

Watershed Improvement Funding Sources

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship - Division of Soil Conservation

Programs	Web address (some may break on to two lines)	Program Description	Application Due*
Iowa Financial Incentives Program (IFIP)	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	50 percent cost-share available to landowners through 100 SWCDs for permanent soil conservation practices	continuous
No-Interest Loans	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	State administered loans to landowners for permanent soil conservation practices	Feb. 1
District Buffer Initiatives	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	Funds for SWCDs to initiate, stimulate and incentivise signup of USDA programs, specifically buffers	continuous
Mining Reclamation	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	\$2 million state and federal program (16:1 match) to reclaim abandoned surface coal mines at no cost to landowner	varies
Agricultural Drainage Well Closure Assistance Fund	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	Provides 75 percent cost-share to landowners for alternative drainage in order to close ag drainage wells and protect groundwater quality	varies
Iowa Watershed Protection Program (WSPF)	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	Funds for SWCDs to provide water quality protection, flood control, and soil erosion protection in priority watersheds; 50-75 percent cost-share; Used as state match for EPA 319 funding	April 15
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	Levering USDA funds (4:1) to establish nitrate removal wetlands in north central Iowa with no cost to landowner	continuous
Soil and Water Enhancement Account – REAP Water Quality Improvement Projects	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionProjects.asp	REAP funds for water quality improvement projects (sediment, nutrient and livestock waste) and wildlife habitat and forestry practices; 50-75 percent cost-share; Used as state match for EPA 319 funding	April 15
Soil and Water Enhancement Account – REAP Water Quality Improvement Practices	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	Tree planting, native grasses, forestry, buffers, streambank stabilization, traditional erosion control practices, livestock waste management, ag drainage well closure, urban stormwater	continuous
Integrated Farm and Livestock Management Demonstration Program (IFLM)	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	Statewide farm demonstrations of BMPs for nutrient and pesticide management, air quality, and soil and water conservation	
State Revolving Loans (SRF)	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	Low interest loans provided by SWCDs to landowners for permanent water quality improvement practices; subset of DNR program	continuous

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Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

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Watershed Improvement Fund	www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityProtectionPractices.asp	Local watershed improvement grants to enhance water quality for beneficial uses, including economic development	August 2

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Farm Services Agency

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
General Signup Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	www.fsa.usda.gov Click on "Conservation Programs."	Encourages farmers to convert highly erodible land or other environmentally sensitive land to vegetative cover; Farmers receive annual rental payments	determined from time-to-time
Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP)	www.fsa.usda.gov Click on "Conservation Programs."	Encourages farmers to convert highly erodible land or other environmentally sensitive land to vegetative cover, filter strips, or riparian buffers; Farmers receive annual rental payments	continuous
Farmable Wetland Program (FWP)	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/farmwetland04.htm	Voluntary program to restore farmable wetlands and associated buffers by improving hydrology, vegetation	continuous

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Farm Services Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/	Provides funds to grassland owners to maintain, improve, establish grass. Contracts of easements up to 30 years	No additional signup at this time

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/	Provides technical and financial assistance for natural resource conservation in environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner; program is generally 50 percent cost-share	continuous
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/	Provides restoration of wetlands through permanent and 30 year easements and 10 year restoration agreements	continuous
Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/	Flood plain easements acquired via USDA designated disasters due to flooding	determined by need
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/	Cost-share contracts to develop wildlife habitat	continuous
Farm & Ranchlands Protection Program (FRPP)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/	Purchase of easements to limit conversion of ag land to no-ag uses. Requires 50 percent match	

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U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cpi/	Conservation partnerships that focus technical and financial resources on conservation priorities in watersheds and airsheds of special significance	April 15
Iowa Conservation and Partnerships: "Supersheds" Program		Cooperative effort among conservation agencies and organizations to combine resources to implement resource improvement projects	
Conservation Security Program (CSP)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/	Green payment approach for maintaining and increasing conservation practices	variable
Public Law 83-566	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html	Contains authority to improve water quality as well as control flooding, reduce soil erosion, provide recreation, and provide a water supply	
Public Law 78-534	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/pl534.html	Permanent practices built for the purpose of erosion and flood control in Little Sioux River basin.	
Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/	National and state grants for innovative solutions to a variety of environmental challenges	variable

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration - Section 206	www.mvp.usace.army.mil/environment/ Click on "Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration - Section 206."	Restoration projects in aquatic ecosystems such as rivers, lakes and wetlands	
Habitat Restoration of Fish and Wildlife Resources - Section 1135	www.mvp.usace.army.mil/environment/ Click on "Habitat Restoration - Section 1135."	Must involve modification of the structures or operations of a project constructed by the Corps of Engineers	April 15

U.S. Forest Service

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP)	www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flep.shtml	Encourages the long-term sustainability of non-industrial private forest lands by establishing, restoring, protecting, managing, maintaining and enhancing	

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
Targeted Watershed Grants	www.iowadnr.gov/water/nonpoint/watershed.html	Nationwide grants for implementation of activities and BMPs specifically designed to improve water quality	
Water Quality Cooperative Agreements [Section 104(b)(3)]	www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/waterquality.htm	Developing, implement, and demonstrate innovative approaches relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution	varies

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
Section 319 Clean Water Act	www.iowadnr.gov/water/nonpoint/index.html	Grants to implement NPS pollution control programs and projects; requires 40 percent state match	April 15
Iowa Water Quality Loan Fund (SRF)	www.iowadnr.gov/water/srf/index2.html	Source of low-cost financing for farmers and landowners, livestock producers, community groups, developers, watershed organizations, and others	continuous

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
Water Monitoring and Assessment Program	http://wqm.igsb.uiowa.edu/	Provides funding for restoration of Iowa's publicly owned lakes, in combination with watershed improvement to improve water quality. New in 2006.	
IOWATER	www.iowater.net/	Training, supplies, and technical support for citizen water quality monitoring network; subset of ambient program	
Lake Restoration Fund	www.iowadnr.gov/water/lakerestoration/index.html	Flood plain easements acquired via USDA designated disasters due to flooding	
Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP)	www.iowadnr.gov/reap/index.html	Provides funding for enhancement and protection of State's natural and cultural resources	varies
GIS mapping data for watershed managers	www.iowadnr.gov/other/mapping.html	Watershed Atlas provides a variety of interactive GIS data layers for watershed planning on all watersheds in Iowa	

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Iowa Department of Natural Resources

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Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network	http://wqm.igsb.uiowa.edu/	Delivers consistent, unbiased information about the condition of Iowa's surface and groundwater resources	
Other Water Programs	www.iowadnr.gov/water/index.html		

Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship - Soil Conservation

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
Stream bank Stabilization and Habitat Improvement		Penalties from fish kills used for environmental improvement on streams impacted by the kill	

Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Finance Authority

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
State Revolving Fund (SRF)	www.iowadnr.gov/water/srf/index.html	Provides low interest loans to municipalities for waste water and water supply; expanding to private septics, livestock, stormwater, and NPS pollutants	continuous

Federal Agencies

Programs	Web address	Program Description	Application Due*
Other grant and loan programs	http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/	Searchable database for federal funding programs	varies

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