



2026 REAP Assembly Report

During June and July 2026, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources conducted 19 regional Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Assemblies across the state. As mandated by Iowa Code Chapter 455A.17, these biennial public gatherings provide Iowans with information regarding REAP and its associated by-county expenditures, offer an official forum to identify regional opportunities and recommend changes to state policy, and elect delegates to represent each region at the statewide REAP Congress.

Evolving the Assembly Format: Proven Projects & Growing Opportunities

In 2026, the Department reimaged the traditional assembly structure to lead with local success and interactive collaboration:

- Local Project Showcases: Moving away from standard state presentations, each assembly opened with a showcase hosted by local partners—such as County Conservation Boards, Municipal Parks, and Soil & Water Conservation Districts—highlighting successful REAP-funded initiatives. These showcases provided neighboring communities with tangible blueprints for utilizing REAP funds.
- The Citizen Idea Wall: In place of traditional county breakout sessions, participants utilized an interactive "Citizen Idea Wall" to list local priorities and recommendations for state leadership.

Schedule & Participation Metrics

Following public feedback from a statewide stakeholder survey in the summer of 2025, assemblies were moved from the fall timeframe to mid-summer (June–July).

- Statewide Attendance & High Survey Engagement: A total of 420 Iowans participated across the 19 regional assemblies. The Department captured feedback from 132 survey respondents—representing a robust 31.4% participation rate—providing clear insights into public sentiment and attendee demographics.
- Expanding Civic Awareness: Broadening public reach was a major achievement of this cycle. Survey data revealed that 37.9% of respondents entered the assembly with limited (28.8%) or no prior knowledge (9.1%) of REAP. The new format successfully engaged this influx of new participants, with many eagerly stepping forward to serve as delegates to the REAP Congress.
- Value of REAP: When asked to define what REAP means to them after participating in the assembly, attendees overwhelmingly emphasized the program's vital role in funding, opportunity, and long-term stewardship. Across 132 responses, words such as "Opportunity," "Conservation," "Future," "Funding," and "Success" surfaced repeatedly as central themes. While the majority expressed immense gratitude for the program's community impact and legacy, several participants also described REAP as "Underfunded," underscoring a shared desire among citizens to expand state investment in Iowa's natural and cultural resources. (*page 2*)
- Positive Reception to Format Changes: Among returning attendees who had previously participated in a REAP Assembly, an overwhelming 89.4% expressed support for the new time of year and format (71.8% "Yes" and 17.6% "Maybe").
- Citizen Action: Across the 19 assemblies, attendees formulated, debated, and approved 103 formal policy and funding motions. These recommendations will be carried forward for consideration and final debate at the statewide REAP Congress on August 29, 2026, at the Iowa State Capitol.



Sustainability

Community

Outdoors

Invaluable

Success

Renewed

Enhancement

Beneficial

Opportunity

Funding

Important

Progress

Essential

Impact

Conservation

Valuable

Legacy

Vitality

Water

Cooperation

Improvement

Support

Habitat

Necessary

Underfunded

Future

Meaningful

Resource

Possibilities

Catalyst

Hope

Restore

Partnership

Connection

Clean Water

Quality

Recreation

Active

The following motions were approved at Assemblies. The number behind the motion indicates the number of Assemblies at which it was approved.

Primary and Statewide Policy Motions

(These motions, focusing on funding and authorization, were passed repeatedly across multiple regions.)

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports Legislature fully fund REAP at \$20 million. (17)
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund (IWILL). (14)
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating or permanently removing the REAP sunset date. (12)
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports extending the REAP sunset date for a specific period of years. (8)
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the original REAP funding formula. (7)
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund (NRORTF) original formula. (6)
7. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports adjusting REAP funding authorization upwards or increasing funding caps. (5)
8. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports allowing REAP funds to be used for facility maintenance, conservation management, and project restoration. (5)
9. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports increasing or adjusting funding specifically for the Conservation Education Program (CEP). (3)

Unique Regional and Specific Programmatic Motions

(These motions, focusing on local partnerships, water quality, and specific program criteria.)

Governance & Civic Mandate:

- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports REAP working cohesively through partnership with the new Office of Outdoor Recreation rather than being negatively impacted. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports the Legislature not consider removing the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund from the State Constitution. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports Iowa's spending on conservation become comparable to other states. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports making an official presentation to the newly created Office of Outdoor Recreation and associated Task Force on the value of REAP. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports every elected official receiving the REAP Congress report read it in its entirety. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports voters to vote "No" on the constitutional amendment appearing on the November 2026 ballot. (1)

Funding & Grant Criteria:

- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports REAP be funded no less than 75% of the \$20 Million allocation if not fully funded. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports REAP funding be increased to \$40 million to maximize the programs. (1)

- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports adjusting the REAP formula to meet areas of higher demand and ensure greater equity. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports offering application scoring bonus points in the City Parks & Open Spaces grant program for documented multi-entity partnerships. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the categories in the City Parks & Open Spaces grant program but establishing consistent funding caps for each application category. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports allocating an additional 0.5% in the REAP funding formula for trail rehabilitation/maintenance if the NRORTF is fully funded. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports reducing 20-year maintenance agreements for Soil and Water projects to 10 years. (1)

Water Quality & Conservation:

- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports restoring state water quality monitoring funding, which was eliminated, and expanding it as needed. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports improving water quality in Iowa and restoring funding to the University of Iowa's Hydrology Center. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports prioritizing, protecting, and improving water quality across Iowa. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports declaring clean water as a right of all citizens and all living things. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports restricting REAP Soil and Water District funds exclusively for water quality projects. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports adding water facilities or water sources to REAP livestock grazing practices (hookups only). (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports funding for invasive species education and removal. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports encouraging project connectivity and partnerships to continue to build Iowa's trail network and increase funding available. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports expanding public lands and parks in the state of Iowa. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports using REAP funds to expand the living roadway/roadside vegetation program into more counties. (1)

Education, Youth & Outreach:

- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports utilizing available REAP funding to enable youth to participate in Regional Assemblies. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports utilizing REAP funds for marketing and/or social media efforts directed at youth regarding natural resources. (1)
- This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports County REAP Committees elevate public education regarding local REAP accomplishments and funding needs. (1)

Individual Assembly Summary

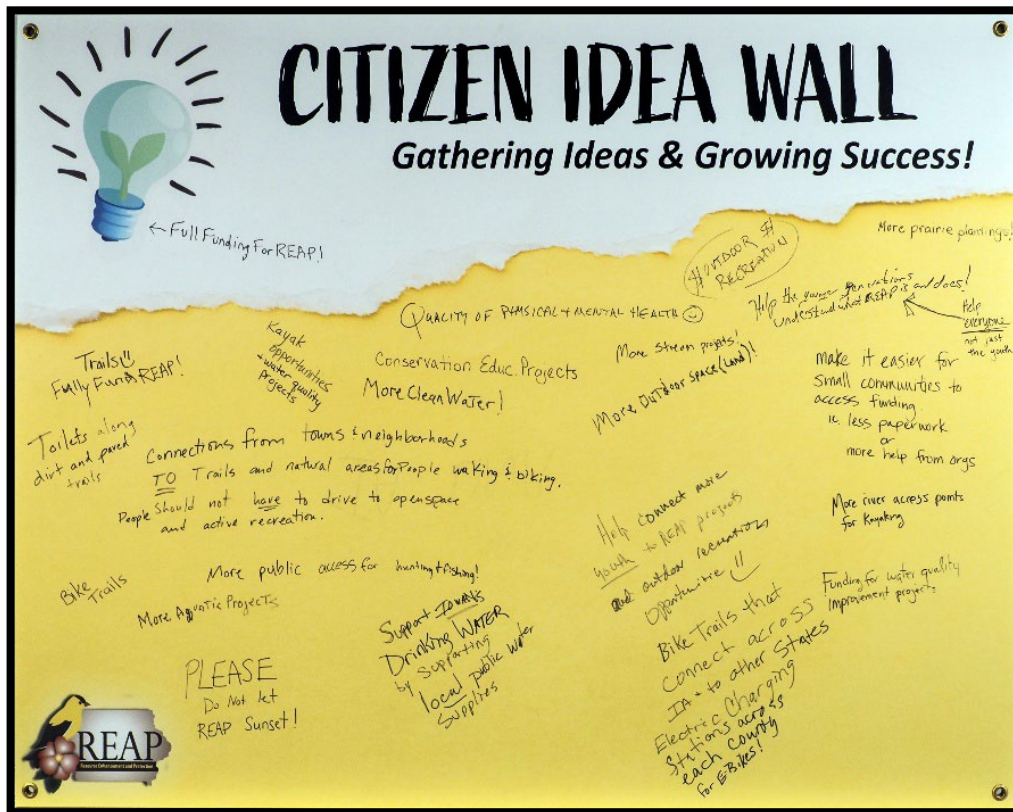
Region 1: Decorah (Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, Winneshiek)

Attendance: 31

Host: City of Decorah (Held at the Vesterheim Museum)

Approved Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports increasing REAP's original funding cap to be adjusted for inflation. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the original REAP formula. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax which will fully fund REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent and keep REAP as it was originally designated. Vote: Unanimous.
7. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the original formula in the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Vote: Unanimous.



This assembly was held at the Vesterheim Museum which has had a number of projects funded by REAP and included presentations by the city of Decorah and Winneshiek County.

