



WATER RESOURCES COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Quarterly Meeting. The Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC) met on September 28, 2016, in Altoona. Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey called the meeting to order. The following was discussed.

Disaster Grant Update. Jeff Geerts, Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), provided an update on the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Disaster Resilience Grant for reducing flooding and advancing water quality. The total grant of \$96.8 million is being administered by the IEDA. The goal is to have each participating Watershed Management Authority develop a hydrologic assessment and watershed plan, implement projects to reduce downstream flooding, and improve water quality during and after flood events. The following Watershed Management Authorities are participants:

- [Bee Branch Creek in Dubuque.](#)
- [Upper Iowa River.](#)
- [Upper Wapsipinicon River.](#)
- [Middle Cedar River.](#)
- [Clear Creek.](#)
- [English River.](#)
- [North Raccoon River.](#)
- [West Nishnabotna River.](#)
- [East Nishnabotna River.](#)

River Program. Tim Hall, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), discussed the [River Restoration Program](#), including:

- An approved stream mitigation method that was developed using information from a program developed by the state of Missouri.
- Development by the Iowa DNR of a river restoration toolbox to assist people interested in transforming river areas.
- Development of an In-Lieu-Fee system, which is used by other states. The fees are paid by a project sponsor to a governmental or nonprofit entity to preserve or enhance aquatic resources in a river area that is being transformed.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held in February; however, a specific date and time has not been determined.

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