

May 13, 2025

2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund Local Projects

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Review and Selection Committee met on May 7, 2025, to review eleven applications received for the 2025 LWCF grant cycle. The Review and Selection Committee recommends the following projects for funding, in accordance with Iowa's Open Project Selection Process and Iowa Administrative Code 571 Chapter 27.

Rank	Score	Applicant	Project	LWCF Request	Total Project Cost
1	80.6	Guthrie County Conservation	Raccoon River Valley Trail Resurfacing	\$250,000	\$5,013,200
Guthrie County Conservation seeks to improve 13.7 miles of deteriorating asphalt paving with concrete surfacing on the Raccoon River Valley Trail. This project will increase safety, improve the user experience, and reduce maintenance costs.					
2	79.4	City of Des Moines	Martin Luther King Jr Park and Playground Improvements	\$250,000	\$575,000
This project will replace an outdated playground with a new, more accessible playground with safety surfacing. Beyond the playground, the project also includes resurfacing of the basketball court and adding new lighting to extend evening use.					
3	78.2	City of West Des Moines	Legacy Woods Nature Playground	\$250,000	\$650,000
The City of West Des Moines proposes to install a play feature at Legacy Woods Park that will include structures crafted from sustainable and natural materials. Other features of the project include a rain garden, dry creek bed, and outdoor classroom.					
4	77.8	Polk County Conservation	Fourmile Creek Woodland Restoration and Public Access Improvements	\$124,157	\$248,314
Polk County Conservation will coordinate 76 acres of woodland restoration within the Fourmile Creek Greenway that will include tree planting, timber stand improvement, and understory seeding. Creek access points will also be installed to allow for public access to the waterway.					
5	76.6	City of Lenox	Lenox Municipal Toddler Pool Renovation	\$172,000	\$344,273
This project seeks to replace the existing toddler pool within the Lenox City Park pool complex with a 1130 SF bowl with zero-depth entry and other features such as sprayers, slide, and waterfall.					
6	73.4	Jefferson County Conservation	Cedar View Trail Paving Project Phase A	\$144,000	\$288,000
The Cedar View Trail Paving Project will improve a 0.4-mile segment of the trail by replacing the existing granular surfacing with concrete. This will improve accessibility and extend the seasonal use of the trail.					
7	72.6	City of Fort Madison	Riverview Park Playground	\$250,000	\$1,400,000
The City of Fort Madison seeks to install an all-inclusive playground, restrooms, open-air shelter, and a splashpad in Riverview Park.					
8	172	City of Bondurant	District Corridor Trail Project	\$250,000	\$510,318
The District Corridor Trail Project will develop a multi-use trail to connect Bondurant's Grain District to regional trails, including the Chichaqua Valley Trail.					

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9	169.2	City of Paullina	Little Critters Splash Pad	\$250,000	\$520,971
This project will construct an accessible splash pad in a city park adding to the recreational amenities available in the community.					
10	167.8	City of Lake Park	Lake Park City Park Improvements	\$250,000	\$3,000,000
The City of Lake Park proposes to construct a new playground, paved loop trail, shelter house, and various other amenities as part of the City Park Renovation project.					
11	160.8	City of Dysart	Dysart Family Aquatic Center Renovation	\$39,760	\$79,520
The Dysart Family Aquatic Center renovation will include the replacement of water features, the addition of a sun shade, and the installation of a pool heater.					

I have evaluated the recommendations of the LWCF Review & Selection Committee and approve the advancement of these projects for funding and award through the National Parks Service.



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