

SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY DIVISION[27]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to the Iowa soil 2000 program and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Soil Conservation and Water Quality Division hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 20, “Iowa Soil 2000 Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 161A.4.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 161A.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking rescinds and reserves Chapter 20, which contains administrative rules associated with the Iowa Soil 2000 Program. The chapter includes outdated procedures related to conservation folders, farm unit soil conservation plans, conservation agreements, landowner notification, and district recordkeeping that were developed to implement program requirements and deadlines dating to the 1980s. Rescinding the chapter removes obsolete administrative provisions that are no longer necessary for the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship’s current conservation program administration.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 24, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- July 14, 2026

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Division for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Division no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 6, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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Des Moines, Iowa 50319
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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rulemaking may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **27—Chapter 20**.