

CONSERVATION: OUR WATER, OUR LAND, OUR PEOPLE



- \$7.5 million in the **SOIL CONSERVATION ACCOUNT** would staff offices to previous levels. Districts are currently trying to deliver new programs with nearly half the staff they had in the past.
- \$30 million for the **WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE/NUTRIENT REDUCATION STRATEGY** will accelerate efforts to improve water quality in Iowa and downstream.
- \$10 million for **IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM/COST SHARE** would fund nearly 45% of the waiting list of practices ready to begin providing environmental and agricultural benefits upon installation. There is currently an \$18 million backlog.
- \$1.1 million for **URBAN CONSERVATION** would assist urban residents with their flooding and water quality concerns.
- \$2.7 million for the **WATERSHED PROTECTION FUND** would support natural resource conservation projects developed and implemented by stakeholders vested in the local area. These local projects have been nearly cut in half with interest exceeding available funds every year showing stakeholders are still in need.
- \$2.5 million for **CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM** would eliminate the waiting list of landowners ready to install these highly effective, pollution removal practices.
- \$2 million for the **DISTRICT INITIATIVE/CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM** would be matched with federal monies, multiplying the impact these funds have on soil conservation and clean water.
- \$4.6 million would close **EIGHT AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE WELLS** which are conduits for contaminants to directly enter Iowa's drinking waters. 18 registered wells would remain.
- \$650,000 for **INTEGRATED FARM AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT** would continue to generate the interest among farmers necessary to reduce soil and nutrient losses for continued agriculture and clean water in Iowa. The program facilitates farmers to exchange ideas and learn from one another and has proven successes of increased conservation adoption. Federal funding for this program will cease after this year so state support is needed now more than ever.
- \$600,000 for **LOESS HILL/HUNGRY CANYONS/ SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY** would allow for needed management of the unique, highly erodible soils of the region, threatening farmland and infrastructure.
- Don't forget about **IOWA'S WATER AND LAND LEGACY (IWILL)**! In 2010, 63% of Iowans voted in favor of creating a fund dedicated to Iowa's natural resources. Polling currently being conducted shows Iowans are still in favor of putting the fund in place to provide consistent and reliable funding for conservation! Also, fully funding **REAP** at \$20 million supports conservation in Iowa.

2017/2018 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BUDGET DETAIL

Have questions or want more info? Please contact Conservation Districts of Iowa at 515.289.8300 or admin@cdiowa.org for assistance.

Program	FY2017 Appropriation	FY2018 Request
Soil Conservation Account	\$2,800,000	\$7,500,000
Water Quality Initiative	\$4,400,000 \$5,200,000	\$30,000,000
Iowa Financial Incentives Program (IFIP/Cost-Share)	\$6,750,000	\$10,000,000
Urban Conservation	\$0	\$1,100,000
Watershed Protection Fund	\$900,000	\$2,700,000
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000
District Initiatives / CRP	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Ag Drainage Well Closure	\$1,920,000	\$4,600,000
Integrated Farm & Livestock Management Demonstration Program (IFLM)	\$625,000	\$650,000
Loess Hills / Hungry Canyons Alliance	\$600,000	\$600,000
Totals	\$25,195,000	\$61,650,000

