

## 7 watershed resources

Watershed resources include public agencies and private organizations that provide funding and technical assistance to watershed stakeholders seeking to improve watershed resources. These organizations are often willing to cooperate on projects for restoration, environmental education, and other types of projects. Some assistance is provided after an application process selects appropriate and eligible projects, and applicants are often better positioned to be awarded assistance for projects that involve multiple partners, that leverage other funding, and that achieve multiple environmental or community benefits. Almost any land or water conservation project ultimately requires the support of those who live nearby if it is to be successful over the long run. Local neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, and similar groups interested in open space, preventing sprawl or protecting wildlife habitat and scenic vistas, make the best partners for specific projects.

The programs described in the following pages do not include all possible partners and/or sources of available assistance. Rather, they are programs deemed most promising for restoration projects included in the Action Plan. Many watershed stakeholders will perform regulatory roles in implementation of the Watershed Plan, and as such, are excellent starting points for securing assistance.

The following list of potential funding and technical assistance sources is compiled from a variety of sources and is accurate as of 2008. Funding and program availability are contingent upon federal, state, and local budgets and appropriations for the budget year in which funding is being sought. Contact the program representative for updates or changes to program details.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is the single best place to search all federal funding sources. The catalog should be available at local libraries and can also be accessed on the CFDA website on-line at: <http://www.cfda.gov>. The website lists all federal funding programs available, including those for conservation. Federal agency websites will provide more detailed information about federal programs and provide information on other opportunities for assistance. All organizations applying for federal funding must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) identification number.

There are a number of Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation for owners of environmentally sensitive land that has been donated for conservation purposes, or has been placed in a conservation easement, or simply managed for conservation. Individuals, organizations, and others are all eligible. Information can be found at [www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr), [www.irs.gov/](http://www.irs.gov/), and [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-04-41.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-04-41.pdf).

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (USEPA)** issues federal environmental regulations, enforces federal environmental law, and manages a number of grant programs.

- **The Targeted Watersheds Grant Program:** Governor Chet Culver and DNR Director Richard Leopold announced July 17, 2008 that eligible watersheds in Iowa may qualify for federal funds under EPA's Targeted Watersheds Grant Program. Under this program, \$4.2 million is available to support the protection and restoration of the country's water resources through a holistic watershed approach. This program is designed to encourage successful community-based approaches and techniques to protect water resources throughout the country. Governor Culver can nominate an unlimited number of meritorious projects for funding consideration by EPA.

Assistance: Successful applicants will be eligible for funding of \$100,000 to \$1 million.

**Website:** [www.iowadnr.gov/water/nonpoint/watershed.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/nonpoint/watershed.html)

**Deadline:** August 22, 2008 for FY08/09

**Contact:** Steve Hopkins, DNR Nonpoint Source Program Coordinator, (515) 281-6402, or [Stephen.Hopkins@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Stephen.Hopkins@dnr.iowa.gov)

- **Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds (SRF),** initially designed for wastewater treatment plant upgrades, supports watershed and non-point source control measures. These can include projects such as agricultural and urban runoff control, wet weather flow control including stormwater and sewer overflows, buffers, wetland protection, habitat restoration, and community-based comprehensive watershed management. IEPA targets SRF funding to point source pollution control, i.e., upgrading wastewater infrastructure, but significant funding has been set aside for

## 7 watershed resources

non-point source control programs and estuary protection.

**Eligibility:** State and local governments, nonprofits, individuals, businesses.

**Assistance:** Funds projects at 100 percent at a national average interest rate of 2.1 percent, subject to change.

**Website:** [www.iowadnr.com/water/wastewater/potw.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/water/wastewater/potw.html)

**Contact:** Patti Cale-Finnegan, DNR SRF Coordinator 515-725-0498 or

[patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov)

- **Five Star Restoration Challenge Grants** bring together citizen groups, corporations, youth groups and students, landowners, and government agencies to undertake projects that restore streambanks and wetlands. Projects must include a strong wetland or riparian restoration component, and should also include education, outreach, and community stewardship. Jointly administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the National Association of Counties, and the Wildlife Habitat Council, and mainly funded by USEPA.

