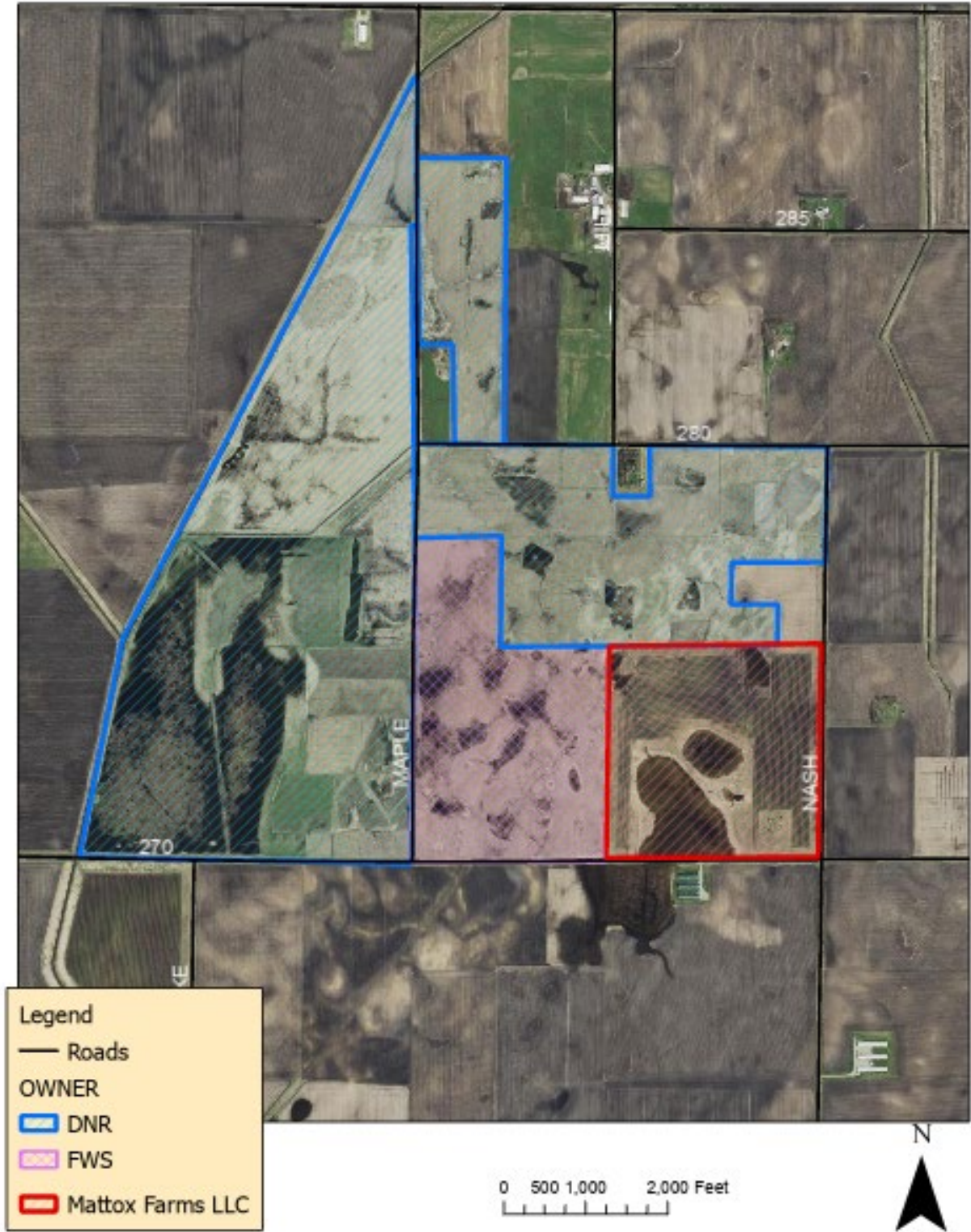
Purpose: This property is located within the Eagle Lake PPJV Priority Area, Eagle Lake Wetland Bird Conservation Area, and the Upper Winnebago River Ducks Unlimited Living Lakes Emphasis Area. This acquisition will add to the important waterfowl and bird habitat in this area. Additionally, it will provide for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$145,000 Habitat Stamp, \$189,000 NAWCA

Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. This parcel will remain on the Hancock County tax rolls.