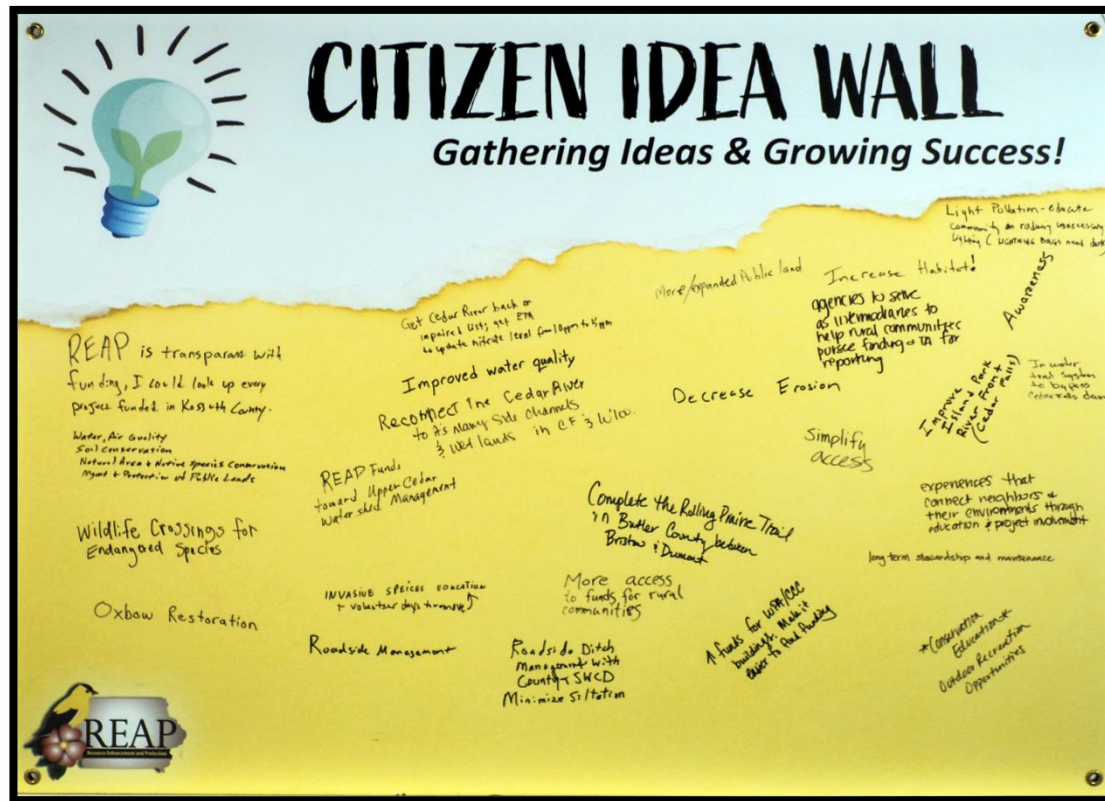
Region 2: Mason City (Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, Worth)

Attendance: 30

Host: Cerro Gordo County (Held at Lime Creek Nature Center)

Approved Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax which will fully fund REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund's original formula. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports increasing the Conservation Education Program from \$350,000 to 1 million. Vote: Yes, 3; No, 27.



Presentation on projects accomplished with the help of REAP in Mason City and Cerro Gordo County.

Region 2 and 7 shared the same Citizen Idea Board.

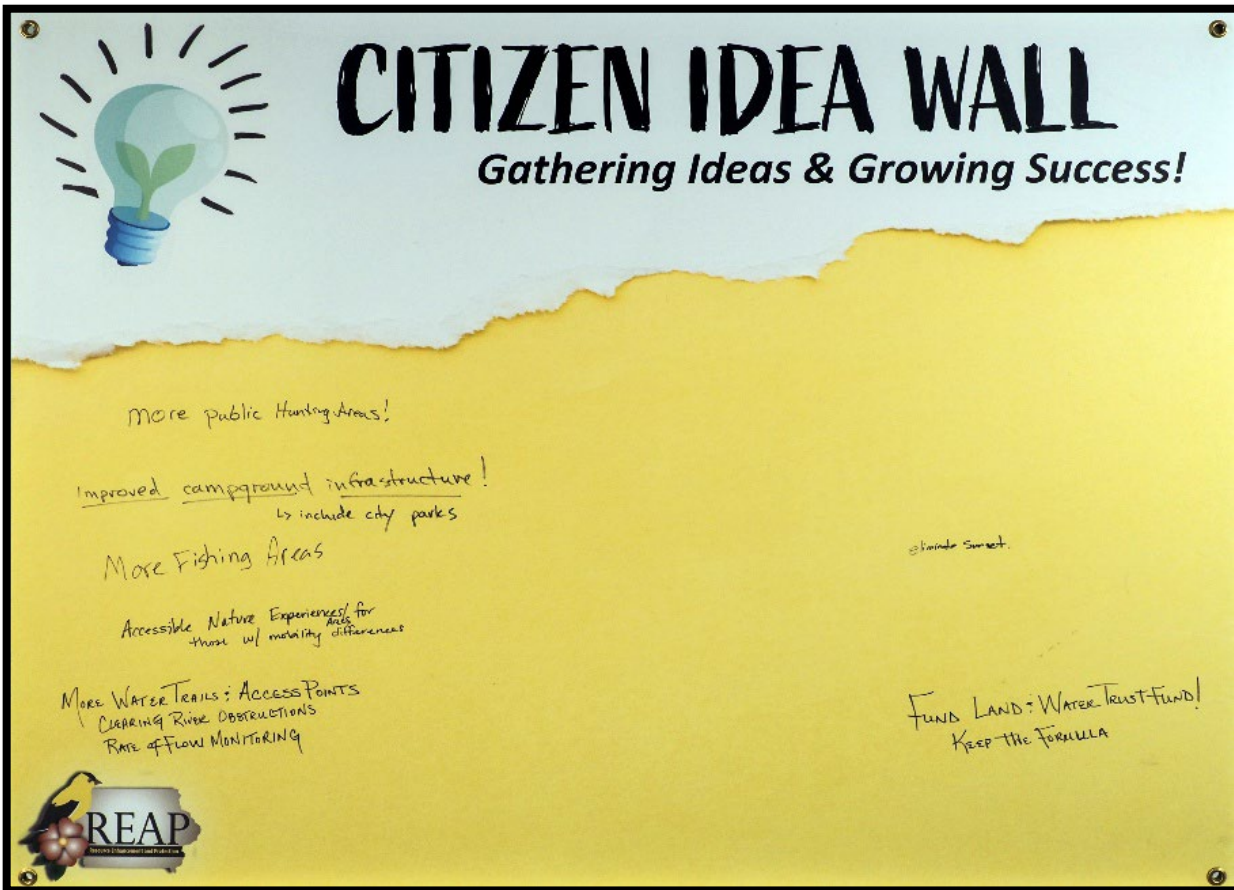
Region 3: Okoboji (Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Sioux)

Attendance: 33

Host: Dickinson County (Held at Maser Monarch Lodge)

Approved Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the original REAP and Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund formulas. Vote: Unanimous.



Presentations were made by Dickinson County Trails, SWCD and Conservation Board, Iowa DNR and the Bruggeld-Peterson Family Farmstead District located in Emmet County. These programs represented projects from every segment of the Reap Pie.

Video of News4 KETV out of Sioux City on the [Region 3 REAP Assembly](#).

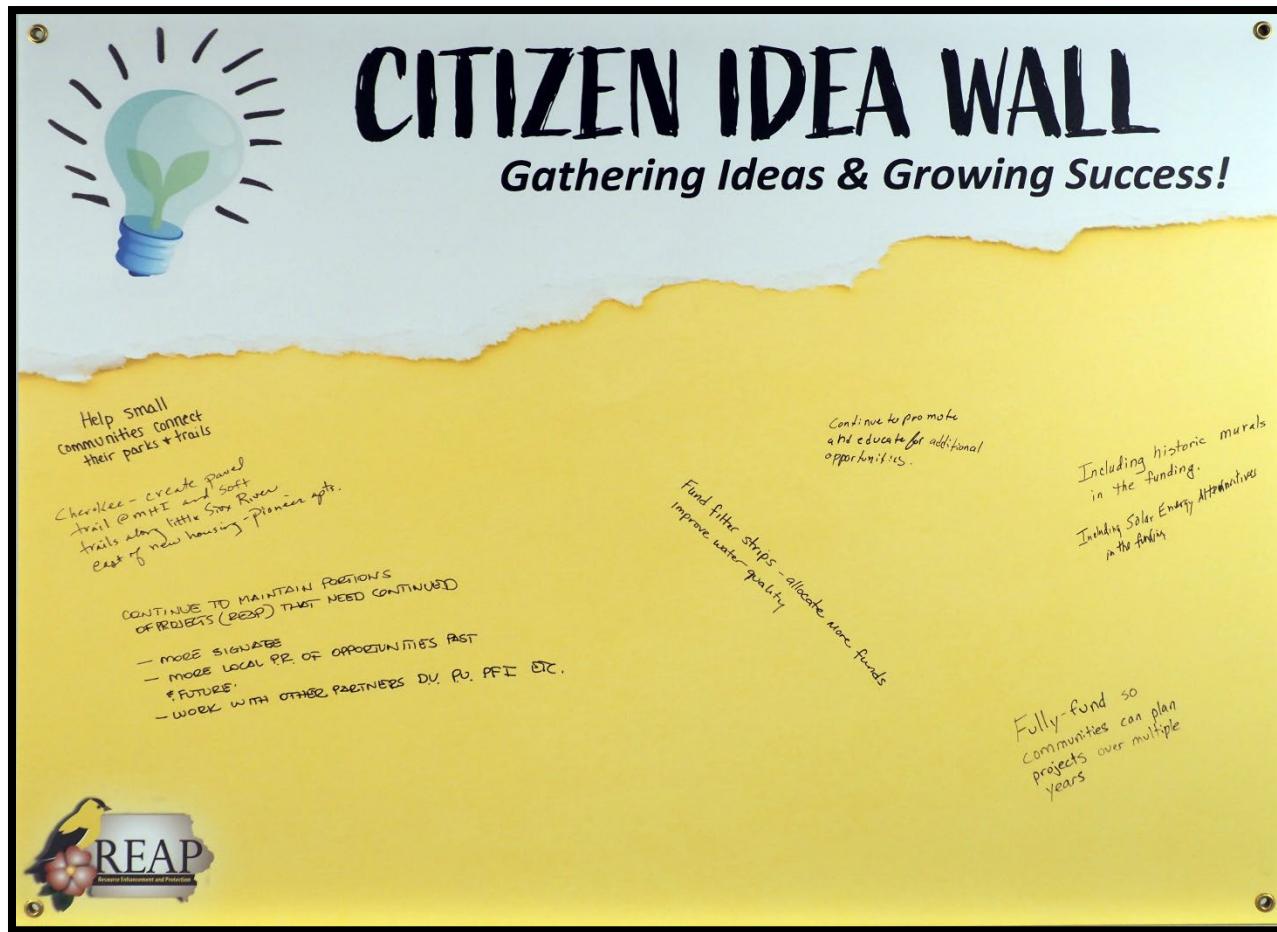
Region 4: Cherokee (Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, Woodbury)

Attendance: 15

Host: Cherokee County (Held at the Sanford Museum)

Approved Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports REAP to be funded no less than 75% of the \$20 Million allocation if not fully funded. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports raising the \$20 Million limit set in Iowa Code to \$50 Million due to inflation. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports utilizing REAP funds for maintenance activities. Vote: Unanimous.