**Eligibility:** Requires at least five or more partnering organizations.

**Assistance:** \$5,000 to \$20,000 with \$10,000 average per project.

**Website:** [www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/).

**Contact:** USEPA Wetlands Division Room 6105 (4502 T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC. Phone: (202) 566-1225

**Deadline:** February 2009

- **Wetland Program Development Grants** support strengthening state comprehensive wetland programs, developing a comprehensive wetland monitoring and assessment program, improving the effectiveness of compensatory mitigation, and refining the protection of vulnerable wetlands and aquatic resources.

**Eligibility:** States, local governments, public agencies, and interstate agencies, and national non-profit, non-governmental organizations.

**Assistance:** \$50,000 to \$420,000 grants with 25 percent local match required

**Website:** [www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grantguidelines/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grantguidelines/). Iowa

**Contact:** US EPA Region 7, 901 North Fifth St., Kansas City, KS, 66101.

Phone: 913-551-7311 Email: [whitsitt.mandy@epa.gov](mailto:whitsitt.mandy@epa.gov)

- **Assessment and Watershed Protection Program Grants** help to develop innovative approaches to watershed protection, make a contribution to the body of restoration and management techniques, and transfer knowledge. Application of established techniques may be funded if doing so would contribute to the general understanding of an environmental problem.

**Eligibility:** States, local governments, public agencies, nonprofit organizations, non-governmental organizations, and individuals.

**Assistance:** \$30,000 to \$180,000 with no local match requirement, although match offers are considered during evaluation as 10 percent of the ranking.

**Website:** [www.epa.gov/owow/funding.html](http://www.epa.gov/owow/funding.html)

**Contact:** USEPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Phone: 202-566-1300

- **The USEPA Guidebook for Financial Tools** is used for identifying conservation funding source options

**Eligibility:** anyone can access the guidebook.

**Assistance:** informational only.

**Website:** [www.epa.gov/efinpage](http://www.epa.gov/efinpage) or [cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/](http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/)

**Contact:** see website.

- **USEPA Catalog of Funding Sources for Watershed Protection** is useful for identifying programs that will protect both urban and rural watersheds

**Eligibility:** anyone can access the guidebook.

**Assistance:** informational only.

**Website:** [www.epa.gov/owow/funding.html](http://www.epa.gov/owow/funding.html), [www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/) or [www.cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/](http://www.cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund/).

**Contact:** see websites.

- **The Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants** are for the re-use and remediation of brownfield sites throughout Iowa.

**Eligibility:** local governments, private not-for-profit (501C3) groups, and others.

**Assistance:** Up to \$66,000 annually for assessment and

cleanup, up to \$200,000 annually for Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). RLF and cleanup grants require 20% cost-share

**Website:** [www.epa.gov/brownfields/](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/)

**Contact:** US EPA, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, Mail Code 5105 T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. Phone: 202-566-2777

- **The Environmental Education Grants Program** funds environmental education activities such as curricula design or dissemination, designing or demonstrating educational field methods for the public, and training educators.

**Eligibility:** Educational organizations, private not-for-profit groups, and local governments.

**Assistance:** Minimum of 25% matching funds or in-kind services required. Awards of \$50,000 or less are granted by regional offices, awards up to \$200,000 granted by EPA headquarters in Washington.

**Website:** [www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html)

**Contact:** Call 913-551-7402 or visit the website for most current information and deadlines.

**Deadline:** December, see website for details

- **The Environmental Justice Grant Programs** include community-based approaches for environmental protection.

**Eligibility:** Educational organizations (colleges and universities exempt), private not-for-profit groups.

**Assistance:** No match is required. Up to \$15,000 per non-superfund site, other project grants variable up to \$10,000

**Website:** [www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/index.html)

**Contact:** Call (202) 564-2515 or 1-800-962-6215.

- **Smart Growth Technical Assistance Opportunities** assist local communities develop in an environmentally-friendly, sustainable manner.