Realty Services / Eagle Lake Wetland Complex
Hancock County/ Mattox Farms LLC



Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***17. Contract Amendment-1, Salter Wetlands Associates, LLC**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Salter Wetlands Associates, LLC, of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Amendment #1 Terms:

Engineering Project #: 22-04-36-03

Amendment Amount: \$39,359.22

Funding Source: 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council

Original Project Summary:

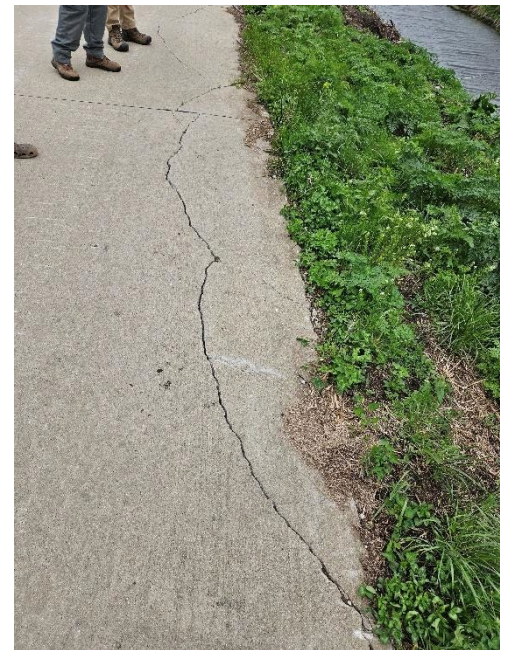
Missouri River flooding in 2019 caused infrastructure damage on multiple Wildlife Management Areas in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. The DNR worked to receive FEMA public assistance funds for the repairs. FEMA obligated the initial repair project in 2021. This project has a significant number of damaged sites that need to be designed, permitted and bid out and Engineering has been designing the repairs in phases to get the work completed. This project involves repairing sloughing and washouts along 11,000 feet of dikes in various locations throughout the wildlife unit.

Amendment Purpose:

During the pre-construction walk-through on April 28, 2025 damage to the existing paved road from previous construction in a different location was observed. There was surface damage in the middle of the road and significant cracking on the edge. To limit potential additional damage to the road, Salter Wetlands Associates recommended a long-reach excavator and heavy-duty matting. These changes will allow for the weight of the machine to remain in the center of the roadway and minimize surface damage.

This will require the road to be closed and a machine with a longer boom to reach the toe of the dike with a smaller capacity bucket. The smaller bucket and care to protect the pavement result in a slower production rate, leading to the increased cost for the contractor. DNR staff agrees that we should add measures to this project to protect the road from damages that will far exceed the value of this proposed change order.

Photo: Existing condition at a non-project location (i.e. not a part of this project but an example of what we want to avoid).



Original Selection Process Summary: The DNR used a formal competitive bid process. Salter Wetlands Associates, LLC was awarded the contract as the low bidder.

Contract History:

Original Contract Amount: \$137,270.38

Construction Completion Date: 09/12/2025

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: June 12, 2025

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***18. Contract with the Story County Conservation Board (Hickory Grove Park)**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with the Story County Conservation Board, of Ames, Iowa.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$75,127.50

Dates: June 12, 2025 – December 31, 2027

DNR shall have the option to extend this Contract for up to six years from the beginning date of the original contract by executing a signed amendment prior to the expiration of this Contract.

Funding Source(s): Lake Restoration Program (LRP)

Background: Hickory Grove Lake is a 100-acre constructed lake in Story County with a lake to watershed ratio of 40:1. According to the 2024 Lake Visitation Survey, the lake had around 40,000 visits and serves as a regionally important lake. The Story County Conservation Board (SCCB) reports that the park is popular camping and fishing destination within the county, and sees many visitors from within a 60-mile radius. Popular activities include fishing, camping, relaxing, and wildlife watching. While the fishery remained relatively healthy, carp limited the establishment of aquatic vegetation. Stormwater run-off led to gully erosion in watershed tributaries, debris (e.g. corn stalks) in the lake, and nitrogen spikes in samples collected from the watershed. Additionally, the beach at the lake has been listed as impaired due to high concentrations of indicator bacteria.

