
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Water Quality Initiative

Purpose and History

The Nutrient Reduction Strategy report was introduced in November 2012 as a collaborative effort by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Iowa State University (ISU) to assess and reduce nutrients that flow into Iowa waters. The Water Quality Initiative Program was created in [SF 435](#) (FY 2014 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) with the goal to provide funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC). The Program is administered by the DALs. The Act also created the ISU Nutrient Research Center in Ames.

Funding

Appropriations to the Water Quality Initiative have varied over the years. Past and present sources of funding include the General Fund, the Groundwater Protection Fund, the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund, and the Environment First Fund.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [466B.45](#)

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More Information

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