**Eligibility:** Local governments, private not-for-profit groups, and others.

**Assistance:** In-kind contributions with assistance preferred.

**Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/>

**Contact:** Development, Community, and Environment Division (MC 1807T), US Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460  
Phone: 202-566-2878, [smartgrowth@epa.gov](mailto:smartgrowth@epa.gov)

**CIVIL WORKS** programs involve the planning, design, construction management, operation and maintenance of water resource management and restoration projects to meet flood and storm damage reduction, navigation, environmental restoration, hydropower, recreation and other water related goals.

- **Flood Hazard Mitigation and Riverine Ecosystem Restoration Program ("Challenge 21")** focuses on non-structural, sustainable approach to flood protection, including watershed-based planning, wetland conservation, relocation of buildings out of the floodplain, riparian corridor restoration, and pre-disaster mitigation planning. Authorization of this program dates back to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999. However no funding has been authorized to date.

**Eligibility:** Local governments; study area must be within a floodplain.

**Assistance:** Federal cost share at 50 percent for studies and 65 percent for project implementation. Maximum federal allocation is \$30 million.

**Website:** Information is available at [www.hq.usace.army.mil/hq\\_exec/index.asp](http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/hq_exec/index.asp)

**Contact:** For information, HQ, US Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, 441 G. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000

Phone: 202-761-0115

- **Continuing Authorities Program** allows the Corps to respond quickly to water resources problems. Some of the environmental legislative authorities of the program include Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Section 206), Beneficial Use of Dredged Material (wetland creation) (Section 204), and Environmental Restoration (Section 1135). Some of the flood risk management legislative authorities of the program include Flood Damage Reduction (Section 205). See website for full listing.

**Eligibility:** Local public entities are eligible for studies, planning engineering, construction, design and administration.

**Assistance:** Federal-local cost share percentages vary depending on the program. Up to \$5 million federal assistance provided.

**Website:** The USACE Rock Island District provides an

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

## 7 watershed resources

overview of the Continuing Authorities [www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/projects/index.cfm](http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/projects/index.cfm)

**Contact:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island, ATTN: PM-F, Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

Phone: 309-794-5487

- **Planning Assistance to States Program (Section 22)** allows the Corps to provide technical assistance to support preparation of comprehensive water and related land resources development plans, including watershed and ecosystem planning.

**Eligibility:** Local entities are eligible for studies and planning services. This is not a construction authority.

**Assistance:** Federal-local cost share percentage is 50/50. Up to \$100,000 in federal assistance provided.

**Contact:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island, ATTN: PM-M, Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

Phone: 309-794-5605

- **Environmental Protection and Restoration.** With specific Congressional authorization the Corps can study and recommend solutions for environmental protection and restoration purposes (Section 103c, Water Resources Development Act of 1986)

**Eligibility:** The Non-federal sponsor pays 35% of the project cost, provides all lands and right-of-ways for project construction, and operates and maintain the project upon construction completion.

**Assistance:** Federal 65%, Non-federal sponsor pays 35% which includes the lands and right-of-ways, and credible work-in-kind. No funding limits

**Contact:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island, ATTN: PM-M, Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

Phone: 309-794-5605

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)** manages a number of programs that assist communities in disaster planning and hazard mitigation.

- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)** helps states and communities identify and implement measures to reduce the risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Awards planning grants to assist development of Flood Mitigation Plans and project grants for projects that reduce flood losses, such as elevation, relocation, demolition, acquisition of insured structures and property, flood proofing, and minor structural projects that reduce the risk of flood to insured structures. FEMA approved local hazard mitigation plans are a prerequisite for project funding eligibility.

**Eligibility:** State agencies, NFIP communities, qualified local organizations, Tribal governments.

**Assistance:** Federal cost share maximum of 75 percent.

**Website:** [www.fema.gov/government/grant/fma/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fma/index.shtm)

**Contact:** FEMA Region 7, 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO. 64114-3372

Phone: (816) 283-7063

- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)** implements long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration and, in Illinois, post-disaster floodplain building buy-outs are the first priorities. Elevation, relocation, retrofit and demolition on public and private lands may also be eligible.