A technical advisory team was formed in 2008 to plan and implement water quality improvement efforts. This team of partners implemented watershed improvement practices on private and public land to reduce sediment and nutrient delivery to the lake. In-lake practices, such as shoreline stabilization, targeted sediment removal, and a fishery renovation were targeted at reducing internal nutrient loading. These practices included a livestock exclusion project, cost-share program to upgrade watershed septic systems, and goose population control at the beach. Lastly, dam infrastructure, shoreline access, and outdoor recreational opportunities were enhanced as part of this comprehensive restoration project. The total lake restoration project cost was approximately \$4 Million, which was shared between the Iowa DNR's Lake Restoration Program (70%) and the County (30%). Project partners held a grand re-opening celebration in 2021 to showcase the project to the community.

Despite the aforementioned restoration efforts, the lake is still impaired due to elevated levels of indicator bacteria at the beach. As with many parks around the state, the beach at Hickory Grove Lake is impacted by drainage around the beach area, which contributes to elevated bacteria levels. Research completed over the past 10 years at DNR shows indicates that where sand remains wet following rain events, especially in places where there is a lot of runoff, the lake is more likely to show elevated levels of bacteria at the beach. Thus, channeling drainage away from the beach, when coupled with other stormwater management practices, should yield fewer violations to the state's beach bacteria water quality criteria.

Contract Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to work with SCCB to hire a consultant to provide engineering services for proposed beach area improvements at Hickory Grove Lake to minimize runoff at the beach and reduce the frequency of beach bacteria violations. The consultant will provide design, engineering and permitting for stormwater management infrastructure, beach and hillside grading, and native plantings. These improvements are expected to reduce indicator bacteria at the beach and potentially remove the lake from Iowa's Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List.

Budget:

DNR Contribution	\$ 75,127.50
<u>Story County Conservation Board Contribution</u>	<u>\$ 45,832.50</u>
Total budget	\$ 120,960.00

Anticipated Future Work: The LRP will pursue construction of stormwater management infrastructure, beach and hillside grading, and native plantings to reduce indicator bacteria at the beach and potentially eliminate the impairment. SCCB is committed to improving the usability of the beach area. Plans to enhance access and the amenities near the beach will complement the stormwater improvements. The County has proposed three shelters and a fire pit area, stone terrace retaining walls, reinforced concrete steps, sidewalks, a kayak launch, and watercraft rental lockers. Total anticipated cost for construction these improvements practices is around \$1.1 million, which will be cost-shared between the LRP and SCCB.

Selection Process Summary: Intergovernmental contracting with the SCCB is authorized under 11 IAC 118.4.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: June 12, 2025

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Consent Item (*indicates proposed consent item)

***19. Contract with Iowa State University**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Iowa State University of Ames, IA.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$30,291

Dates: June 15, 2025 to December 31, 2026

Funding Source(s): Federal Grant (Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act).

Contract Purpose:

The purpose of the contract is to conduct a study to assess the current status of the rusty-patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*; RPBB) on public lands in Iowa. The RPBB was listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as endangered under the Endangered Species Act effective Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Recovery of the RPBB is reliant upon conservation partners implementing actions intending to address populations declines and increase knowledge of the species as described in the Recovery Plan for Rusty Patched Bumblebee (Plan) and the Recovery Implementation Strategy for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus Affinis*) Version 1.0 (RIS). There is a need for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to collect RPBB information in order to effectively plan for and implement actions important for species recovery in Iowa. In this effort, the DNR is proposing to conduct surveys and monitoring consistent with recovery criteria defined in the Plan and CU2 objectives and priorities outlined in the RIS. The DNR intends to use this information for conservation and management planning. Contract tasks include: 1) RPBB surveys and basic habitat assessments at a minimum of 20 sites in conservation priority grids and 2) Detailed habitat assessments at a minimum of five sites within the study area with a positive identification of RPBB.

Selection Process Summary: The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Criteria Reviewed: Criteria reviewed for this work included the service provider's capacity to complete the statement of work as described in the RFP, the proposed work plan and time frame for completing the project, past performance of work identical or similar to the project, demonstration of expertise, additional services/deliverables outside the require obligations of the scope of work that support successful completion of the workplan as well as thoroughness of the technical aspects of proposal, and cost. The service provider was required to have the federal permit necessary for conducting RPBB surveys.

