



2016 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BUDGET NEEDS

An additional \$1.77 million in **OPERATIONS** for the 100 Soil and Water Conservation Districts would staff offices to 2008 levels. Districts are currently trying to deliver new programs with a 20% decrease in state staff.

\$6.75 million for the **WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE/NUTRIENT REDUCTION STRATEGY** would advance recent progress for clean water in Iowa and downstream.

\$1 million for **URBAN CONSERVATION** would demonstrate to urban residents that their flooding and water quality concerns are a priority as well.

\$3.84 million would close over half (17) of the **AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE WELLS** which are conduits for contaminants to directly enter Iowan's drinking waters.

\$2 million for **CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT WETLANDS** would lead to the installation of 45 acres of these highly effective, pollution removal practices.

\$6.75 million for **IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM/COST SHARE** would fund nearly 38% of the waiting list of practices ready to begin providing environmental and agricultural benefits upon installation.

\$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.

\$2.75 million for **WATERSHED PROTECTION** would support natural resource conservation projects developed and implemented by stakeholders vested in the local area.

\$850,000 for **FARM DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS** would continue to generate the interest among farmers necessary to reducing soil and nutrient losses for continued agriculture and clean water in Iowa. More than 1,000 farmers reached annually over the last 10 years.

\$600,000 for **LOESS HILL/HUNGRY CANYONS** and \$250,000 for **SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY** would allow for needed management of the unique, highly erodible soils of the region, threatening farmland and infrastructure.

Conservation Districts of Iowa and the State Soil Conservation Committee support \$5 million for the **WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD (WIRB)** and full funding of the **RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION FUND (REAP)** at \$20 million.

This budget is supported by Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) and the State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)

2015/2016 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BUDGET DETAIL

LINE ITEM	RECEIVED IN 2015	RECOMMENDED BY LEGISLATURE FOR 2015	2016 NEED
Operations: Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$17.66 million General Fund	\$17.66 million General Fund	\$19.22 million (\$1.57 million increase)
Operations: Soil Conservation Account	\$2.55 million Environment First Fund	\$2.55 million Environment First Fund	\$2.75 million
Water Quality Initiative/Nutrient Reduction Strategy	\$4.4 million General Fund	\$7.9 million General Fund	\$6.75 million
Urban Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$1 million
Agricultural Drainage Wells	\$0	\$1.24 million General Fund	\$3.84 million
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Wetlands	\$1 million Environment First Fund	\$1 million Environment First Fund	\$2 million
Iowa Financial Incentive Program/Cost Share	\$6.75 million Environment First Fund	\$6.75 million Environment First Fund \$5 million General Fund	\$6.75 million
District Initiative/Conservation Reserve Program	\$1 million Environment First Fund	\$1 million Environment First Fund	\$2 million
Watershed Protection	\$900,000 Environment First Fund	\$900,000 Environment First Fund	\$2.75 million
Farm Demonstration Projects	\$625,000 Environment First Fund	\$625,000 Environment First Fund	\$850,000
Loess Hills Hungry Canyons	\$600,000 Environment First Fund	\$600,000 Environment First Fund	\$600,000
Southern Iowa Development & Conservation Authority	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB)	\$0	\$1.5 million General Fund	\$5 million
Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund (REAP)	\$16 million Environment First Fund	\$16 million Environment First Fund \$4 million Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund \$5 million General Fund	\$20 million