**Eligibility:** State and local governments, qualified non-profit organizations, Tribal governments.

**Assistance:** Federal cost share maximum of 75 percent.

**Website:** [www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/index.shtm)

**Contact:** Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Camp Dodge, Bldg. W-4, Johnston, IA 50131, Phone: (515) 281-3231

- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (formerly Project Impact)** implements the pre-disaster mitigation program for states and communities to reduce risk to the population, the costs and disruption caused by severe property damage and the cost to all taxpayers of Federal disaster relief efforts. Eligible projects include: acquisition, relocation, elevation, and strengthening of structures, development of standards to protect structures from disaster damage, and drainage improvement projects.

**Eligibility:** State and local governments, universities, Tribal governments.

**Assistance:** Federal cost share maximum of 75 percent with a \$3 million cap.

**Website:** [www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm)

**Contact:** Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Camp Dodge, Bldg. W-4, Johnston, IA 50131, Phone: (515) 281-3231

- **National Flood Insurance**, provides flood insurance policyholders with flood damaged homes and businesses in high-risk areas, also known as Special Flood Hazard Areas, with assistance to help pay the costs to bring their home or business into compliance with their community's floodplain ordinance, including building elevation, relocation, demolition, or floodproofing.

**Eligibility:** flood insurance policy holders.

**Assistance:** Federal assistance up to \$35,000.

**Website:** [www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2005katrina/hmp/nfip\\_floodplain.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2005katrina/hmp/nfip_floodplain.shtm)

**Illinois Contact:** FEMA Region 7, 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO. 64114-3372. Phone: (816) 283-7063

**US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**, the successor agency to the Soil Conservation Service, partners with state conservationist offices and provides funding and technical assistance to landowners to promote soil and water conservation.

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** provides incentive payments and cost-shares to implement conservation practices.

**Eligibility:** Non-federal landowners engaged in farming or ranching.

**Assistance:** Federal share maximum of 75 percent, \$450,000 aggregate cap on EQIP contracts. Beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as limited resource producers, may qualify for a 90 percent cost-share.

**Website:** [www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/eqip/scotteqip.html](http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/eqip/scotteqip.html)

**Contact:** NRCS, Deputy Chief for Programs, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Room 5109-S, Washington, DC 20250 or locally, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation

District, 8370 Hillandale Road. Davenport, IA 52806. Phone: 202-720-1834 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext. 3

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** offers annual rental payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost-share assistance to remove highly erodible cropland or sensitive acres from crop production. Program encourages farmers to plant long-term resource conserving vegetative covers to improve soil, water, and wildlife resources. Eligible practices include riparian buffers along streams, ditches, lakes, wetlands, and ponds, grass or contour filter strips, and windbreaks. Funds also may be used to retire agricultural floodplain land. Program is administered by the Farm Service Agency.

**Eligibility:** Non-federal landowners engaged in farming or ranching.

**Assistance:** Farmers receive compensation, based on agricultural rent, for retiring sensitive land over a multiyear contract.

**Website:** [www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=lown&topic=crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=lown&topic=crp)

**Contact:** USDA Farm Service Agency, 1400 Independence Ave, SW Washington, DC 20250-0506 or locally, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, 8370 Hillandale Road. Davenport, IA 52806. Phone: 800-457-3642 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext. 3

- **Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)** provides assistance to reduce hazards to life and property in watersheds from erosion and flooding due to severe natural events. May be used to establish vegetative cover, open restricted channels, repair diversions and levees, and purchase floodplain easements on flooded land in non-urban areas.

**Eligibility:** Public and private landowners with a project sponsor, i.e., a state or local government or special government district. Applications must be submitted within 60 days of disaster or 10 days in an emergency.

**Assistance:** Up to 75 percent federal cost-share for projects.

**Website:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/>

**Contact:** NRCS, Deputy Chief for Programs, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Room 5109-S, Washington, DC 20250 or locally, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation

## 7 watershed resources

District, 8370 Hillandale Road. Davenport, IA 52806.  
Phone: 202-720-1834 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext. 3

- **Soil and Water Conservation Assistance** program provides cost share and incentive payments to farmers and ranchers to voluntarily address threats to soil, water, and related natural resources, including grazing land, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. Requires a conservation plan and certification of eligible conservation practices by state conservationist. Unavailable in EQIP, CRP, and WRP priority areas.

