

**WOODBURY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
REAP
FIVE YEAR EXPENDITURE PLAN
FY98 - FY02**

SOURCES OF INCOME:

Funds allocated to county conservation boards are divided into three categories:

- A: Per county share
- B: Per capita share
- C: 100% cost share competitive grants

Funds from source A will amount to approximately \$17,800 per year and from source B approximately \$60,700 per year at full funding levels (\$30 million/year). More realistically, annual REAP appropriations have averaged closer to \$10 million per year during the first eight years of the program. It appears that funding levels will stabilize near \$12 million and may approach \$15 million per year. For planning purposes, a \$12 million appropriation will be assumed which would generate \$6,955 per year from source A and \$24,370 for source B. Competitive grants available through source C are not limited but must be applied for, reviewed by a special DNR committee, ranked, and then recommended for funding. It is anticipated that application(s) will be made annually for a portion of the \$960,000 grant monies available each year. Funds from sources B and C will be made available to counties that expend a minimum of 22 cents per one thousand dollars valuation for conservation purposes according to law. Woodbury County is currently eligible for these funds.

In summary, Woodbury County can expect a minimum of \$31,325 per year of unrestricted funds. Any amount of competitive grant monies can be included and anticipated, but will only be assured through actual award of the grant.

PLAN OF EXPENDITURES:

The conservation board proposes expenditures of REAP funds in four main areas:

- I. Land Acquisition
 - A. Increase acquisition fund
 - B. Expand existing areas
 - C. Purchase targeted areas
- II. Capital Improvements
 - A. Renovation of existing facilities
 - B. Construct new facilities
- III. Equipment
 - A. Special resource-related items
- IV. Program Expansion

- A. Lewis & Clark Missouri River Recreational Trail
- B. Roadside Vegetation management

Proposed percentage allocation of available funds to each area is as follows:

1.	Land Acquisition	30%	9,400
2.	Capital Improvements	50%	15,665
3.	Equipment	10%	3,130
4.	Program Expansion	10%	<u>3,130</u>
			31,325

These figures are proposed merely as a guideline and should not restrict the board from making adjustments as needs arise and priorities are reviewed. Items proposed under each of the four areas will also be eligible for a grant request.

OVERVIEW FY90 - FY97

During the first eight years of the REAP program, expenditure of REAP funds were as follows:

Land Acquisition	4%	\$ 11,985.00
Capital Improvements	84%	246,097.35
Equipment	7%	19,987.04
Program Expansion	5%	<u>15,112.80</u>
Total Source A & B Funds		\$293,182.19
Grants Received and Expended:		<u>\$573,005.00</u>
Total REAP Funds Expended:		\$866,187.19

Total Revenues FY90 - FY97

Sources A, B & C	\$811,014.00
Interest Earned	46,158.42
Miscellaneous Reimbursement	<u>21,153.54</u>
Total Funds Accounted For:	\$878,325.96
REAP Fund Balance 7/1/97:	\$12,138.77