Presentation by the Sanford Museum on REAP HRDP Funds used for preservation of their museum collections.

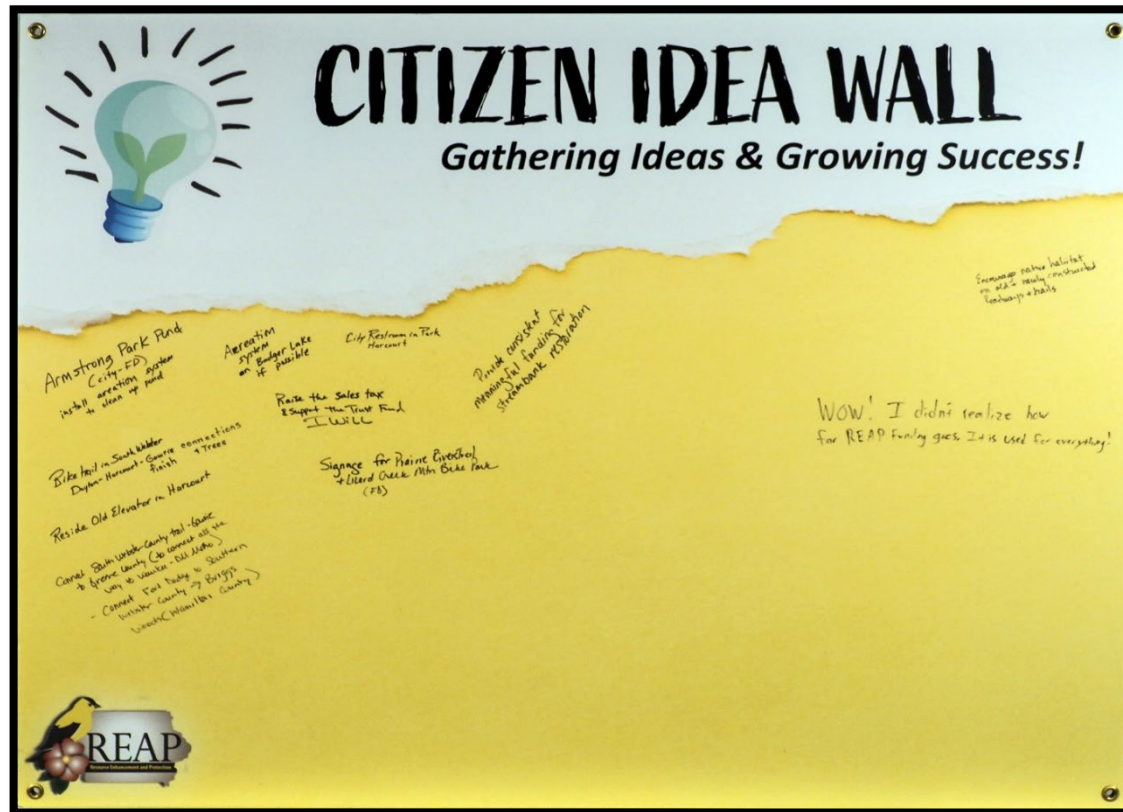
Region 5: Webster City (Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster, Wright)

Attendance: 24

Host: Webster County (Held at the Matt Cosgrove River's Edge Discovery Center)

Approved Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax and maintain the original formula. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports increasing funding for REAP and if funded above \$20 million the Conservation Education Program portion should also be appropriately increased. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports preserving the integrity of REAP project by also allowing for maintenance and restoration work funded with REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports improving water quality in Iowa and restore funding to the University of Iowa's Hydrology Center. Vote: Unanimous.
7. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports encouraging project connectivity and partnership to continue to build the network of trails in Iowa and increase the funding available for these projects. Vote: Unanimous.



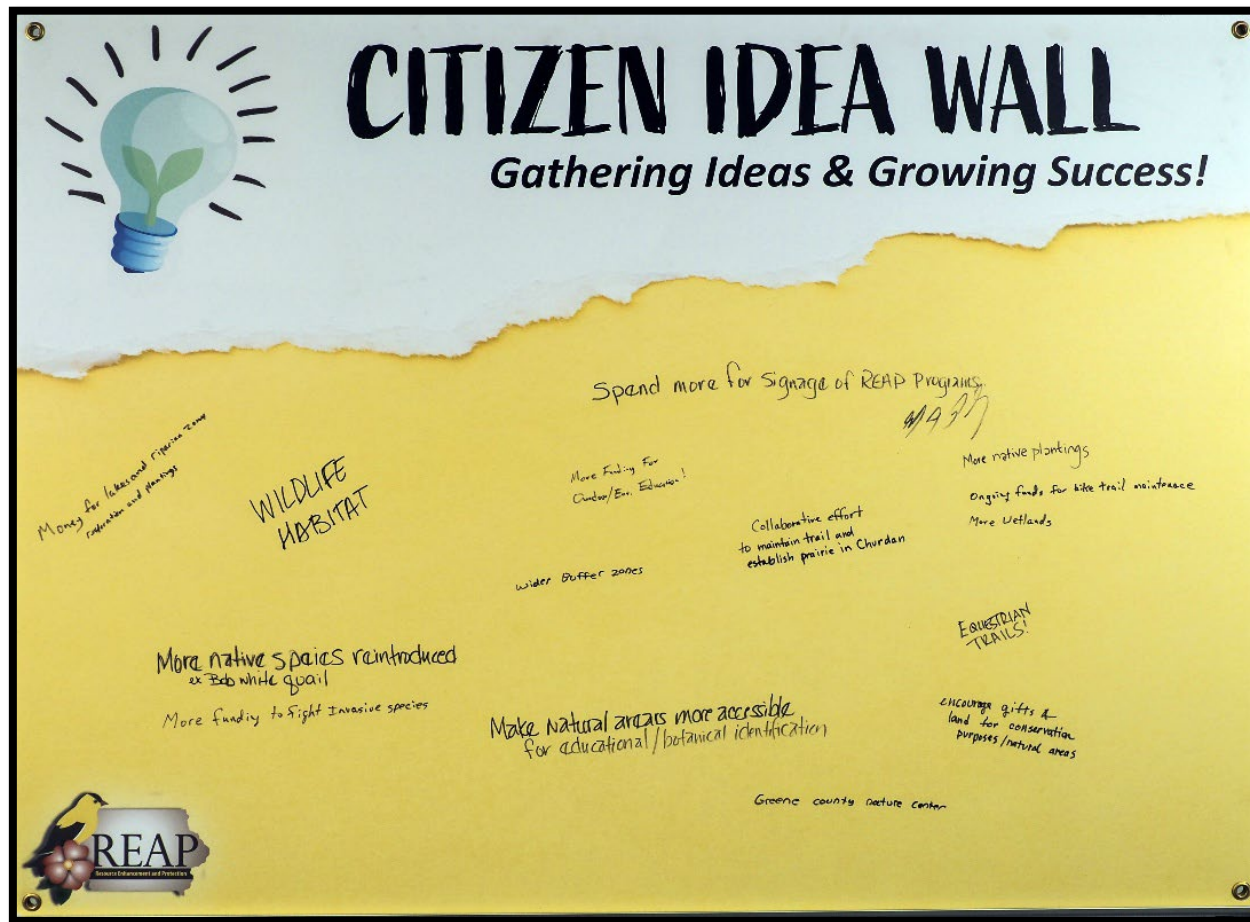
Region 6: Marshalltown (Hardin, Marshall, Poweshiek, Tama)

Attendance: 11

Host: Marshalltown (Held at Gallery Garden)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million in perpetuity eliminating the sunset date.
Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports extending the REAP sunset date for three years until 2031. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports additional funding for conservation management projects and maintenance.
Vote: Unanimous.



Region 6 and 12 shared the same Citizen Idea Board.

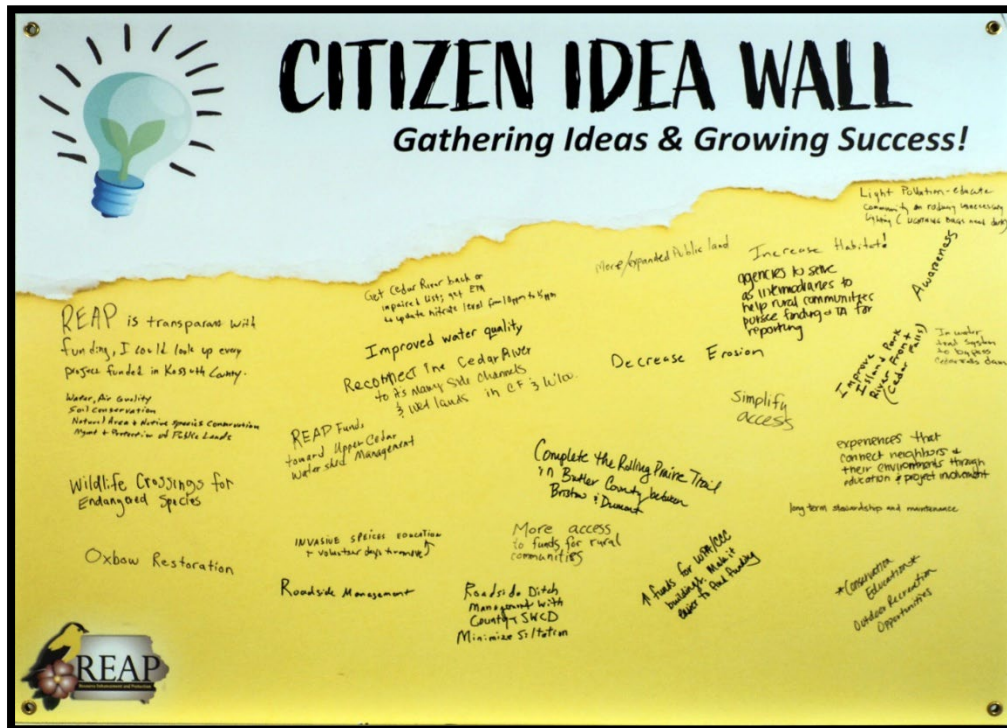
Region 7: Cedar Falls (Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Grundy)

