

# 2022 REAP Congress Report

**Report to: Governor Kim Reynolds**

**Iowa Legislature**

**Natural Resources Commission**

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship**

**Department of Transportation**

**Department of Cultural Affairs**





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TO: Governor Kim Reynolds  
W. Charles Smithson, Secretary of the Senate  
Megan Nelson, Chief Clerk of the House  
Margo Underwood, Chair of the Natural Resources Commission

As required by Section 455A.17, Code of Iowa, I present you with the report of the 2022 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Congress which was conducted on January 8, 2022 in the chambers of the House of Representatives.

63 of the 90 delegates attended REAP Congress. Those delegates were elected by 259 Iowans in the fall during the 18 regional assemblies conducted throughout the state.

Iowans strongly believe that REAP can be one of the state's most important tools to stimulate economic development, improve health and their quality of life. The 2022 REAP Congress took a number of actions in this regard.

Chief among these actions are to fully fund REAP at \$20 Million, retain the current formula for distribution of the REAP funds, eliminate the REAP sunset date and thank the Governor and General Assembly for their continued dedication to protecting the REAP Program.

REAP is recognized as Iowa's primary local funding program for natural and cultural resources. Public participation, culminating in actions by the Congress, makes it a truly grassroots led program. The delegates thank you for the support you have given and request your continued support of REAP in the future.

Sincerely,

Kayla Lyon, Director  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

**2022 REAP Congress**  
**January 8, 2022**  
**House of Representatives Chambers**

**Roll Call**

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63 of the 90 delegates to the REAP Congress attended. The delegates were elected by 267 Iowans in the fall of 2021 during 18 regional assemblies conducted throughout the state. A list of the Delegates by County is included at the end of this report.

**Opening Remarks**

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Michelle Wilson, REAP Coordinator, called the Congress to order at 9:46 a.m. and prepared them for their deliberations. Tammie Krausman, previous REAP Coordinator, was recognized by the delegation and thanked for her years of service to the REAP Program.

The DNR Conservation & Recreation Division Administrator, Pete Hildreth, and DOT Director of the Transportation Development Division, Stuart Anderson, gave welcoming remarks.

**Election of Congress Chair**

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Rod Marlatt of Fayette County was elected unanimously. Chair Marlatt set his expectations for the day, to have a unified voice that REAP is the greatest conservation legislation that has ever been passed.

**2021 REAP Assembly Report**

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During the month of October 2021, 18 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) assemblies were conducted throughout Iowa. The REAP Assemblies are required, per Iowa Code Chapter 455A.17, to be conducted on odd numbered years to provide attendees with information about REAP expenditures, ask attendees to identify opportunities or changes in policy, programs or funding, vote on motions for the five elected delegates per region to vote on at REAP Congress. 259 Iowans participated in the REAP assemblies. In addition to electing delegates, the participants made 64 motions that were forwarded to REAP Congress for consideration at their January 8, 2022 gathering.

On November 2, 2021, a virtual assembly was held as an option for Iowans who could not attend in-person assemblies. This was an opportunity to provide information about REAP, REAP expenditures and allow for public input. Delegates were not elected during the virtual session and motions were not made.

Individual assembly reports, including specific information addressed in each of the 18 assemblies are included at the end of this report.



## Action Items by REAP Congress

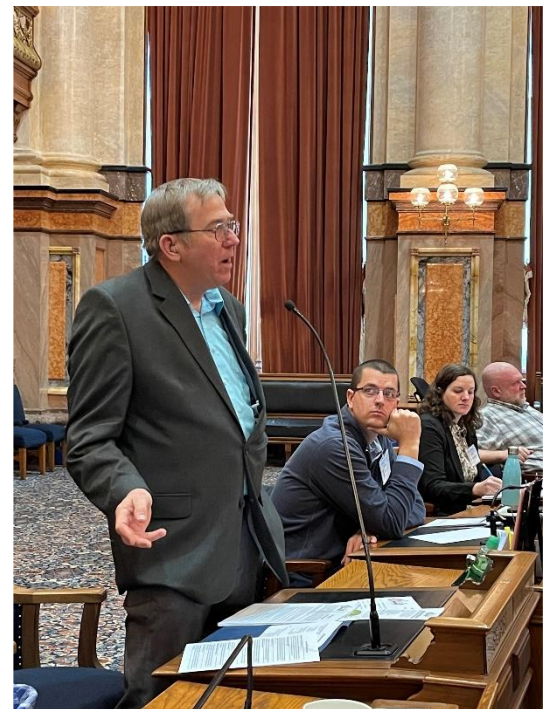
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1. Motion: **The 2022 REAP Congress recommends fully funding REAP at \$20 million.** Webb, moved. Long Jr., second. Vote: Aye: 63, No: 0. Motion carried.
  - a. Discussion of other motions from assemblies that were similar in context.
  - b. Amendment: The 2022 REAP Congress recommends fully funding REAP at \$40 million. Malik moved. No second. Motion to amend failed.
2. Motion: **The 2022 REAP Congress recommends to retain the current REAP formula.** Long Jr., moved. Malik, second. Vote: Aye: 63, No: 0. Motion carried.
  - a. Discussion on alternate viewpoints for opening the formula to make change versus maintaining the existing formula.
3. Motion: **The 2022 REAP Congress recommends increasing the sales tax 3/8 of one cent to fund the Iowa Natural Resource Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund (NRORTF).** McGovern, moved. Durant, second. Vote: Aye: 63, No: 0. Motion carried.
4. Motion: **The 2022 REAP Congress recommends the elimination of the sunset date for REAP.** Malik moved. Ourth, second. Vote: Aye: 63, No: 0. Motion carried.
5. Motion: **The 2022 REAP Congress recommends the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Transportation initiate a process of labeling streams other than rivers on interstates, major highways and bridges.** Klein, moved. Anderson, second. Vote: Aye: 41, No: 22. Motion carried.
  - a. Discussion ensued about the need for this action to move forward but not with expenses for implementation coming from REAP funds.
  - b. Many voiced support for labeling streams, rivers and waterways as it helps Iowans to identify with the body of water, value it and connect it to something larger downstream. It was shared that DNR and DOT have implemented some signs across the state and DNR has a grant program to assist with the effort.



6. Motion: **The 2022 REAP Congress recommends retaining the current formula for NRORTF.** Durant, moved. Slocum, second. Vote: Aye: 25, No: 38. Motion failed.
- a. Discussion ensued about how to modernize the formula so that it could pass as well as concerns about altering the formula. Noted that Iowans need the money from NRORTF to help move the workforce in conservation, get practices on the ground, protect the resource.
7. Motion: **The 2022 REAP Congress recommends supporting the Governor’s proposed formula and percentages as presented in 2020 for NRORTF.** Waldo-Semken, moved. Long Jr., second. Vote: Aye: 43, No: 18, NV:2. Motion passed.
- a. Discussion on how changes to the original formula should come forward and who should have input. Further discussion on cooperation between the legislature and stakeholders such as the IWILL executive Committee using data and current information to modernize the formula for passage.
  - b. Amendment: **The 2022 REAP Congress recommends support of the legislature altering the NRORTF formula to meet current needs based on data.** McGovern, moved. Biodrowski second. Vote: Aye: 34, No: 27, NV: 2. