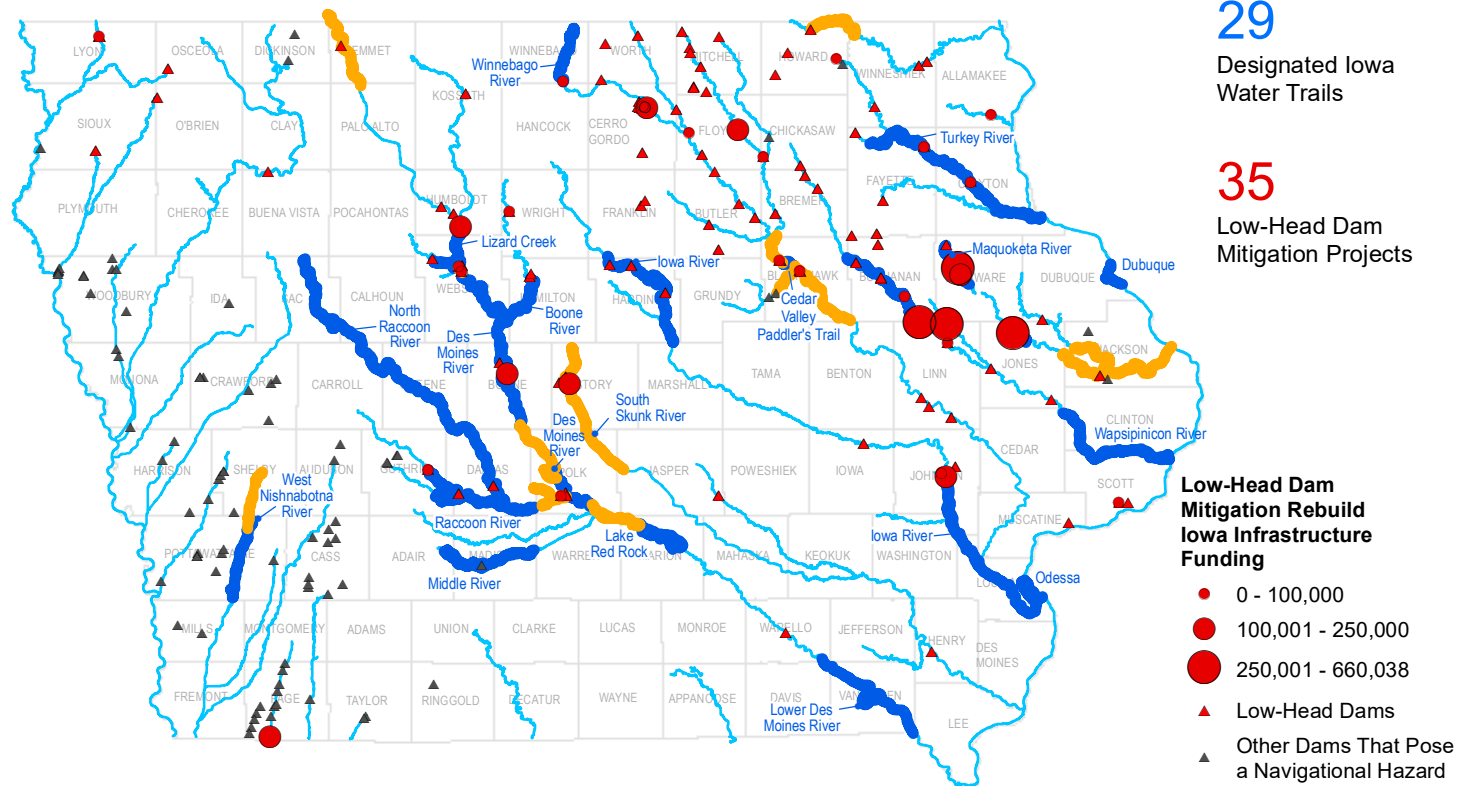


Iowa Water Trails and Low-Head Dam Mitigation Program

In 2008, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was mandated to administer the water trails and low-head dam public hazard program, [Iowa Code section 464A.11](#). The 2010 [Statewide Plan](#) includes guidance and recommendations related to recreational water trail development for local communities and includes a statewide inventory of low-head dams along with methods for prioritizing dam removal and publicizing hazards.

Local governments and nonprofit entities are eligible to apply for water trail development grants. A local match is required, but cost-share is strongly encouraged. Once completed, the water trail may become "designated" and be included in DNR marketing. Low-head dam mitigation grants are available to both private and public dam owners; low-head dam removal projects have a 50.0% local match requirement, while projects for improving signage and warnings at low-head dam sites require a 20.0% local funds match.

Designated Water Trails and Low-Head Dam Mitigations



— State-Designated Water Trail — Water Trail Under Development — Paddling Routes (Non-Designated)

970
Miles of Designated Water Trail

337
Miles of Water Trail Under Development

4,232
Miles of Paddling Routes with Potential for Water Trail Designation

Low-Head Dams and Water Trails Appropriations FY 2008-FY 2019: \$9.8 M

193
Dams with Potential for Mitigation Funding