Attendance: 26

Host: Black Hawk County REAP Committee (Held at the Center for Energy and Environmental Education)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress support fully funding REAP at \$20 million and the legislature continue to fully fund REAP into the future. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports recommending extending the REAP sunset date out for an additional 10 years or until the National Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund is fully funded. Vote Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports extending the sunset date for REAP from 2028 to 2050. Vote Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports using REAP funds to expand to more counties in the 3% used for roadside vegetation. Vote Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports restoring funding to the state's water quality monitoring, which was eliminated, and advance it further if needed. Vote: Unanimous.
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports funding for invasive species education and removal. Vote: Unanimous.
7. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports utilizing REAP funding to send Iowa's youth to participate in Assemblies and be voices at the table. Vote: Unanimous.
8. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintain the categories in the City Parks & Open Spaces grant program but have a consistent funding cap for each application. Vote: Unanimous.



This Assembly included a tour of the Center for Energy and Environmental Education's REAP Conservation Education Program project. This assembly was also structured so citizens could wander through an exhibit space, with tables highlighting local projects utilizing REAP.

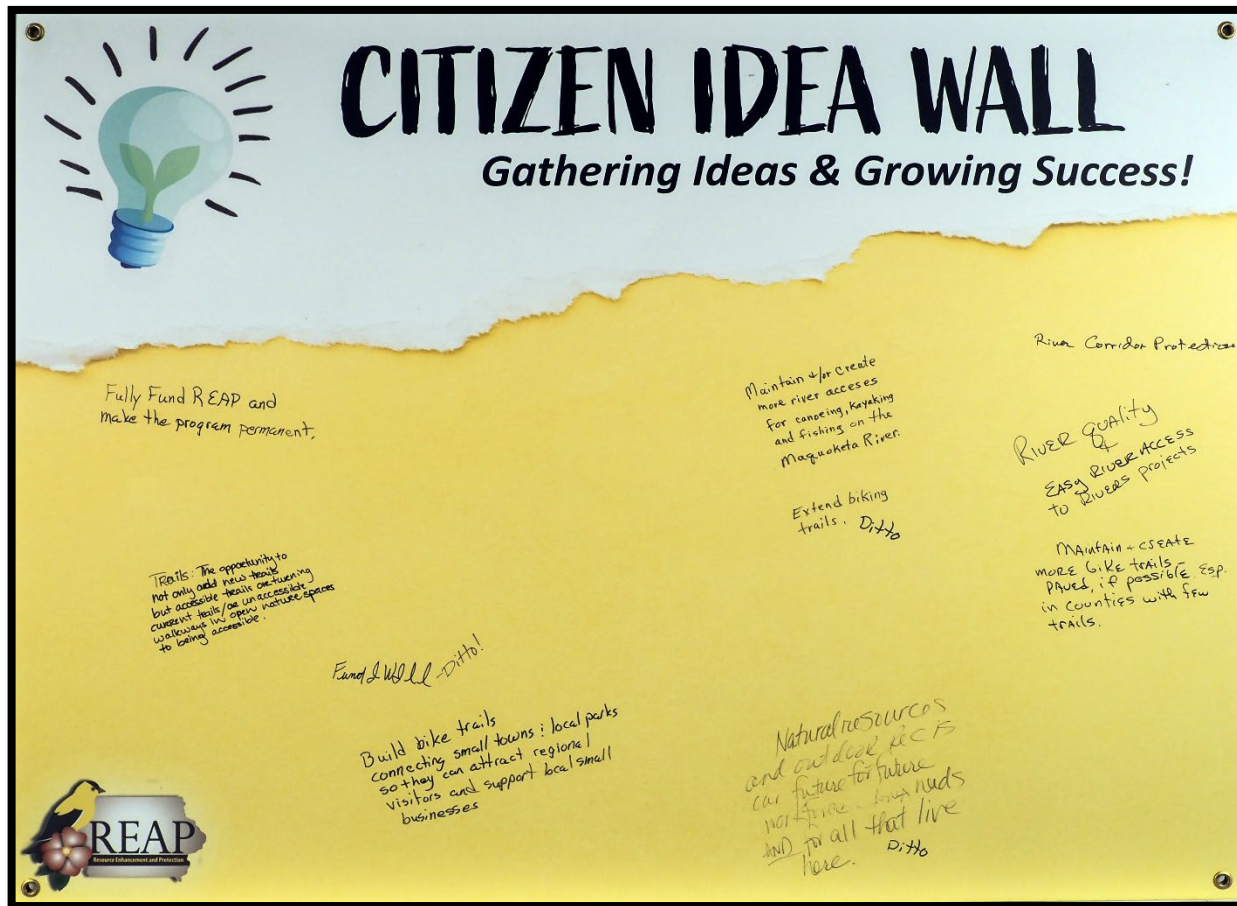
Region 8: Dubuque (Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson)

Attendance: 18

Host: Dubuque County (Held at the Eagle Point Park Riverfront Pavilion)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million and permanently extending it. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports increasing the county conservation direct allocations so funding can be utilized for maintenance activities. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports REAP making a presentation to the newly created Office of Outdoor Recreation and associated Task Force on the value of REAP and provide prime examples of REAP's contribution to Outdoor Recreation. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports additional bonus points in the City Parks & Open Spaces grant program if the project is partnering with additional entities, which also show appropriate documentation to that affect. Vote: Unanimous.



The City of Dubuque's Park & Recreation Department presented on natural resource management that has taken place at the park utilizing City Parks & Open Spaces funding. The Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools and the Dubuque Arboretum also presented on their REAP CEP projects.

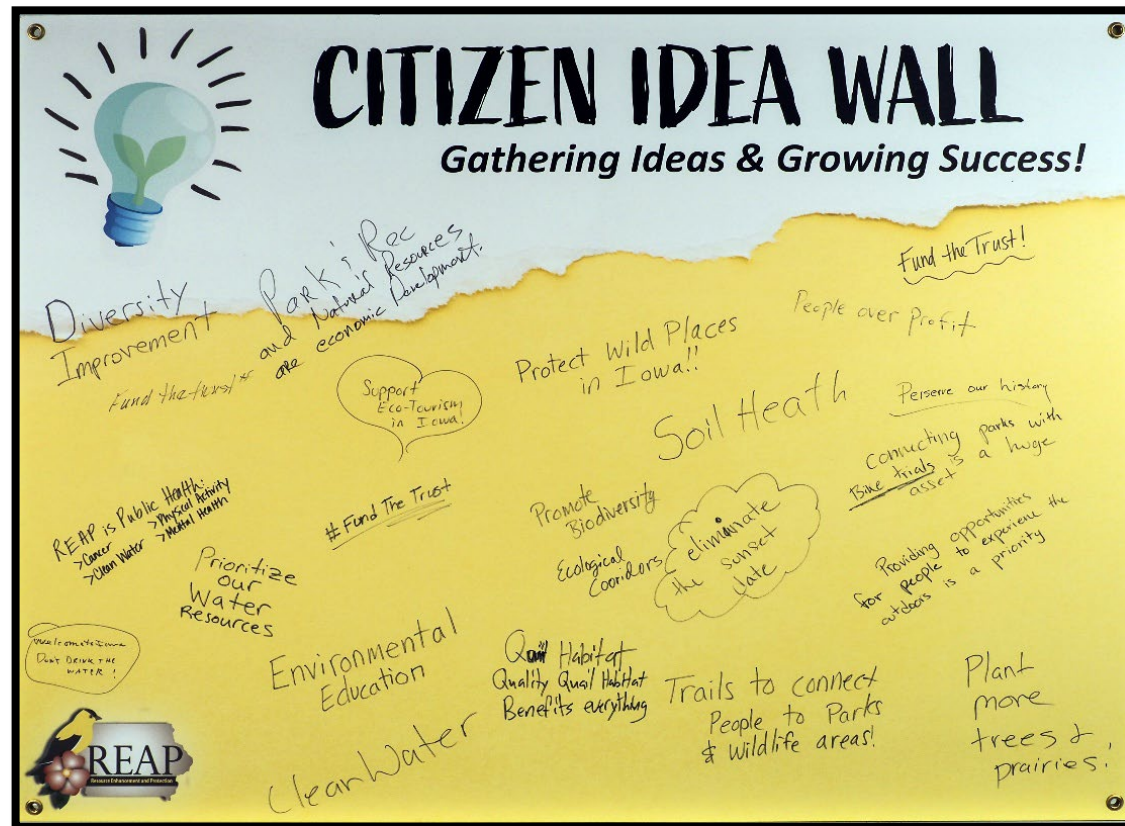
Region 9: Dixon (Muscatine, Scott)

Attendance: 24

Host: Scott County (Held at the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports funding REAP adjusting for inflation. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the original REAP formula. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding and maintaining the original formula for the the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund which fully funds REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports increasing the state's sales tax by $\frac{3}{8}$ th of a percent. Vote: Unanimous.
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
7. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports extending the REAP sunset date until 2038 or until the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund is fully funded. Vote: Unanimous.
8. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports expanding public lands and parks in the state of Iowa. Vote: Unanimous.
9. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports prioritizing protecting and improving water quality in Iowa. Vote: Unanimous.