Proposal Due Date: May 15, 2025

of Proposals Received: 3

Recommendation: Iowa State University

Vendor	Vendor Location (city, state)	Score (1000 pts total)	Rank	Cost
Iowa State University	Ames, Iowa	741	1	\$30,291
Environmental Solutions & Innovations Inc.	Cincinnati, Ohio	681	2	\$57,715
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	Independence, Iowa	676	3	\$57,831

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: June 12, 2025

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

Decision Item

***20. Contract with Watersmith Engineering (Waubonsie Water Supply Improvement)**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Watersmith Engineering of Muscatine, IA.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$46,950.00

Dates: June 25, 2025 to May 15, 2026

Funding Source(s): Parks Infrastructure

Contract Background: This project is needed to address insufficient water pressure issues at the cabins, unreliable well controls, and aging service plant plumbing. Identified needs include the following: Replace the existing waterline from the well building down to the lodge, complete with new connections to the upper reservoir, lower reservoir, cabins and lodge; replace one pressure reducing valve and one flushing hydrant; replace all plumbing inside the existing well building; and remove booster pumps at each cabin.

Contract Purpose: The DNR is entering into this Contract with Watersmith Engineering for the design of water supply infrastructure improvements at Waubonsie State Park (Fremont County). Watersmith Engineering will prepare final designs, including drawings, specifications, and cost estimates. Watersmith Engineering will be responsible for all aspects of design from developing the facility plans through assisting with the construction bidding process, and will be retained to provide construction administration support during the construction process.

Watersmith Engineering will be responsible for coordinating the process with DNR staff, obtain all permits, prepare bid documents, develop addenda, answer pre-bid questions, conduct one onsite preconstruction meeting, and will also be retained during construction for any needed clarifications from the DNR Field Engineer. The bid information, addenda, drawings and specifications will be distributed by the DNR.

Selection Process Summary: The department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and published a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

Proposal Due Date: 5/20/2025

Scoring Criteria: Proposals were scored based on the criteria as described in the RFP, which included their ability to complete the scope of work within the desired timeline, comprehensive work plan, description and quality of previous and applicable work experience, and cost.

Proposals Received: 2

Recommendation: Watersmith Engineering

Consultant	Location (City, State)	Total Score (100 pts)	Cost
Watersmith Engineering	Muscatine, IA	84	\$46,950.00
Shive-Hattery	West Des Moines, IA	54	\$156,400.00

Travis Baker, Engineering, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***21. Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program– FY25**

Purpose:

This process establishes a priority list of watersheds above significant public lakes where private landowners are eligible to receive cost-share moneys to establish soil and water conservation practices. Funds for these practices are set aside in appropriations to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

In order to be eligible to receive IDALS's Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed (POLW) Program funds, an applicant must be a soil and water conservation district and apply for POLW priority designation to IDALS - Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Applications are submitted annually, as specified by the Division. The Division then forwards applications to the Department for determination of program eligibility.

The Department reviews applications based on compliance with application requirements. For example, the application requests a map of the watershed identifying the sources and estimated sediment delivery to the lake; and, description, location, estimated costs and estimated reduction of sediment delivery for each planned practice that will be implemented pending program funding. The purpose is to target locations within the watersheds that contribute significant sediment to the lake for installation of permanent or management soil conservation practices.

Summary of Selection Process: As outlined in Iowa Administrative Code 571, Chapter 31, Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Program, the DNR is responsible for the application review and recommendation process. The DNR is to then submit the recommended list of watersheds above significant public lakes eligible under the program for the upcoming year to the Natural Resource Commission for approval. The Review and Selection Committee evaluated applications based on the criteria above.

Selection Committee Members: The review and selection committee consisted of six members:

- 5 IDNR Staff – Conservation and Recreation Division (2); Environmental Services Division (3)
- 1 IDALS Staff

Number of Applications Received: 8

Recommendations: In accordance with the administrative rules, the Review and Selection Committee has determined that the following meet program requirements and recommends approval of the following list of watersheds for program eligibility:

- Casey Lake, Black Hawk and Tama SWCD's
- Pleasant Lake, Jefferson SWCD
- Hawthorn Lake, Mahaska SWCD
- Lake Geode, Des Moines and Henry SWCD's
- Lake Icaria, Adams SWCD
- Lake Miami, Monroe SWCD
- Three Mile Lake, Union and Adair SWCD's
- Twelve Mile Lake, Union and Adair SWCD's

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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Decision Item

22. Contract with the City of Marshalltown and Iowa River OHV Club.

Commission approval is requested for a contract with the City of Marshalltown, **of** Marshalltown, Iowa and the Iowa River OHV Club of Marshalltown, Iowa.

