

571—27.1(456A) Purpose. The purpose of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, hereinafter referred to as the LWCF, is stated in Section 1(b) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (78 stat. 897):

“The purposes of this Act are to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to all citizens of the United States of America of present and future generations and visitors who are lawfully present within the boundaries of the United States of America such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation and to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States by (1) providing funds for and authorizing Federal assistance to the States in planning, acquisition, and development of needed land and water areas and facilities and (2) providing funds for the Federal acquisition and development of certain lands and other areas.”

Section 6 of the Act contains the basic requirements and conditions for fulfilling the above:

“The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) is authorized to provide financial assistance to the States from monies available for State purposes. Payments may be made to the States by the Secretary as hereafter provided, subject to such terms and conditions as he considers appropriate and in the public interest to carry out the purposes of this Act, for outdoor recreation: (1) planning, (2) acquisition of land, waters, or interest in land or waters, or (3) development.”

Section 6 of the Act further provides that:

“If consistent with an approved project, funds may be transferred by the State to a political subdivision or other appropriate public agency.”

The Iowa department of natural resources, hereinafter referred to as the department, acting through its director, will administer the LWCF for the same purpose at the state and local levels.