**Eligibility:** Farmers and ranchers who own or control land.

**Assistance:** 5 to 10 year contracts with NRCS, 75 percent federal cost share, \$50,000 maximum benefit.

**Website:** [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/swca/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/swca/)

**Contact:** NRCS, Deputy Chief for Programs, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Room 5109-S, Washington, DC 20250 or locally, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, 8370 Hillandale Road. Davenport, IA 52806. Phone: 202-720-1834 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext. 3

- **Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (PL 83-566)** includes the Watershed Surveys and Planning program as well as the Watershed Operations program. The latter provides funding for installing conservation practices in small watersheds for flood prevention, erosion and sediment control, water quality, habitat enhancement, wetland creation and restoration.

**Eligibility:** Sponsorship by a state/local government or special government district, watershed less than 250,000 acres.

**Assistance:** Project grants.

**Website:** [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html#Watershed\\_ops](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html#Watershed_ops)

**Contact:** NRCS, Deputy Chief for Programs, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Room 5109-S, Washington, DC 20250 or locally, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, 8370 Hillandale Road. Davenport, IA 52806. Phone: 202-720-1834 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext. 3

- **Wetlands Reserve Program** provides funds to purchase permanent or 30-year easements and restoration agreement, or assist in a cost-share agreement with landowners, to restore wetlands and floodplain habitat on private land.

**Eligibility:** Individual landowners who have owned land for at least one year. Eligible lands must be restorable, contribute significantly to wetland functions and values, and be suitable for wildlife habitat

**Assistance:** Permanent easement purchased by USDA with 100 percent of restoration funded by federal government; thirty year easement purchased by USDA with 75 percent of restoration funded federally; or restoration cost-share only with USDA contributing 75 percent of cost.

**Website:** [www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/wetlandreserveprogram.html](http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/wetlandreserveprogram.html)

**Contact:** NRCS, Deputy Chief for Programs, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Room 5109-S, Washington, DC 20250 or locally, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, 8370 Hillandale Road. Davenport, IA 52806. Phone: 202-720-1834 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext. 3

- **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)** provides funding and technical assistance for private landowners to develop and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

**Eligibility:** Private lands and some federal, state, and local government lands.

**Assistance:** Cost-share agreements up to 75% depending on landowner commitment, increased assistance for agreements longer than 15 years.

**Website:** [www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/whip.html](http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/whip.html)

**Contact:** NRCS, Deputy Chief for Programs, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Room 5109-S, Washington, DC 20250 or locally, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, 8370 Hillandale Road. Davenport, IA 52806. Phone: 202-720-1834 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext. 3

- **The Conservation Security Program (CSP)** promotes the conservation of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life located on working lands.

**Eligibility:** Individuals, organizations, and others. Contact administrator for details.

**Assistance:** check with the county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and most current information. In-kind services or operations are required.

**Website:** [www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/csp.html](http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/csp.html)

**Contact:** NRCS, Deputy Chief for Programs, 14th and Independence Ave., SW., Room 5109-S, Washington, DC 20250 or locally, Scott County Soil and Water Conservation

District, 8370 Hillendale Road. Davenport, IA 52806. Phone: 202-720-1834 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext 3

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE (USDA-FS)** manages programs that promote forestry and natural enhancement of urban areas through urban forestry programs.

- **Urban and Community Forest Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program** helps establish and support urban and community forests and forestry activities.

**Eligibility:** local governments, educational organizations, individuals, and others. Beginning FY08, a higher percentage of funding will be allocated to programs selected on a more competitive basis.

**Assistance:** Non-federal match of 50% required.

**Website:** [www.fs.fed.us/ucf/](http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/)

**Contact:** USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0003. Phone: 800-832-1355

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (USDOE)** compiles and distributes a list of monthly funding opportunities relating to energy and the environment. Go to [www.eere.energy.gov/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/) and click on financial opportunities.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (USFWS)** manages programs to protect wildlife and habitat by means such as issuing rules for hunters and anglers, administering the Endangered Species Act, and awarding grants for environmental restoration.

