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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Budget Hearing. On November 15, 2018, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Acting Director Bruce Trautman presented the DNR budget request for FY 2020.

Budget Request. The DNR submitted an FY 2020 request for General Fund appropriations totaling \$13.6 million. This is no increase compared to estimated FY 2019. The DNR also submitted an infrastructure budget request for \$13.6 million. This is an increase of \$1.5 million compared to estimated FY 2019 and includes the following:

- An increase of \$500,000 for the Water Trails/Low-Head Dam Mitigation Program.
- An increase of \$1.0 million for State park improvements. Starting in 2020, the DNR will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of State parks, and the funds will be used for capital improvements.

Conservation Land. The DNR owns 379,000 acres of land in Iowa, which is less than 1.0% of the State's surface. There are 22,700 acres of public land available for hunting through the Iowa Habitat and Access Program. The DNR is the only department to pay property taxes on the land it owns. The Department paid \$963,000 in property taxes in FY 2018.

Additional Information. Additional information about the DNR is available on the Department's [website](#).

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