Contract Terms

Amount: \$N/A

Dates: upon execution to date of execution plus twenty years

Funding Source(s): All-Terrain Vehicle Registration Fund

Contract Purpose: The Iowa DNR Off-Highway Vehicle program partners with local municipalities and non-profit organizations for the operation and maintenance of designated riding areas for motorized recreation through the All-Terrain Vehicle Registration Fund. This cooperative agreement describes the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in the management of the designated riding area named Nicholson Ford OHV Park in Marshalltown, Iowa. Nicholson Ford is located on property owned by the City of Marshalltown. The riding area was designated by the Commission in 2005. The City of Marshalltown leases the property to a local non-profit riding club, Iowa River OHV Club, who provides maintenance at the riding area. The Iowa DNR administers the All-Terrain Vehicle Registration Fund grant program that supports the development and maintenance of the facility. The Iowa DNR also provides law enforcement at the public riding area.

This cooperative agreement will allow DNR to continue to offer oversight and law enforcement at the designated riding area. Additionally, the city is leasing more acreage to the club and, as required by IAC 571 – 46.52(4), any expansion of a designated riding area must be approved by the Natural Resource Commission. The expanded acres will provide an area for the club to open a skills development course and to construct a storage building. A similar version of this agreement was approved by the Commission in November 2024 but due to change in the format of that agreement, that version was not executed. Approval is requested for the new version of the agreement.

Sherry L. Arntzen, Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

NRC Meeting Date: June 12, 2025

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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Decision Item

23. Contract with Carahsoft Technology Corporation

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Carahsoft Technology Corp. of Reston, VA

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$296,254.00

Dates: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028

Funding Source(s): 100% General Fund

Contract Purpose:

The State Parks, Forests, and Preserves Bureau requires a cloud hosted asset management system in order to more efficiently manage maintenance and lifecycle of facilities and infrastructure. Currently the bureau manages approximately 1,800 capital assets including buildings, roads, boat ramps, parking lots, playgrounds, trails, water and wastewater treatment and distribution systems, utilities, and land improvements. Inventory and condition data for these assets is currently housed in multiple systems and spreadsheets within the agency. To ensure fiscal prudence, manage risk, and maximize return on investment this data must be housed and managed in one system that is user-friendly and accessible to all staff from park technicians to bureau leadership. A central asset management system will allow the Department to better assess the condition of assets, schedule capital maintenance projects, and budget for routine maintenance into the future. The system will also allow the Department to more efficiently and accurately report on the condition of its assets.

This contract includes an annual subscription to Opengov Asset Management which will house inventory of all capital assets managed by the State Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau as well as condition assessment records, maintenance records, and preventative maintenance schedules for those assets. The system will allow park managers, supervisors, and program administration staff to monitor maintenance needs and condition ratings of facilities in real time.

Initial implementation services by the vendor include configuration of existing GIS data, creation of preventative maintenance templates for various asset types, creation of condition assessment checklists, staff training, and customer support following launch.

Asset management is a core function of the State Parks System and the need for an improved asset management system has been identified as a priority in the Department's FY2025-2026 Strategic Plan. Opengov Asset Management is currently used by Texas State Parks, South Dakota State Parks, and Virginia State Parks.

Selection Process Summary: This vendor was selected from DAS Master Agreement 2024-BUS-0226

Criteria Reviewed: Criteria reviewed for this work included; capability of the system to work in areas of limited cellular service, ease of use by field staff, customer support, vendor's experience working with large parks systems, ability to interface with DNR's existing GIS systems, and potential for expanded use of the system in the future. Current and past users of the system were consulted including Texas and South Dakota State Parks.

Proposal Due Date: Proposals were informally solicited.

of Proposals Received: 2

Recommendation: Carahsoft Technology Corp.

Vendor	Vendor Location	Total Cost for 3-year Contract (Includes initial startup cost)
Carahsoft Technology Corp.	Reston, Virginia	\$296,254.00
Insight Public Sector, Inc.	Chandler, Arizona	\$322,345.12

Sherry L. Arntzen, State Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

NRC Meeting Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025