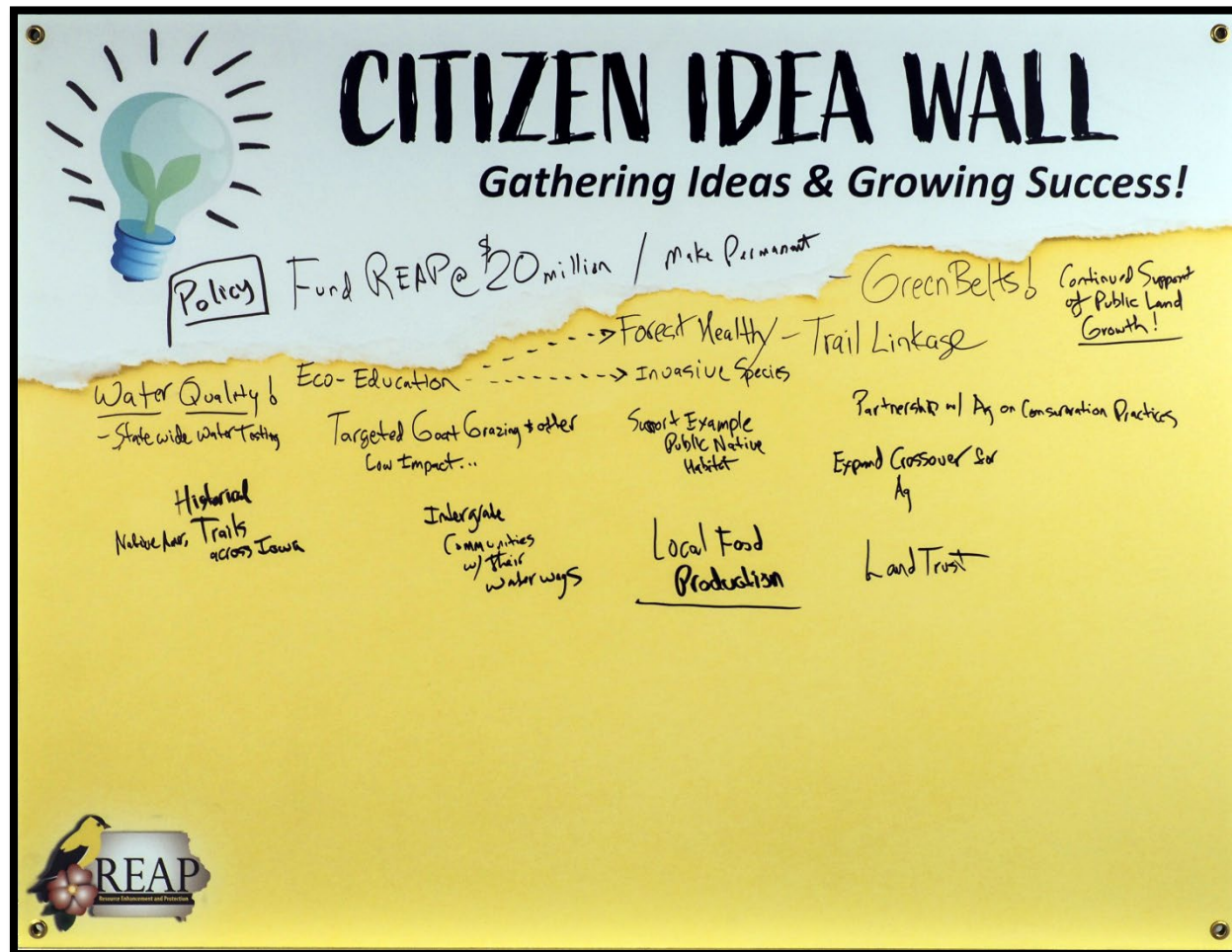
Region 10: Iowa City (Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Washington)

Attendance: 33

Host: Johnson County REAP Committee (Held at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports increasing the full funding authorization for REAP to \$55 million to account for inflation since 1989. Vote: Unanimous.



Region 11: Granger and Ames (Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Marion, Polk, Story, Warren)

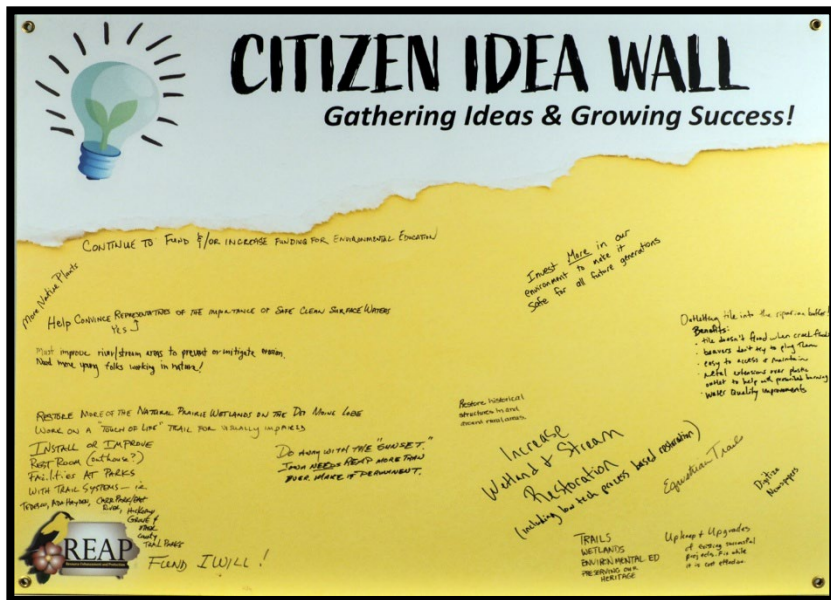
Attendance: 52

North Region Host: Story County REAP Committee (Held at the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor)

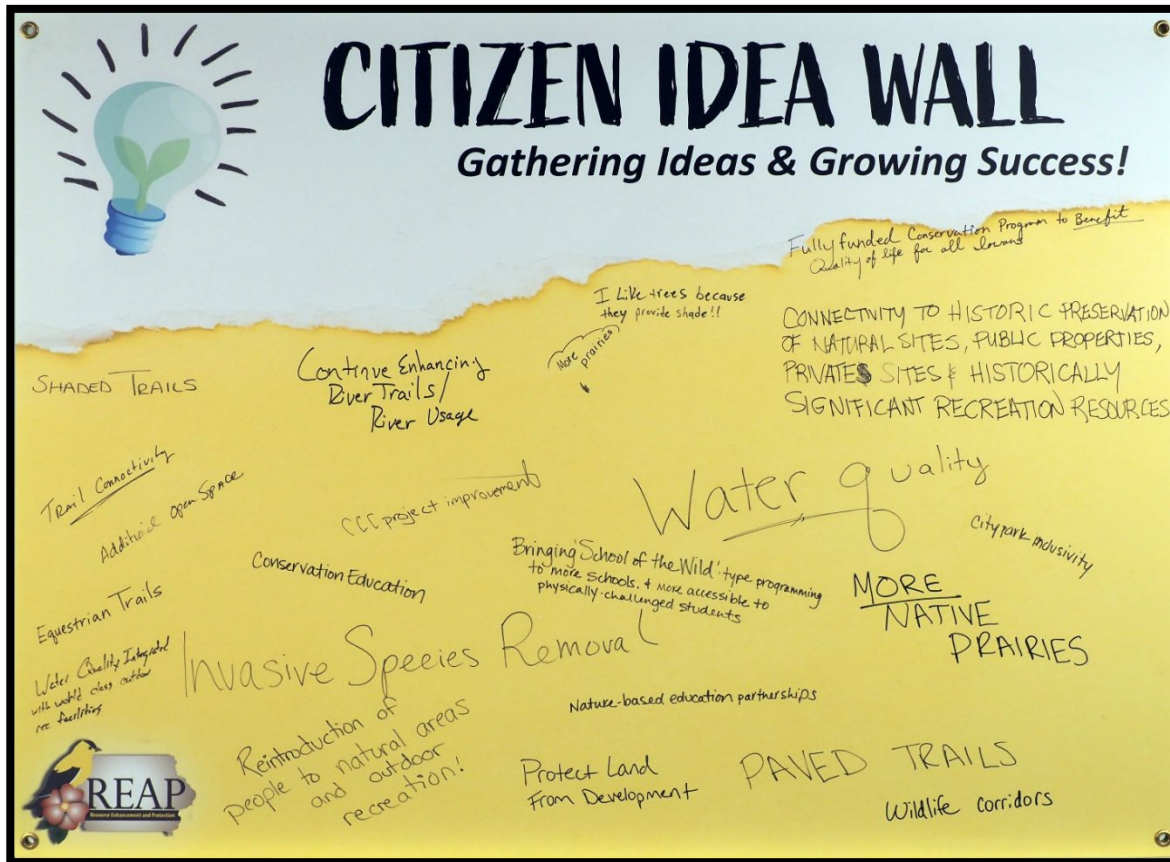
South Region Host: Polk County held at Jester Park Nature Center

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million until its sunset. Vote Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports recommending eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports recommending extending the REAP sunset date out for an additional 10 years or until the National Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund is fully funded. Vote Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the current REAP formula. Vote Unanimous.
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax as REAP is fully funded with its passage. Vote: Unanimous.
7. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports recommending that REAP should not be negatively impacted by the new Office of Outdoor Recreation but work in a cohesive manner through partnership. Vote: Unanimous.
8. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress support the legislature not take action and remove the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund from the State Constitution. Vote: Unanimous.
9. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports clean water as a right of all citizens and all living things. Vote: Unanimous.
10. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports REAP funds with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts be used exclusively for water quality projects. Vote: Yes, 19; No, 1 (Region 11S Assembly)
11. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports recommending to voters to vote no on the constitutional amendment on the ballot in November 2026. Vote: Unanimous.



Region 11 held two assemblies, one in the North and one in the south part of the region due to the size and population of this region. The south Assembly had presentations by Polk County's recent Conservation Education Program project and the recent Dallas County, County Conservation Program project.



The North assembly was structured so each table focused on different local projects that utilized REAP. Projects in Story and Boone Counties were represented. Citizens could wander through, ask questions and gather ideas.

