

**CHAPTER 132**

**APPROPRIATIONS — AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

*S.F. 494*

**AN ACT** relating to and making appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**DIVISION I  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2015-2016**

**Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.**

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 17,655,492  
..... FTEs 372.00

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and technology, to be used for the university’s midwest grape and wine industry institute:

..... \$ 288,000

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department’s administration, regulation, and programs.

**DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
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**Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS — HORSE AND DOG RACING.** There is appropriated from the moneys available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department’s administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to [section 99D.22](#), including for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 305,516

**Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL INSPECTION.**

1. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 500,000

2. The department shall establish and administer programs for the auditing of motor fuel including biofuel processing and production plants, for screening and testing motor fuel,

including renewable fuel, and for the inspection of motor fuel sold by dealers including retail dealers who sell and dispense motor fuel from motor fuel pumps.

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Sec. 4. DAIRY REGULATION.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of performing functions pursuant to [section 192.109](#), including conducting a survey of grade “A” milk and certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

..... \$ 189,196

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 5. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the local food and farm program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):

..... \$ 75,000

2. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement with Iowa state university of science and technology to support the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of the university’s cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 6. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association affiliated with a national organization which promotes agricultural education providing for future farmers:

..... \$ 25,000

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 7. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with disabilities:

..... \$ 130,000

2. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in assisting children and adults with disabilities and special needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated in at least 30 other states, but which is not available through any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home modification consultations, peer support services, services to families, information and referral, and equipment loan services.

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION II  
GENERAL FUND  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2015-2016

Sec. 8. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — GENERAL.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in [section 466B.45](#), for purposes of supporting the water quality initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 4,400,000

2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in watersheds generally, including regional watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds as provided in subsection 2, all of the following shall apply:

a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality practices as described in the latest revision of the document entitled “Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy” initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph “a” by providing for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land located within the same subwatershed.

c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, the state’s share of the amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of establishing the practice as determined by the division or 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is less.

d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar water quality practices. The division shall promote field day events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish water quality practices on their agricultural land.

e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period after accumulating information from such evaluations, the division shall create an aggregated database of water quality practices. Any information identifying a person holding a legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for farming to implement water quality practices, including the establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts provided in this section.

6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts, which may include but are not limited to management practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in [chapter 161A](#).

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to the department from a state or federal source.

8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering and implementing the water quality initiative by the department’s division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

DIVISION III  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2015-2016

Sec. 9. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	12,862,307
.....	FTEs	1,145.95

2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks. This subsection shall not impact park ranger or park manager positions within the department.

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to support the department’s administration, regulation, and programs.

Sec. 10. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game protection fund to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation, restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife, including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....	\$	41,223,225
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2. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation who retire, pursuant to [section 97B.49B](#).

3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department of natural resources may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund for the fiscal

year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

Sec. 11. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, from those moneys which are not allocated pursuant to that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department’s protection of the state’s groundwater, including for administration, regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 3,455,832

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 12. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of administering and enforcing the state snowmobile programs:

..... \$ 100,000

Sec. 13. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board established pursuant to [section 455G.4](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the department’s underground storage tanks section:

..... \$ 200,000

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Sec. 14. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

..... \$ 1,950,000

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, up to \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood frequency analysis.

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 15. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of providing for forestry health management programs:

..... \$ 500,000

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION IV  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPECIAL GENERAL FUND AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2015-2016  
VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

Sec. 16. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	4,000,000
.....	FTEs	51.00

2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the appropriation made in this section.

b. Paragraph “a” does not apply to a reduction made to support the college of veterinary medicine, if the same percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of science and technology’s budget units.

3. If by June 30, 2016, Iowa state university of science and technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE

Sec. 17. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH CENTER.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting an Iowa nutrient research center as established in [section 466B.47](#):

.....	\$	1,325,000
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2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 18. DATA COLLECTION OF IN-FIELD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES — THREE-YEAR PILOT PROJECT.

1. Notwithstanding [section 455E.11](#), [subsection 2](#), paragraph b, subparagraph (3), subparagraph division (b), of the unobligated and unencumbered moneys remaining in the agriculture management account of the groundwater protection fund that would otherwise be required to be transferred to the Iowa department of public health under that subparagraph division, there is appropriated to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

a. For use by the university’s college of agriculture and life sciences for purposes of supporting a three-year data collection of in-field practices project:

.....	\$	1,230,000
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b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

2. The three-year project shall be used to do all of the following:

a. Enhance this state’s ability to track its progress in reducing the transport of nutrients to water from nonpoint sources within watersheds in accordance with the latest revision of the document entitled “Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy” initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

b. Develop a database of in-field agricultural practices and analyze the impact of those practices in the aggregate. An agricultural practice includes but is not limited to soil and water conservation practices, structures, technologies, and agricultural inputs and outputs. The college may also provide for the measurement of other impacts associated with agricultural production. The finding of the pilot project shall be used to develop a system to be implemented within a broader range of watersheds that measures existing agricultural practices and the impact of different nutrient management decisions.

3. The college shall enter into a private-public partnership with one or more persons responsible for receiving, collecting, or holding data described in subsection 2. The college shall provide for the terms and conditions of any legal or financial arrangement that it enters into with such person. Any information received, collected, or held by the person shall be confidential in the same manner as provided in [section 466B.49, subsection 2](#). The college shall only enter into an arrangement with a person if the college is satisfied that the person will protect the confidentiality of the information. Any information including aggregate data transmitted to the college by the person shall be available for public examination and copying under [chapter 22](#), except for the same type of information described in [section 466B.49, subsection 2](#), which shall remain confidential.

4. The college shall submit interim reports to the general assembly by March 1, 2016, and March 1, 2017, and a final report to the general assembly by March 1, 2018. The final report shall include its findings and recommendations.

DIVISION V  
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2015-2016

Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:

..... \$ 1,000,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

c. Notwithstanding any other provision in law, the department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection, in combination with other appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States department of agriculture, natural resources conservation service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

a. For continuation of a program that provides multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

..... \$ 900,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

### 3. FARM MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

a. For continuation of a statewide voluntary farm management demonstration program to demonstrate the effectiveness and adaptability of emerging practices in agronomy that protect water resources and provide other environmental benefits:

..... \$ 625,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

c. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$400,000 shall be allocated to an organization representing soybean growers to provide for an agriculture and environment performance program in order to carry out the purposes of this subsection as specified in paragraph “a”.

### 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

a. For use by the department for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices:

..... \$ 2,700,000

b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, the department shall support field staff providing technical assistance by allocating one hundred percent of the amount that the department allocated to support field staff under [2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 132, section 47, subsection 4](#), as amended by [2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1139, section 18](#). In addition, of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, the department shall allocate an additional \$150,000 to support such field staff.

### 5. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve water quality and habitat:

..... \$ 1,000,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

### 6. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water conservation administration, the conservation of soil and water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation districts:

..... \$ 6,750,000

b. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a” that the department allocates to a soil and water conservation district, the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the purpose of providing financial incentives under [section 161A.73](#) to establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be expended by the district for that same purpose.

c. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be allocated for cost sharing to address complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).

d. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, 5 percent shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in [section 161A.73](#).

e. The state soil conservation committee established by [section 161A.4](#) may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

f. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as provided in [section 161A.73](#) may be used in combination with moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

g. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

h. In lieu of moneys appropriated in [section 466A.5](#), not more than \$50,000 of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” shall be used by the division of soil conservation and water



quality of the department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide administrative support to the watershed improvement review board established in [section 466A.3](#).

7. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

a. For deposit in the loess hills development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):

..... \$ 600,000

b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$450,000 shall be allocated to the fund’s hungry canyons account.

(2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph (1) may be used for administrative costs.

c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$150,000 shall be allocated to the fund’s loess hills alliance account.

(2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the loess hills alliance account as provided in subparagraph (1) may be used for administrative costs.

Sec. 20. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and staff time associated with these activities:

..... \$ 6,135,000

2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

To provide local watershed managers with geographic information system data for their use in developing, monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

..... \$ 195,000

3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

For continuing the establishment and operation of water quality monitoring stations:

..... \$ 2,955,000

4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

For deposit in the public water supply system account of the water quality protection fund created in [section 455B.183A](#):

..... \$ 500,000

5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as provided for in [chapters 459 through 459B](#):

..... \$ 1,320,000

6. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality standards from particulate matter:

..... \$ 425,000

7. WATER QUANTITY REGULATION

For regulating water quantity from surface and subsurface sources by providing for the allocation and use of water resources, the protection and management of water resources, and the preclusion of conflicts among users of water resources, including as provided in [chapter 455B, division III, part 4](#):

..... \$ 495,000

8. GEOLOGICAL AND WATER SURVEY

For continuing the operations of the department’s geological and water survey including but not limited to providing analysis, data collection, investigative programs, and information for water supply development and protection:

