

# **JACKSON COUNTY REAP COMMITTEE**

## **FY 2008 Annual Report and One Year Plan**

Membership on the Jackson County REAP Committee follows the guidelines of the Iowa Resource Enhancement and Protection Act.

October 2006 - October 2007

**Chair** – Clayton Pederson, Bellevue

**V. chair** – Daryl Parker, Bellevue

**Secy.** – Ann Burns, Maquoketa

October 2007– October 2008

Clayton Pederson

Daryl Parker

Ann Burns

The Jackson County REAP Committee met once during FY 2008. The date of the meeting was: August 13, 2007. Jackson County hosted the Regional REAP meeting at the Hurstville Interpretive Center on Thursday September 13, 2007.

### **REAP Programs During FY 2008**

**CONSERVATION EDUCATION;** The Jackson County REAP committee supports efforts to provide opportunities for local educators to attend environmental education programs. The committee also supports continued programs in environmental education for the schools and public through the Jackson County Conservation Board, the Jackson County Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Jackson County Historical Society, ISU Extension and other agencies.

**COUNTY CONSERVATION;** The Jackson County REAP Committee supports Jackson County Conservation's projects and priorities. The board is committed to protection of significant natural areas in the county. High priority is given to areas along the forks of the Maquoketa River, areas adjacent to existing management areas, and areas important to threatened or endangered species. The board is always evaluating their current management areas in regard to facilities and habitat improvement needs. The board also continues to offer environmental education opportunities to students, residents and visitors to the Jackson County area.

Projects during FY 2008 include:

**Naturalist Intern position** – This position has been a year round part time position since FY 2002. The person in this position assists the JCCB education staff in presenting educational programs, preparing the quarterly newsletter, providing information to the residents of Jackson County, and developing new programs and activities. In addition the person in this position has helped with developing volunteer projects and natural area management projects. This intern position also provides essential work experience to students who are interested in the conservation field. In FY 2008 the intern position was filled from July 1, 2007 through August 24, 2007 (remainder of time on her '06-'07 AmeriCorps service term). From October 1 through November 30, Jessica O'Connor filled the intern/AmeriCorps position. When she was hired to a permanent full time position, Vanessa Vanis was placed as the intern/AmeriCorps member. She served in that position from November 28, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

**FY 2008 REAP Budget  
Jackson County Conservation**

<b><u>Revenue for FY 2008</u></b>	as per Auditor office	
Balance remaining from FY 2007		\$36,373
REAP revenue FY 2008		\$56,081
Interest on account		<u>\$ 1,339</u>
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$93,793</b>
<b><u>Expenditures for FY 2008</u></b>		
Naturalist Intern position		\$ 14,114
Canton Access land purchase		<u>\$ 39,443</u>
	<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 53,557</b>
	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$40,236</b>
	<b>(as of 6/30/2008)</b>	

Projects Planned for FY 2009

Jackson County conservation plans to continue to fund the naturalist intern position with REAP County Allocation funds. The County Competitive grant for the Copper Creek Trail extension that was submitted in August of 2007 was not funded. The City of Preston will submit a grant for the project through the REAP City Grant program in August 2008. Jackson County Conservation will work with the City of Preston to complete this project if funds are received by the City.

**COUNTY CONSERVATION PROJECTS  
PLANNED FOR FY 2008-2009**

<b>Revenue for FY 2009</b>		
County Conservation Allocation FY 08 -09 (Estimate)		\$18,901
Balance from FY 2008		<u>\$40,236</u>
	<b>Total FY 2008</b>	<b>\$59,137</b>
<b>Expenditures for FY 2009</b>		
Naturalist Intern position \$15,300 stipend + \$1,896 insurance		<u>\$17,196</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,196</b>

**CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES:** The Jackson County REAP committee encourages cities to acquire open space for their residents, and to provide protection of their resources while providing an enjoyable experience for users of the area.

**Projects for FY 2008**

**Maquoketa River Trail Project**

The City of Maquoketa submitted a grant in August of 2003 for a pedestrian trail along the Maquoketa River within the City of Maquoketa. Details of the project were reported in the FY 2006-2007 Annual report. The work on the project was completed by the City in FY 2007. The city is waiting for the receipt of final reimbursement money from REAP for this project

**Projects planned for FY 2009**

**Copper Creek Trail Project**

The City of Preston plans to submit a City Competitive Grant request for funds for this project. The project involves the acquisition of land to connect the Preston City Bike trail to the County Recreation Trail at its southwest terminus near Spragueville. The 1.9 mile trail connection will provide a 6.6 mile recreation trail connecting the communities of Preston and Spragueville. The construction of the trail surface will be submitted as a Federal Recreational Trails grant application in October, 2008.