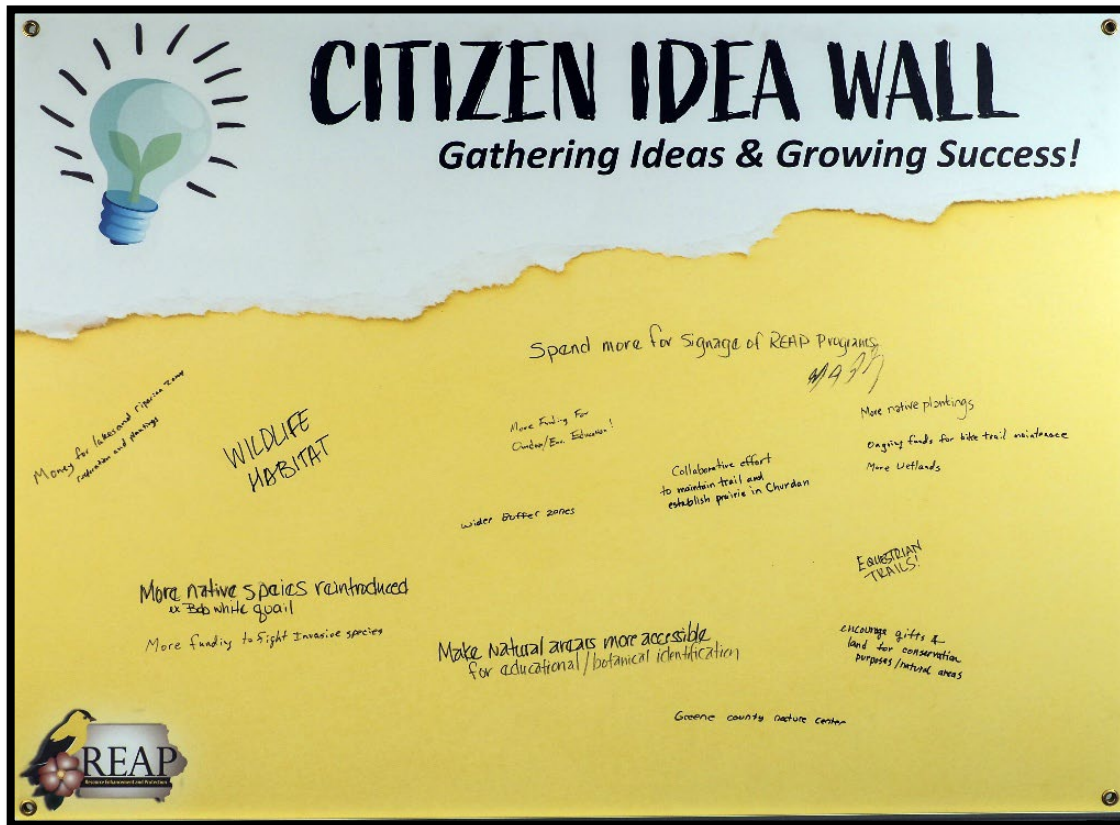
Region 12: Churdan (Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie, Sac)

Attendance: 14

Host: Green County (Held at the Pudenz Farm)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports adjusting full funding of REAP to meet current inflation. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports extending the REAP sunset date for an additional 10 years until 2038. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports allowing maintenance on rehab trail projects to be funded an additional .5% of the REAP funding formula when the Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund is fully funded. Vote: Unanimous.
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports REAP Conservation Education Program to receive the \$350,000 plus an additional 2% of the REAP funding allocation contingent on the Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund is fully funded. Vote: Unanimous.



Region 6 and 12 shared the same Citizen Idea Board.



Mr. Jeff Pudenz gave a presentation on the various ways he's utilized REAP's 20% for Soil and Water to help his farm thrive.

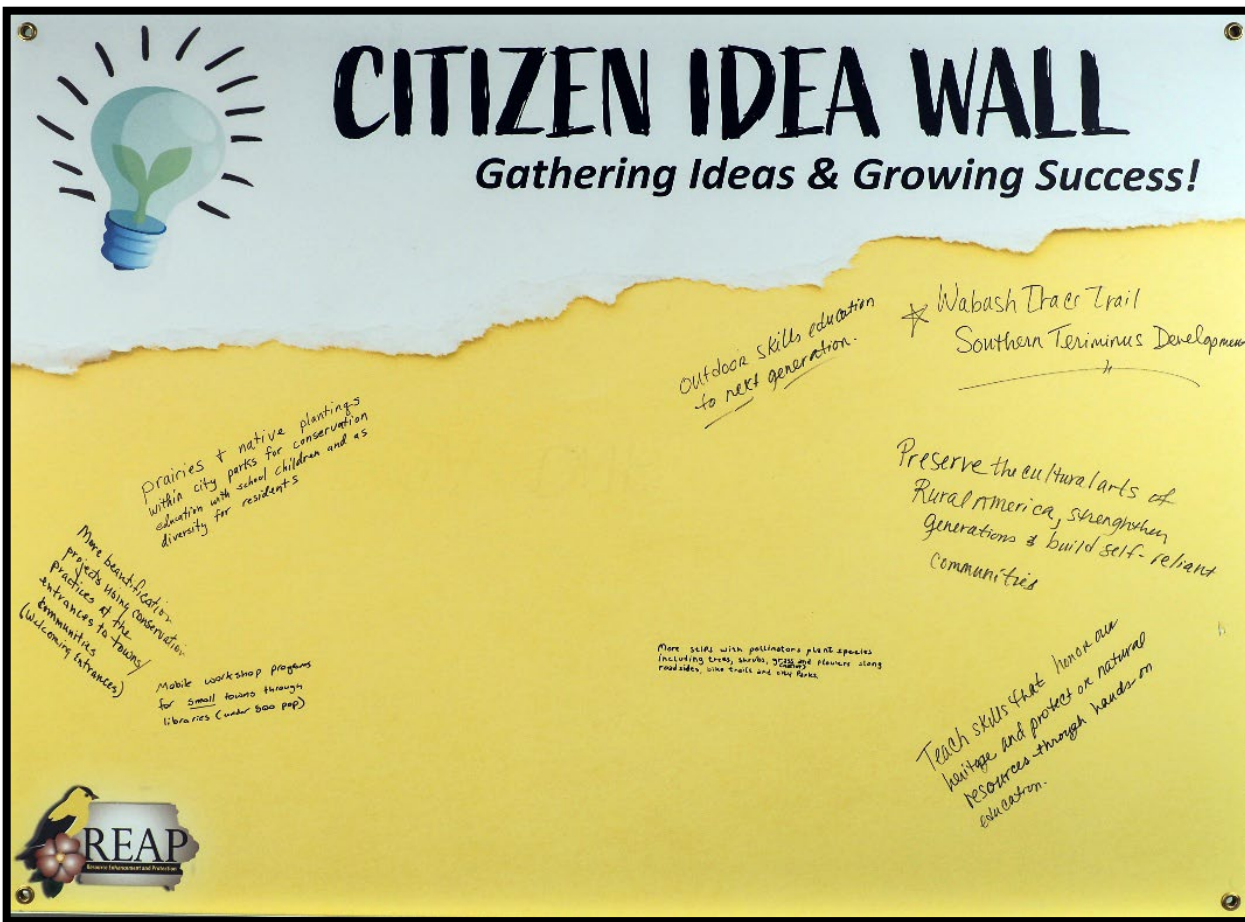
Region 13: Red Oak(Fremont, Mill, Montgomery, Page)

Attendance: 19

Host: Montgomery County REAP Committee (Held at the Carbaugh Farm)

Approved Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress extending the REAP sunset date by 10 years. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax which fully funds REAP and eliminates the sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.



After the Assembly, attendees could tour some of the practices that Mr. Dave Carbaugh implemented on his farm through the help of REAP.

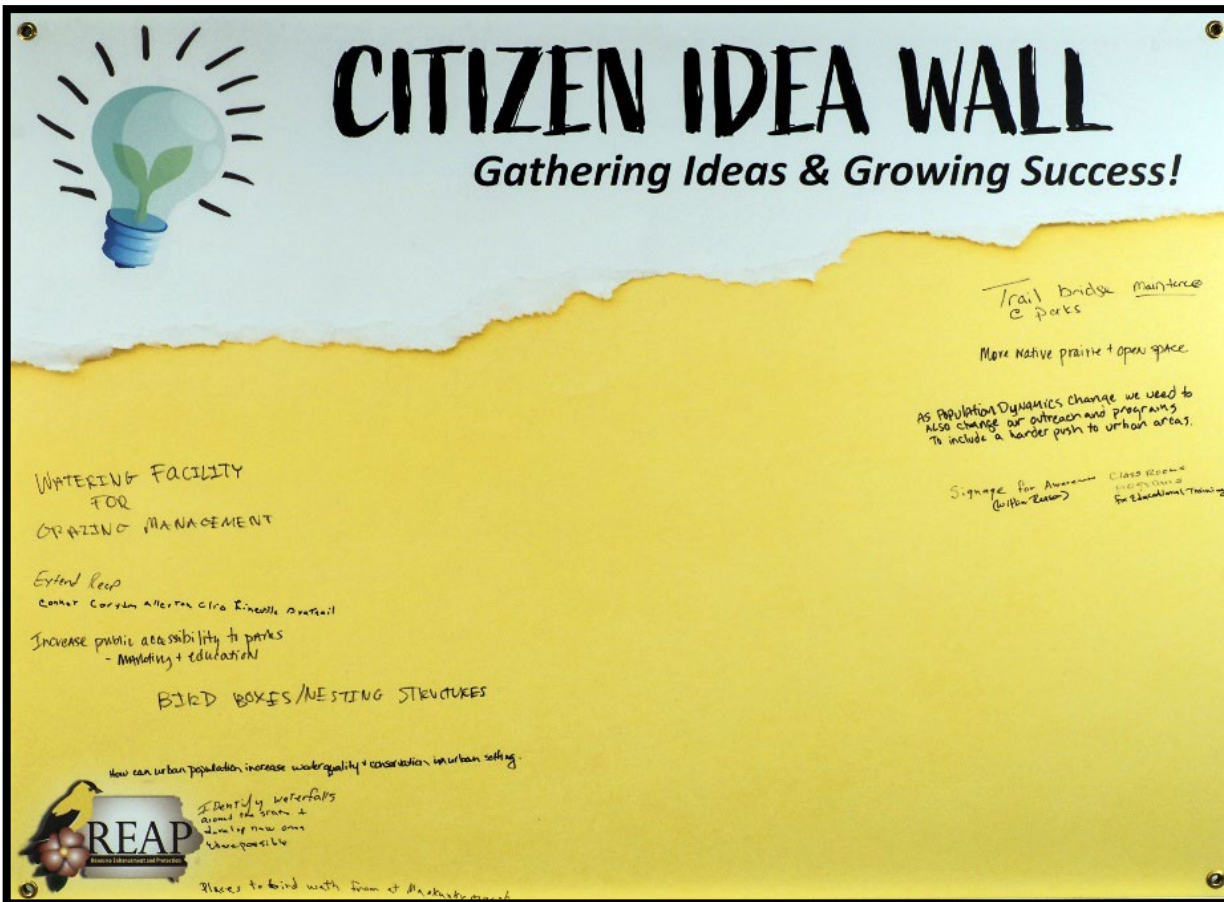
Region 14: Winterset (Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, Union)

Attendance: 24

Host: Madison County (Held at the Madison County Conservation Center)

Motions:

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the original REAP formula as passed in 1989. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports the legislature funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax in the next legislative session. Vote: Unanimous.
- 5) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports county committees elevating education on what REAP has done at the local level and potential funding needed to implement it. Vote: Unanimous.