..... \$ 200,000

9. KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE

For purposes of supporting a keep Iowa beautiful initiative in order to assist communities in developing and implementing beautification and community development plans:

..... \$ 200,000

Sec. 21. REVERSION.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, and notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, in this division of this Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, in this division of this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

DIVISION VI  
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2015-2016

Sec. 22. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding the amount of the standing appropriation from the general fund of the state to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund as provided in section 455A.18, there is appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund, in lieu of the appropriation made in section 455A.18, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in section 455A.19:

..... \$ 16,000,000

DIVISION VII  
PERSONNEL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PAYMENTS

Sec. 23. PERSONNEL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PAYMENTS. As a condition made to any appropriation to the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, or Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, as provided in this Act, the moneys appropriated and any other moneys available for use by that entity for that fiscal year under this Act shall not be used for the payment of a personnel settlement agreement between that entity and a state employee that contains a confidentiality provision intended to prevent public disclosure of the agreement or any terms of the agreement.

DIVISION VIII  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2016-2017

Sec. 24. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 8,827,746  
..... FTEs 372.00

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and technology, to be used for the university’s midwest grape and wine industry institute:

..... \$ 144,000

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department’s administration, regulation, and programs.

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 25. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS — HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department’s administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to [section 99D.22](#), including for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 152,758

Sec. 26. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL INSPECTION.

1. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 250,000

2. The department shall establish and administer programs for the auditing of motor fuel including biofuel processing and production plants, for screening and testing motor fuel, including renewable fuel, and for the inspection of motor fuel sold by dealers including retail dealers who sell and dispense motor fuel from motor fuel pumps.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS  
GENERAL FUND

Sec. 27. DAIRY REGULATION.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of performing functions pursuant to [section 192.109](#), including conducting a survey of grade “A” milk and certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

..... \$ 94,598

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 28. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the local food and farm program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):

..... \$ 37,500

2. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement with Iowa state university of science and technology to support the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of the university’s cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 29. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association affiliated with a national organization which promotes agricultural education providing for future farmers:

..... \$ 12,500

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 30. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with disabilities:

..... \$ 65,000

2. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in assisting children and adults with disabilities and special needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated in at least 30 other states, but which is not available through any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home modification consultations, peer support services, services to families, information and referral, and equipment loan services.

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION IX  
GENERAL FUND  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017

Sec. 31. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — GENERAL.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in [section 466B.45](#), for purposes of supporting the water quality initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 2,200,000

2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in watersheds generally, including regional watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority

watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds as provided in subsection 2, all of the following shall apply:

a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality practices as described in the latest revision of the document entitled “Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy” initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph “a” by providing for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land located within the same subwatershed.

c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, the state’s share of the amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of establishing the practice as determined by the division or 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is less.

d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar water quality practices. The division shall promote field day events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish water quality practices on their agricultural land.

e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period after accumulating information from such evaluations, the division shall create an aggregated database of water quality practices. Any information identifying a person holding a legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for farming to implement water quality practices, including the establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts provided in this section.

6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts, which may include but are not limited to management practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in [chapter 161A](#).

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to the department from a state or federal source.

8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering and implementing the water quality initiative by the department’s division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

DIVISION X  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017

Sec. 32. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	6,431,154
.....	FTEs	1,145.95

2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks. This subsection shall not impact park ranger or park manager positions within the department.

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to support the department’s administration, regulation, and programs.

Sec. 33. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game protection fund to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation, restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife, including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....	\$	20,611,613
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2. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation who retire, pursuant to [section 97B.49B](#).

3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department of natural resources may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

Sec. 34. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, from those moneys which are not allocated pursuant to that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department’s protection of the state’s groundwater, including for administration, regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....	\$	1,727,916
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DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 35. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of administering and enforcing the state snowmobile programs:

.....	\$	50,000
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Sec. 36. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board established pursuant to [section 455G.4](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the department’s underground storage tanks section:  
 ..... \$ 100,000

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS  
GENERAL FUND

Sec. 37. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam safety:  
 ..... \$ 975,000

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, up to \$200,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood frequency analysis.

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 38. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of providing for forestry health management programs:  
 ..... \$ 250,000

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION XI  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017  
VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

Sec. 39. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
 ..... \$ 2,000,000  
 ..... FTEs 51.00

2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the appropriation made in this section.

b. Paragraph “a” does not apply to a reduction made to support the college of veterinary medicine, if the same percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of science and technology’s budget units.

