

466B.44 Water quality urban infrastructure program.

1. As part of the water quality initiative established pursuant to [section 466B.42](#), the division shall administer a water quality urban infrastructure program.

2. The purpose of the program is to support watershed projects and advance implementation of the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy, which program support may include demonstration projects that decrease erosion, precipitation-induced surface runoff, and storm water discharges and that increase water infiltration rates. The program's projects shall be based on Iowa's storm water management manual published by the department of natural resources.

3. The program shall be financed on a cost-share basis or through cooperative agreements with watershed projects funded through [section 455B.199](#) whose project activities fall outside the territorial boundaries of a city.

4. Any state moneys used to finance a project under a water quality urban infrastructure program shall be administered according to an agreement entered into by the division and the owner of the land where the infrastructure is to be installed. The agreement shall include standard terms and conditions for the receipt of program moneys and any other terms and conditions the division deems necessary or convenient for the efficient administration of the project or program. The division may support multiple installations of infrastructure on a single parcel of land. The division may annually use an amount of not more than four percent of the moneys used to support the program for administrative purposes.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision in [this section](#) to the contrary, the division may use any amount available to support the water quality urban infrastructure program to instead do any of the following:

a. Extend and support the three-year data collection of in-field agricultural practices project as enacted in [2015 Iowa Acts, ch. 132, §18](#).

b. Support water quality agriculture infrastructure programs created in [section 466B.43](#), to the extent that moneys are not obligated or encumbered during a fiscal year to adequately support all urban infrastructure program projects that meet the division's requirements.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of [this section](#) to the contrary, the division may use any amount available to support the water quality urban infrastructure program to develop and maintain an online resource displaying measurable indicators of desirable change in water quality within the state's watersheds. These measurable indicators may include but are not limited to public and private funding inputs, involvement in water quality projects, and improvements, land use, practice adoption, calculated load reduction, and measured loads at existing monitoring stations.

7. By October 1 of each year, the division shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly itemizing expenditures under the program, if any, during the previous fiscal year.

8. Any information obtained by the division identifying a person holding a legal interest in land or specific land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

[2018 Acts, ch 1001, §24; 2018 Acts, ch 1152, §15; 2023 Acts, ch 154, §36, 37](#)

Referred to in [§16.134A](#)