This Assembly had a mix of presentations on projects accomplished through REAP's HRDP, CEP County Conservation grant and the SWCD. It also provided an opportunity to interact with other projects within the region that received REAP Funds and tour the Education Center which received County Conservation Grant funds in 2019.

Region 14, 15 and 18 shared the same Citizen Idea Board.

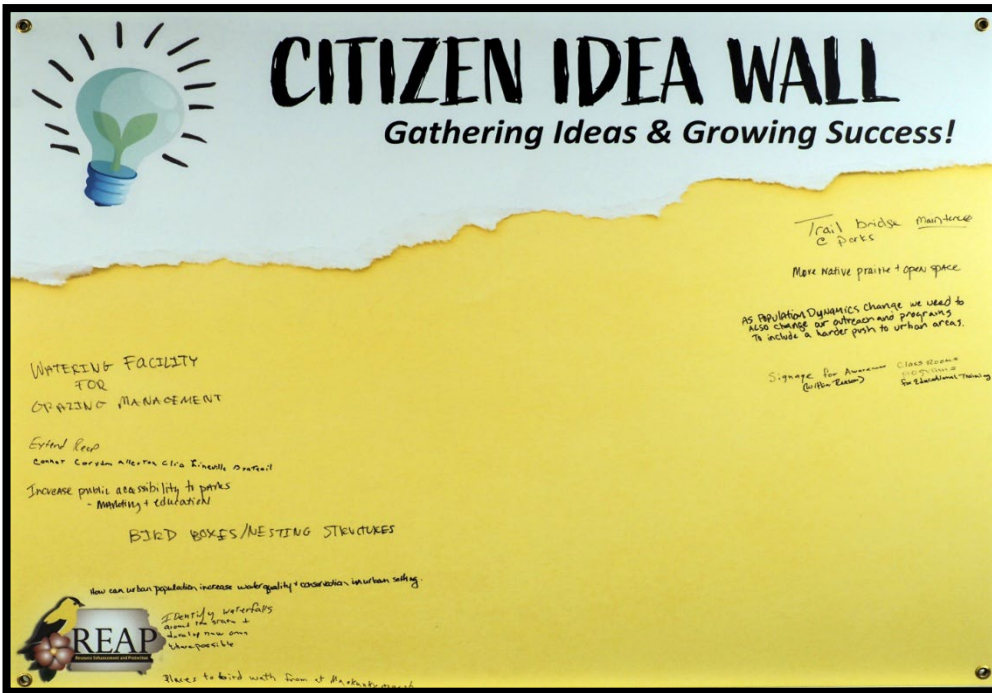
Region 15: Oskaloosa (Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Van Buren, Wapello)

Attendance: 17

Host: Mahaska County (Held at the Environmental Learning Center)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports funding for REAP be increased to \$40 million to maximize the programs. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports extending the REAP sunset date out to 2040. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports adjusting the REAP Formula to meet areas of higher demand and more equitable. Vote: Yes, 15; No, 2.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports utilizing REAP funds for marketing and/or social media efforts to reach young people to talk about natural resources. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports adding water facilities or a water source to the grazing practices of REAP, hookup only. Vote: Unanimous.
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports using REAP funds for maintenance practices during the first two years after development. Vote: Unanimous.
7. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports reducing the 20-year maintenance agreements for Soil and Water projects to 10 years. Vote: Unanimous.



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Every Regional Assembly focused on showcasing local projects funded with REAP. Some locations also shared how they used equipment purchased with the help of the 3% REAP administered by the Department of Transportation for roadside vegetation management.

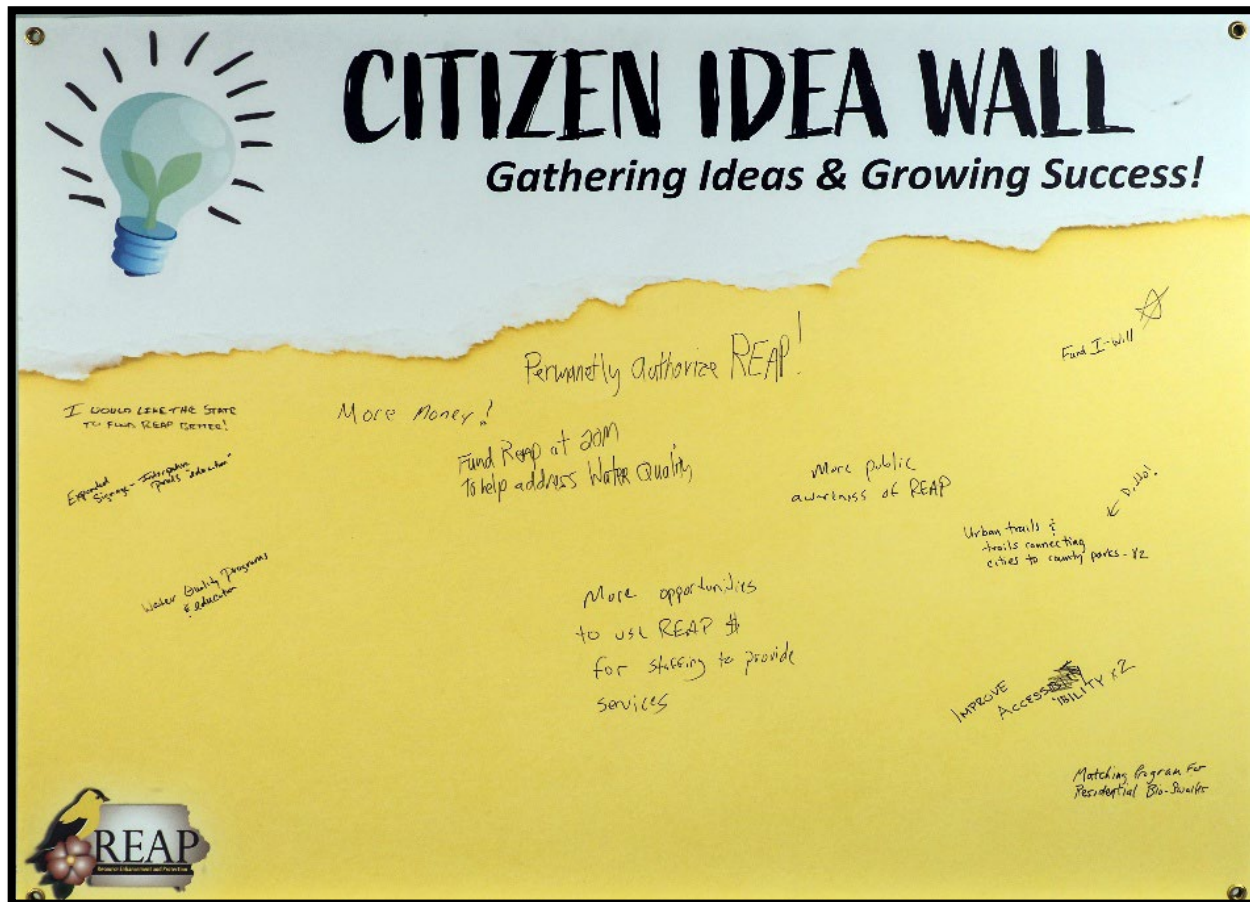
Region 16: Burlington (Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa)

Attendance: 33

Host: Des Moines County (Held at Starr's Cave Nature Center)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the original REAP formula. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports maintaining the original Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund formula. Vote: Unanimous.



Presentations by the city of Burlington and Des Moines County Conservation showed how REAP impacts local communities and outdoor recreation.