- **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Programs** assists private landowners in restoring habitat in accordance with USFWS goals, including, for example, restoration of wetland hydrology, use of prescribed burns, and planting with native vegetation. Wetlands are the primary focus of the program in Iowa. Landowners enter into at least a 10 year agreement to refrain from returning the land to its former use or otherwise nullifying the restoration. Eligible projects include restoration

or enhancement of transient waterfowl habitat, improve water quality, flood protection, and groundwater recharge.

**Eligibility:** Non-state and non-federal landowners.

**Assistance:** Project grants at 50 percent local cost-share with matching or in-kind services preferred, but not required.

**Website:** <http://www.fws.gov/partners/>.

**Contact:** USFWS, Rock Island Ecological Services Office, 1511 47th Ave, Moline, Illinois, 61265, (309) 793-5800

- **National Fish Passage Program** assists in restoration of native fish and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitats that have been fragmented by artificial barriers, where such reconnection results in a positive ecological effect. Funding assistance for removal of barriers such as dams and culverts.

**Eligibility:** Non-state and non-federal landowners.

**Assistance:** 1:1 match, match does not have to be for removal but can be for enhancement of area after removal or other related elements of project.

**Website:** [www.fws.gov/midwest/Fisheries/publications/r3-fishpassageprgm7-31-07.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Fisheries/publications/r3-fishpassageprgm7-31-07.pdf)

**Contact:** USFWS, Rock Island Ecological Services Office, 1511 47th Ave, Moline, Illinois, 61265, (309) 793-5800

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)** manages the nation's system of national parks, historic sites, etc. and serves as a conduit for some recreation-related conservation funding.

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program** is a federally funded grant program that provides match funds of 50% for outdoor recreation area development and acquisition.

**Eligibility:** Iowa's cities and counties are eligible to participate.

**Assistance:** Up to \$750,000 for acquisition projects, with 50 percent match required.

**Website:** [www.iowadnr.com/grants/landwater.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/grants/landwater.html)

**Contact:** Iowa DNR, 515-281-3013

## 7 watershed resources

- **Challenge Cost-Share Program (CCSP)** provides matching funds for a variety of projects relating to conservation, natural area enhancement, and recreation, but tends to fund projects on or near lands managed by the National Park Service.

**Eligibility:** State and local governments, private nonprofit organizations.

**Assistance:** Up to \$30,000 with 50 percent match.

**Website:** [www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/ccsp/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/ccsp/index.htm)

**Contact:** National Center for Recreation and Conservation, NPS, 1849 C Street NW (Org. Code 2220), Washington, DC 20240. Phone: 202-354-6900

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)** regulates the federally mandated metropolitan planning process and administers federal transportation funding.

- **Transportation Enhancement Program (TEA-21)** funds projects that may include, among others, control technologies to prevent polluted highway runoff from reaching surface water bodies, scenic easements, pedestrian and bicycle trails, and wetland mitigation efforts including mitigation banking, wetland preservation and restoration, wetland planning, and natural habitats. Projects must relate to surface transportation and fall into one of twelve eligible categories. Funding is disbursed through State of Iowa.

**Eligibility:** Local government units with taxing authority.

**Assistance:** 80 percent federal share of project costs in general, 50 percent for acquisition. Awards up to \$2 million.

**Website:** [www.sysplan.dot.state.ia.us/trans\\_enhance.htm](http://www.sysplan.dot.state.ia.us/trans_enhance.htm)

**Contact:** Nancy Anania, [nancy.anania@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:nancy.anania@dot.iowa.gov)

### IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (IADNR)

- **Watershed Improvement Grants (Section 319)** provide funding for organizations looking to establish watershed programs and improve the quality of watersheds.