3. If by June 30, 2017, Iowa state university of science and technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE

Sec. 40. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH CENTER.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting an Iowa nutrient research center as established in [section 466B.47](#):  
..... \$ 662,500

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION XII  
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2016-2017

Sec. 41. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:

..... \$ 500,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

c. Notwithstanding any other provision in law, the department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection, in combination with other appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States department of agriculture, natural resources conservation service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

a. For continuation of a program that provides multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

..... \$ 450,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

3. FARM MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

a. For continuation of a statewide voluntary farm management demonstration program to demonstrate the effectiveness and adaptability of emerging practices in agronomy that protect water resources and provide other environmental benefits:

..... \$ 312,500

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

c. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", \$200,000 shall be allocated to an organization representing soybean growers to provide for an agriculture and environment performance program in order to carry out the purposes of this subsection as specified in paragraph "a".



4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

a. For use by the department for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices:

..... \$ 1,350,000

b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, the department shall support field staff providing technical assistance by allocating fifty percent of the amount that the department allocated to support field staff under section 19, subsection 4, of this Act. In addition, of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, the department shall allocate an additional \$75,000 to support such field staff.

5. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve water quality and habitat:

..... \$ 500,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

6. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water conservation administration, the conservation of soil and water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation districts:

..... \$ 3,375,000

b. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a” that the department allocates to a soil and water conservation district, the first \$7,500 may be expended by the district for the purpose of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73 to establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be expended by the district for that same purpose.

c. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be allocated for cost sharing to address complaints filed under section 161A.47.

d. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, 5 percent shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section 161A.73.

e. The state soil conservation committee established by section 161A.4 may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

f. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as provided in section 161A.73 may be used in combination with moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

g. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

h. In lieu of moneys appropriated in section 466A.5, not more than \$25,000 of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” shall be used by the division of soil conservation and water quality of the department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide administrative support to the watershed improvement review board established in section 466A.3.

7. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

a. For deposit in the loess hills development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2:

..... \$ 300,000

b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$225,000 shall be allocated to the fund’s hungry canyons account.

(2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph (1) may be used for administrative costs.

c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$75,000 shall be allocated to the fund’s loess hills alliance account.

(2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the loess hills alliance account as provided in subparagraph (1) may be used for administrative costs.

Sec. 42. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS	
For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and staff time associated with these activities:	
.....	\$ 3,057,500
2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)	
To provide local watershed managers with geographic information system data for their use in developing, monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:	
.....	\$ 97,500
3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING	
For continuing the establishment and operation of water quality monitoring stations:	
.....	\$ 1,477,500
4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT	
For deposit in the public water supply system account of the water quality protection fund created in <a href="#">section 455B.183A</a> :	
.....	\$ 250,000
5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS	
For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as provided for in <a href="#">chapters 459 through 459B</a> :	
.....	\$ 660,000
6. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY	
For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality standards from particulate matter:	
.....	\$ 212,500
7. WATER QUANTITY REGULATION	
For regulating water quantity from surface and subsurface sources by providing for the allocation and use of water resources, the protection and management of water resources, and the preclusion of conflicts among users of water resources, including as provided in <a href="#">chapter 455B, division III, part 4</a> :	
.....	\$ 247,500
8. GEOLOGICAL AND WATER SURVEY	
For continuing the operations of the department's geological and water survey including but not limited to providing analysis, data collection, investigative programs, and information for water supply development and protection:	
.....	\$ 100,000
9. KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE	
For purposes of supporting a keep Iowa beautiful initiative in order to assist communities in developing and implementing beautification and community development plans:	
.....	\$ 100,000

Sec. 43. REVERSION.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, and notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, in this division of this Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, in this division of this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

DIVISION XIII  
PERSONNEL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PAYMENTS

Sec. 44. PERSONNEL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PAYMENTS. As a condition made to any appropriation to the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, or Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as provided in this Act, the moneys appropriated and any other moneys available for use by that entity for that fiscal year under this Act shall not be used for the payment of a personnel settlement agreement between that entity and a state employee that contains a confidentiality provision intended to prevent public disclosure of the agreement or any terms of the agreement.

DIVISION XIV  
RELATED STATUTORY CHANGES FOR CODIFICATION IN 2015  
BLUFFLANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM AND REVOLVING FUND

Sec. 45. **NEW SECTION. 161A.80A Blufflands protection program and revolving fund.**

1. As used in [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

a. For purposes of [this section](#) only, “*bluffland*” means a cliff, headland, or hill with a broad, steep face along the channel or floodplain of the Missouri or Mississippi river and their tributaries.

b. “*Conservation organization*” means a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Iowa or an entity organized and operated primarily to enhance and protect natural resources in this state.

