

# LIFE IN THE SOIL: DIG DEEPER



- \$8.0 million for the **SOIL CONSERVATION ACCOUNT** would staff Soil and Water Conservation District offices to levels needed to deliver several new programs and to engage more landowners.
- \$15.0 million for the **WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE** would accelerate efforts to improve water quality in Iowa and downstream. This funding will complement nearly \$4.0 million in new SF512 funding that will focus on water quality infrastructure and in-field practices.
- \$12.5 million for **IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (COST SHARE)** would fund nearly all of the current backlog of conservation practices to provide environmental and agricultural benefits upon installation.
- \$1.0 million for **URBAN CONSERVATION** would assist urban residents with their flooding and water quality concerns.
- \$3.0 million for the **WATERSHED PROTECTION FUND** would support natural resource conservation projects developed and implemented by local stakeholders. Program funding has been significantly reduced, with demand to continue local watershed improvement projects exceeding available resources.
- \$2.0 million for **CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM** would reduce the waiting list of landowners ready to install these highly effective nutrient reduction wetlands.
- \$2.0 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.
- \$1.875 million would provide partial funding to **CLOSE THE REMAINING AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE WELLS** in Iowa. The wells are conduits for contaminants to directly enter Iowa's groundwater.
- \$750,000 for **INTEGRATED FARM AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT** facilitates an exchange of ideas with farmers to reduce soil and nutrient losses for continued agriculture and clean water in Iowa.
- Don't forget about **IOWA'S WATER AND LAND LEGACY TRUST (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.
- \$20.0 million for the **RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION (REAP)** program would provide full funding to this vital initiative that has supported hundreds of conservation projects since its inception.





# 2019/2020 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](mailto:admin@cdiowa.org) for assistance.

Program	FY2019 Appropriation	FY2020 Request
Soil Conservation Account	\$3,800,000	\$8,000,000
Water Quality Initiative	\$3,000,000 \$5,200,000 \$2,375,000	\$15,000,000
SF512 Funding	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000
Iowa Financial Incentives Program (IFIP/Cost-Share)	\$8,325,000	\$12,500,000
Urban Conservation	\$0	\$1,000,000
Watershed Protection Fund	\$900,000	\$3,000,000
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
District Initiatives / CRP	\$900,000	\$2,000,000
Ag Drainage Well Closure	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000
Integrated Farm & Livestock Management Demonstration Program (IFLM)	\$100,000	\$750,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$29,475,000</b>	<b>\$50,125,000</b>