**Eligibility:** Local and state agencies, non-profit organizations, individuals

**Assistance:** Total annual program funding of about \$4.6 million

**Website:** <http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/nonpoint/app.html>

**Contact:** 515-281-6402

**Deadline:** April 1, 2008 for FY08

- **Watershed Planning Assistance Grants:** To improve watershed projects and water quality in Iowa, a new planning assistance program has been developed. This program, the Watershed Planning Assistance Grants Program, allows Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and other local watershed groups to obtain assistance in evaluating watersheds and developing quality watershed projects.

**Eligibility:** Local and state agencies, non-profit organizations

**Assistance:** Project grants, varies by program.

**Website:** [www.iowadnr.gov/water/watershed/devgrants.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/watershed/devgrants.html)

**Contact:** Vince Sitzmann, DSC Coordinator for southeast Iowa; (515) 242-6008 or [Vince.Sitzmann@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:Vince.Sitzmann@iowaagriculture.gov)

- **IOWATER:** Training, supplies, and technical support for citizen water quality monitoring network; subset of ambient program .

**Eligibility:** Local and state agencies, non-profit organizations

**Website:** [www.iowater.net/](http://www.iowater.net/)

**Contact:** Lynette Seigley, [Lynette.Seigley@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Lynette.Seigley@dnr.iowa.gov), (319) 335-1598

- **Resource Enhancement and Protection Funds (REAP):** REAP funds go into eight different programs that enhance and protect the states natural and cultural resources including: City Parks and Open Space, Conservation Education, County Conservation, DNR Administration, DNR Land Management, Historical Resource Development Program, Open Space Acquisition and Development, Roadside Vegetation and Soil and Water Enhancement.

**Eligibility:** Local and state agencies, non-profit organizations, depends upon specific program

**Website:** [www.iowadnr.com/reap/index.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/reap/index.html)

**Contact:** Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace

State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Phone: 515-281-5973

## IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (IDALS)

- **Watershed Development and Planning Assistance** awarded to soil and water conservation districts and their conservation partners to help local leaders inventory, assess, and develop implementation strategies for watershed management.  
**Eligibility:** Soil & Water districts  
**Website:** <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/waterResources/watershedProtection.asp>  
**Contact:** 515-281-5321
- **Iowa Water Quality Loan Fund** virtually all practices eligible for State Cost Share, REAP and EQIP are eligible for loans. These practices may include but are not limited to: Terraces, grade stabilization structures, water & sediment control basins; Pasture & hayland planting or prescribed grazing; Grassed waterways and filter strips; Field borders, windbreaks and buffers; Waste storage facilities; Deep bedded buildings or other roofed manure control structures; Equipment to process manure if required under a manure management plan  
**Eligibility:** Soil & Water districts  
**Website:** <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/FieldServices/waterQualityLoanQandA.asp>  
**Contact:** 515-281-5321
- **Iowa Watershed Protection Program (WSPF) 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.  
**Eligibility:** Soil & Water districts  
**Website:** <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/watershed.htm>  
**Contact:** 515-281-5321  
**Deadline:** April 15
- **Local Water Protection State Revolving Loans (SRF)** Low interest loans provided by SWCDs to landowners for

permanent water quality improvement practices; subset of DNR program.

**Eligibility:** Landowners

**Website:** <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/lwpp.htm>

**Contact:** 515-281-5321

**Deadline:** Continuous

- **Watershed Improvement Fund** local watershed improvement grants to enhance water quality for beneficial uses, including economic development.  
**Eligibility:** local governments and watershed groups  
**Website:** <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/IWIRB.htm>  
**Contact:** 515-281-5321  
**Deadline:** August 2

- **Urban BMP Cost Share** is available through Scott County using monies from the IDNR's REAP Program.  
**Eligibility:** Private landowner  
**Assistance:** Cost Share up to \$2,000  
**Contact:** Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, 8370 Hillandale Road. Davenport, IA 52806. Phone: 202-720-1834 or locally, 563-391-1403 ext 3