Acquisition of 18.1 acres ( <i>including survey and closing</i> )	\$ 96,602
Engineering, final design, bidding,	<u>\$ 32,300</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,902</b>
Match	
<i>Great Places, local, in-kind</i>	\$ 53,902
REAP request anticipated	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
<b>Total revenue for project</b>	<b>\$128,902</b>

**SOIL AND WATER ENHANCEMENT;** The Jackson County REAP committee strongly supports the Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District’s projects for the protection of our soil and water resources.

Projects:

1. Administer the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program, and Water Protection Fund (WPF) program to provide cost share assistance in water quality practices.
2. Continue implementation of Water Quality Projects such as the Upper big Mill Creek Watershed to demonstrate and encourage water quality practices.
3. To provide funds, if available, and technical assistance to livestock producers for better manure handling for better water quality.

**FY08 REAP Expenditures  
Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District**

	<u>Rollover from 07 plus 08 Allocation</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Unobligated</u>
REAP Practices	\$13,923.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$4,790.00	\$ 6,703.00
REAP Forestry/Native Grasses	5,751.00	4,770.00	750.00	231.00
TOTALS	\$19,674.73	\$ 7,200.00	\$5,540.00	\$6,934.00

**FY 09 plans:** We will be concentrating REAP funding towards forestry practices as in the past though other practices may be funded as well.

**Concerning the 5-year plan (JCSWCD):** At this time, we feel that forestry practices will remain the main focus for REAP funding within Jackson County. Priorities may shift as EQIP and WHIP federal funding has picked up some of the forestry applications and more REAP funding then can be used for other practices such as stream bank stabilization..

**DNR LAND MANAGEMENT:** The Jackson County REAP committee feels the protection and wise development of the current state managed areas within the county is a high priority. Proper development will protect each area’s resources, and at the same time provide a quality experience for users of the areas.

Projects: No DNR Land Management funds were reported as expended on State managed areas in FY 2007-2008

**DNR OPEN SPACES:** The Jackson County REAP Committee feels the acquisition of land with significant habitat or wildlife value, and buffer lands for existing DNR property is an important means of providing outdoor recreation opportunities for citizens of Jackson County.

Projects: No DNR Open Spaces projects were completed in Jackson County in FY 2007 - 2008

**HISTORICAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:** The Jackson County REAP Committee supports the preservation of significant historical resources within the county.

Projects: A grant request was received by the Jackson County Historical Society, to restore the Mosler vault in the Clinton Engines building on East Maple Street in Maquoketa. The grant request also included the reconstruction of the back entry way to the Clinton Engines building. Both projects have been completed.

REAP grant funds received	\$24,217
Cash match	<u>\$ 6,701</u>
<b>Project Total - Cash</b>	<b>\$30,918</b>

In-kind services valued at \$6,310 were also provided as match for this project. Budget and expenditure records for this project are available at the Jackson County Historical Society office at the Historical Museum, East Quarry Street in Maquoketa. One half of the REAP grant funds were received in July, 2007. The reimbursement funds had not been received from REAP as of this report.

Jackson County Historic Preservation Commission received a REAP HRDP grant to stabilize the Jackson County Insane Asylum. The funds were used to replace cornice boards and two chimneys that had been removed. In addition, the soffits and fascia were replaced due to age and rotting of the wood. It is anticipated that replacement of these items, along with a new roof and windows (funded with Great Places grants) will not allow the weather and animals to continue to deteriorate the building.

REAP grant funds received	\$9,605
Cash match	Jackson Co. Board of Supervisors \$1,000
	Jackson Co. Economic Development \$1,375
	Jackson County Great Places funds \$ 750
In-kind	<u>\$3,750</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,480</b>

Projects planned for FY 2009: No projects are planned for FY 2009 at this time.

**ROADSIDE VEGETATION:** The Jackson County REAP Committee encourages the use of integrated roadside vegetation management along roadways in Jackson County.

No projects were completed in FY 2008  
No projects are proposed for FY 2009

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January \_\_\_\_\_, 2009