

2010 Proposed Expenditure Plan

Submitted by:

Polk County REAP Committee

The Polk County REAP Committee has emphasized A. Protection and Preservation, B. Enhancement and Development and C. Education and Stewardship as being main focus areas within Polk County. Proposed projects for FY2010 as pertaining to these focus areas are:

A. Protection and Preservation: Many opportunities to protect and preserve fragile natural areas of our County still exist. Once lost, those opportunities will be gone. Acquisition by either ownership or long-term easement of these areas remains as a key focal point for our residents.

- ***A 1. Protect and enhance riparian greenbelt areas throughout the county.***

(No proposals reported for this section)

- ***A 2. Protect and enhance natural areas, including prairies, wetlands woodlands, savannahs, and existing parks.***

(No proposals reported for this section)

- ***A 3. Complete a comprehensive inventory of natural resources, trails, hunting and non-hunting areas, endangered species, prairies, wetlands, woodlands, savannahs and historic resources.***

(No proposals reported for this section)

B. Enhancement and Development: Residents and visitors of the County and Cities enjoy excellent amenities although improvements are always needed. Highlights and focus areas for this area of our state include an excellent recreation trail network, several areas of restored prairie and woodlands along with great parks and facilities. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the current system and would benefit from additional trail improvements, enhancements to our natural areas and further development of our parks and other facilities.

- ***B 1. Assist landowners and land managers in protecting and enhancing soil and water quality and watershed protection.***

(No proposals reported for this section)

- ***B 2. Protect and enhance recreation opportunities along waterways, right-of-ways, and existing transportation corridors. Recreational trails and greenways are an important component that links important natural areas, especially those that are isolated.***

†2010 – Ankeny, \$150,000, Gay Lea Wilson Trail

2010 – Clive, \$125,000, Aquatic Center Bridge & Trail Connection

2010 – PCC, \$75,000, Jester Park Wetland Development, Two Dam Pond Accessible Trail and Fishing Pier

†Agencies are working together to ensure trail alignment

- ***B 3. Park and Natural Area Enhancement and Developments.***

(No proposals reported for this section)

C. Education and Stewardship: Residents and visitors of all ages should have the opportunity to enjoy and to learn about the natural and historical resources in our county, and to develop their own sense of stewardship.

- ***C 1. Expand environmental education opportunities for all age groups.***

(No proposals reported for this section)

- ***C 2. Protect and enhance historical resources throughout the county.***

(No proposals reported for this section)