456A.33C On-stream impoundment restoration fund.

1. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, *"eligible water body"* means a body of water that meets all of the following criteria:

a. Is owned by the state of Iowa, a county, a municipal government, or a public entity organized under chapter 357E.

b. Is a multi-use system capable of supporting diverse wildlife, fish, and recreational opportunities.

c. Has a surface water area of at least ten acres.

d. Has a watershed-to-body of water ratio of not less than two hundred to one and not more than one thousand to one.

e. Is a public body of water with public access.

f. Has diverse water depths and is capable of supporting aquatic vegetation.

g. Is not used solely as a water supply reservoir.

2. The department shall establish an on-stream impoundment restoration program for purposes of funding projects for the maintenance, restoration, and sustainability of eligible water bodies and their related watersheds from moneys appropriated to the department for this purpose.

3. *a.* The department shall fund projects for eligible water bodies that are designed to achieve the following goals:

(1) Ensure a cost-effective, positive return on investment for the citizens of Iowa.

(2) Ensure local community commitment to watershed protection.

(3) Ensure significant improvement in water clarity, safety, and quality.

(4) Provide for sustainable, healthy, and functioning bodies of water.

(5) Contribute to the department's fish and wildlife conservation plans.

b. The process and criteria the department shall utilize to fund projects under this section shall favor proposals which include nonstate matching funds of at least one dollar for every dollar of state funding, and funding for watershed improvement practices and participation of corresponding watershed management authority.

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