2. A blufflands protection revolving fund is created in the state treasury. All proceeds shall be divided into two equal accounts. One account shall be used for the purchase of blufflands along the Mississippi river and its tributaries and the other account shall be used for the purchase of blufflands along the Missouri river and its tributaries. The proceeds of the revolving fund are appropriated to make loans to conservation organizations which agree to purchase bluffland properties adjacent to state public lands. The department of agriculture and land stewardship, in conjunction with the department of natural resources, shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to administer the disbursement of funds. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7](#), interest or earnings on investments made pursuant to [this section](#) or as provided in [section 12B.10](#) shall be credited to the blufflands protection revolving fund. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), unobligated or unencumbered funds credited to the blufflands protection revolving fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal year. However, the maximum balance in the blufflands protection revolving fund shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars. Any funds in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars shall be credited to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund. No loan shall be made under [this section](#) on or after July 1, 2025.

3. [This section](#) is repealed on July 1, 2030.

Sec. 46. **NEW SECTION. 161A.80B Outstanding bluffland protection loans.**

1. The principal and interest from any loan made pursuant to [section 161A.80A](#), as enacted in this Act, remaining outstanding on July 1, 2025, that would have been payable to the blufflands protection revolving fund created in [section 161A.80A](#), shall instead be paid to the division on or after July 1, 2025, pursuant to the terms of the loan agreement. The moneys paid to the division shall be credited to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund created in [section 8.57](#).

2. [This section](#) is repealed on July 1, 2030.

Sec. 47. **MONEYS IN THE BLUFFLANDS PROTECTION REVOLVING FUND.**

1. This section applies to any moneys existing in the blufflands protection revolving fund, including its accounts, as that fund and accounts exist under [section 161A.80, Code 2015](#), on June 30, 2015, including any remaining appropriations made to that fund and accounts pursuant to [1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1219, section 10, subsection 3](#), any moneys paid into the fund and accounts, and any moneys required to be credited to the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund upon the repeal of [section 161A.80, Code 2015](#), pursuant to [section 161A.80, subsection 2](#), of that section.

2. The moneys described in subsection 1 shall be transferred to the blufflands protection revolving fund created in [section 161A.80A](#), as enacted in this division of this Act. The moneys described in subsection 1 in an account of the blufflands protection revolving fund existing under [section 161A.80, Code 2015](#), on June 30, 2015, shall be credited to the account with the same purpose created in the blufflands protection revolving fund under [section 161A.80A](#), as enacted in this division of this Act.

DIVISION XV  
CONTROL OF ANIMAL DISEASES — DISPOSAL

Sec. 48. Section 670.1, subsection 2, Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

2. “Municipality” means city, county, township, school district, a [chapter 28E](#) entity as provided in [section 670.4, subsection 1, paragraph “p”](#), and any other unit of local government except soil and water conservation districts as defined in [section 161A.3, subsection 6](#).

Sec. 49. Section 670.4, subsection 1, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *p.* Any claim against a [chapter 28E](#) entity or an officer or employee of the entity in any way arising out of, or related to, the acts or omissions, operations, or acceptance of waste by the entity, at the request of federal or state agencies, or any political subdivision of this state, in response to a disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to [section 29C.6, subsection 1](#), in any way related to an infectious or contagious disease as defined in [section 163.2, subsection 5](#), unless the department of natural resources determines the entity materially deviated from the entity’s direct responsibilities and duties under the special waste authorization issued by the department. A [chapter 28E](#) entity receiving waste under this paragraph shall not be responsible for actions or inactions of any other parties and shall have no duty to assess, challenge, or evaluate the efficacy or safety of the means of disposal pursuant to any governmental rule, order, special waste authorization, or directive.

Sec. 50. WASTE DISPOSAL REPORT. A [chapter 28E](#) entity which accepts avian flu waste for landfill disposal and which receives reimbursement of costs from the United States department of agriculture shall report to the general assembly by January 1, 2016, a summary of total costs and revenues related to the disposal of avian flu wastes.

Sec. 51. IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

DIVISION XVI  
CONDITIONAL EFFECTIVE DATE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS

Sec. 52. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. Unless otherwise provided, this Act, if approved by the governor on or after July 1, 2015, takes effect upon enactment.

Sec. 53. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. Unless otherwise provided, this Act, if approved by the governor on or after July 1, 2015, applies retroactively to July 1, 2015.

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