### Local Foundations

- **American Water Environmental Grant Program** Applicants are asked to address a source water protection need in the local community or a project that improves, restores or protects one or more watersheds.  
**Eligibility:** Open  
**Website:** [www.amwater.com/iaaw/ensuring-water-quality/environmental-grants-programs.html](http://www.amwater.com/iaaw/ensuring-water-quality/environmental-grants-programs.html)  
**Deadline:** Ongoing
- **Bechtel Trust Variety** of community based programs supported.  
**Eligibility:** Open  
**Contact:** 563-328-3333; R. Richard Bittner, Tr.  
**Deadline:** Ongoing
- **Riverboat Development Authority (RDA) Variety** of community based programs supported.  
**Eligibility:** Non-Profit, educational institutions, or local government

## 7 watershed resources

**Website:** [www.riverboatauthority.com/](http://www.riverboatauthority.com/)

**Deadline:** April 15 & Oct 15

- **Scott County Regional Authority (SCRA) Variety of community based programs supported.**

**Eligibility:** Non-Profit, educational institutions, or local government

**Website:** [www.scottcountyregionalauthority.com/](http://www.scottcountyregionalauthority.com/)

**Deadline:** April 15 & Oct 15

- **Moline Foundation Variety of community based programs supported.**

**Eligibility:** 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit

**Website:** [www.molinefoundation.org/funding.htm](http://www.molinefoundation.org/funding.htm)

**Deadline:** January 15, April 15, & August 29

- **Rock Island County Foundation (primarily for Rock Island metro area) Variety of community based programs supported.**

**Eligibility:** 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit

**Website:** [www.ricf.org/request.html](http://www.ricf.org/request.html)

**Deadline:** June 30, annually

- **Community Foundation of the Great River Bend Variety of community based programs supported.**

**Eligibility:** 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit

**Website:** [www.ricf.org/request.html](http://www.ricf.org/request.html)

**Deadline:** June 30, annually

### Other Sources

Project funding sources that could potentially qualify as federal/state matching funds may come from a variety of local government, private, or community trusts or foundations that support initiatives reflecting organizational policies. Eligibility criteria are as varied as the donors. Most of these sources require a Not-For-Profit (501c3,\*c4, etc.) corporate status.

- **The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation General Matching and Special Grant Programs supports habitat restoration and protection on private lands.**

**Eligibility:** varies.

**Assistance:** Sample grant sizes in Illinois range from \$3,000 to over \$100,000.

**Website:** [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org).

**Contact:** 202-857-0166

- **The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) works with local organizations to conserve lands for a variety of uses, to include farms, ranches, natural lands and lands of historic importance.**

**Eligibility:** local government, private not-for-profit organizations, educational organizations, and others.

**Assistance:** technical and informational assistance to identify lands to be protected and assist in financing and land transactions.

**Website:** [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org). Click on local programs-North Central Region.

**Contact:** 312-427-1979

- **Kodak American Greenways Program Eastman Kodak, The Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society provide small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America.**

**Eligibility:** Individuals, organizations, corporations, & public agencies

**Website:** <http://www.conservationfund.org/node/245>

**Deadline:** June 30, annually

### Reference Sources

Several grant search engines and organizations exist to help identify funding sources. Fees for services or products may be charged by these organizations. When searching, be sure to clarify whether charges will be incurred. For "do-it-your-selves," local grant data collection centers are available throughout Illinois.

- **Environmental Grantmaker's Association**

Provides a list of environmental grant foundations. [www.ega.org](http://www.ega.org).

- **The Foundation Center**

79 Fifth Street, New York, New York 10003. Phone: 212-620-4230. [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org).

- **Sonoran Institute**

Look for Conservation Assistance Tools (CAT) at [www.sonoran.org](http://www.sonoran.org).

- **Iowa Department of Natural Resources**

IDNR has a very comprehensive grant search engine at:  
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/grants/index.html>

- **eCivis Grants Network**

Assistance for local governments to improve their grants success through expert grant research, information, grant training, and technology. eCivis, Inc. 3452 E. Foothill Blvd, Floor 9, Pasadena, CA 91107. Phone: 877-232-4847. Email [info@ecivis.com](mailto:info@ecivis.com).

- **Iowa Community Foundations**

A list of Iowa community foundations by region. [www.iowacommunityfoundations.org](http://www.iowacommunityfoundations.org)

# 7 watershed resources