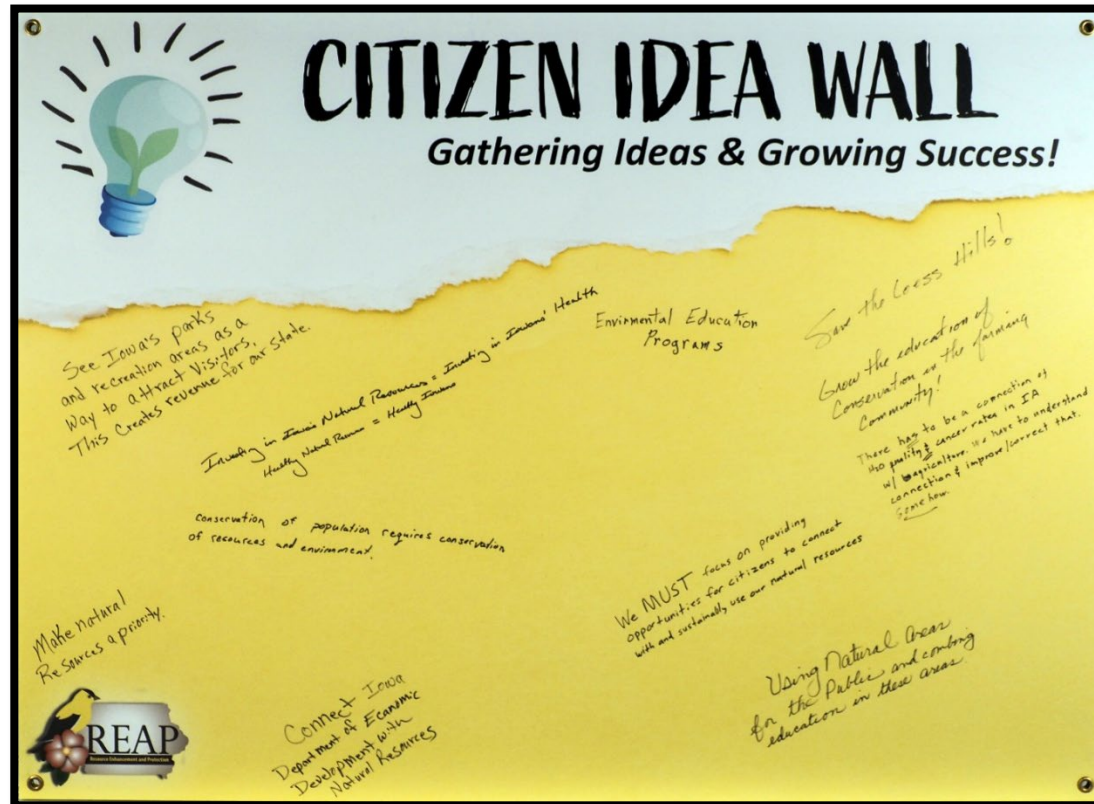
Region 17: Honey Creek (Cass, Harrison, Pottawattamie, Shelby)

Attendance: 11

Host: Pottawattamie County (Held at the Loess Hills Lodge at Hitchcock Nature Center)

Motions:

1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports eliminating the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax as REAP is fully funded with its passage. Vote: Unanimous.
4. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports REAP Conservation Education Program (CEP) funded at a minimum of \$350,000 and if REAP is fully funded or increased, REAP CEP should be considered at a percentage of the total REAP funding versus a flat percentage. Vote: Unanimous.
5. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports Iowa's spending on conservation to become comparable to other states. Vote: Unanimous.
6. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports every elected official receiving the REAP Congress report read it in its entirety. Vote: Unanimous.



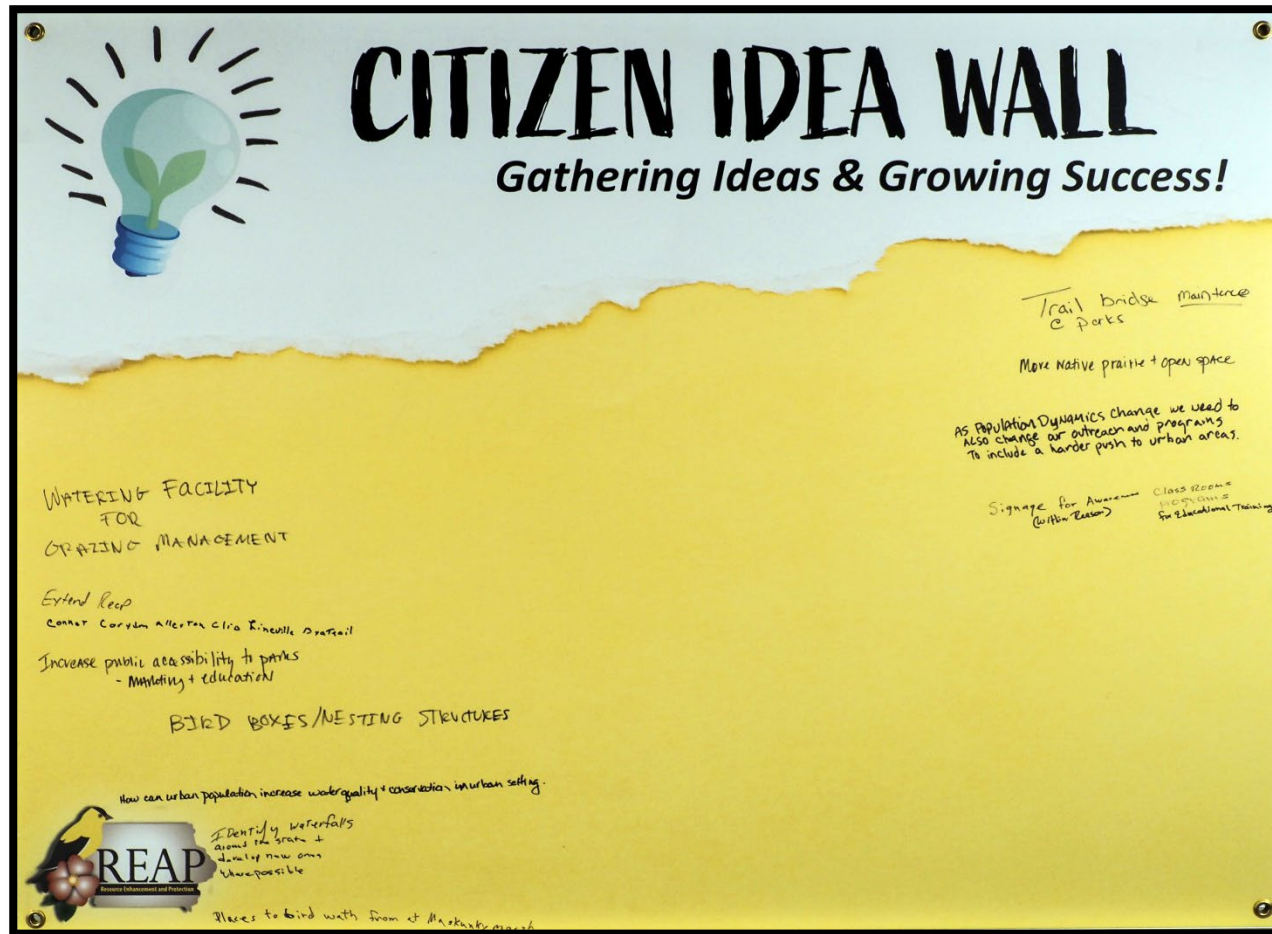
Region 18: Chariton (Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne)

Attendance: 5

Host: Lucas County (Held at the Pin Oak Marsh Nature Center)

Motions:

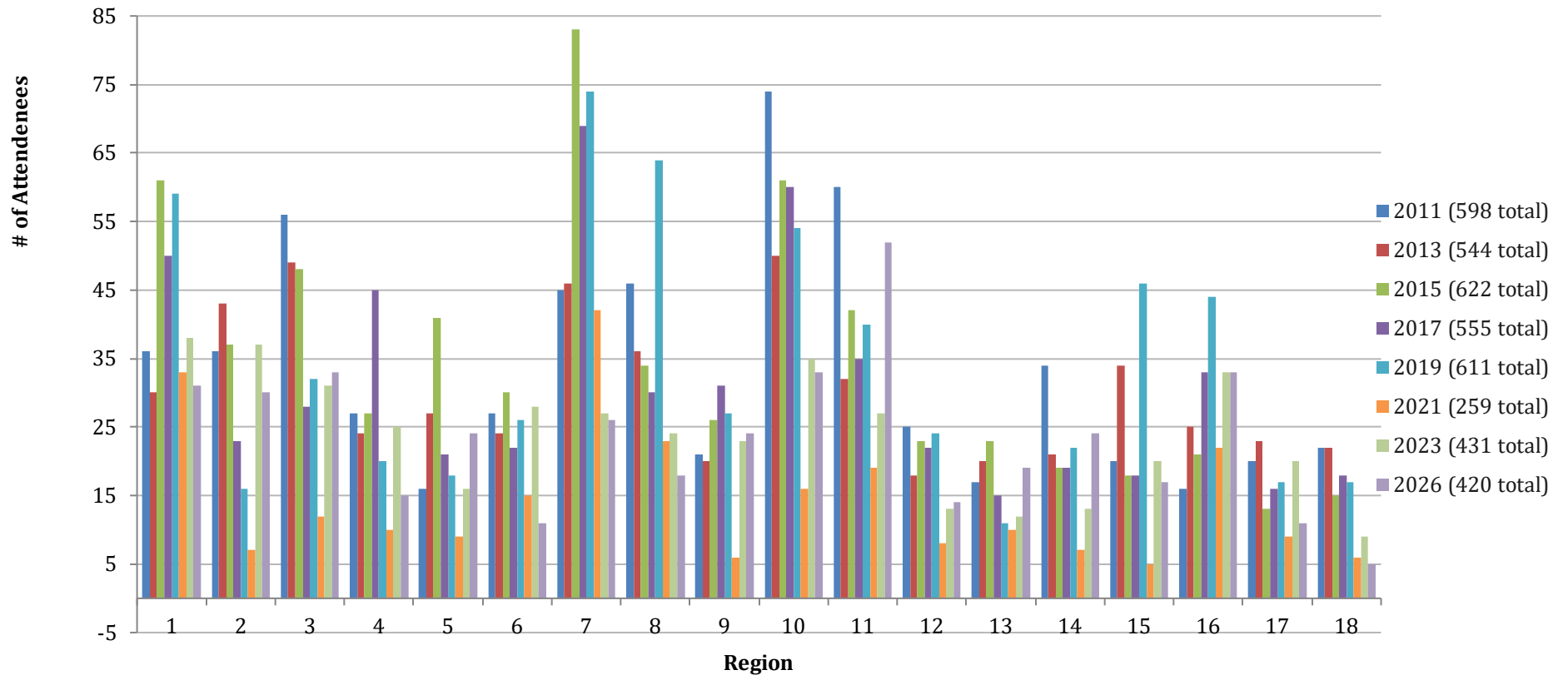
1. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP at \$20 million. Vote: Unanimous.
2. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports extending REAP for five years, extending it until 2032. Vote: Unanimous.
3. This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2026 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax as REAP is fully funded with its passage. Vote: Unanimous.



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- In 2023 and 2026 a team of representatives from each region assisted the REAP Coordinator in determining the right location and time of day to host the assembly. An extra assembly time in region 11 was added to offer options for citizens on the eastern side of the region.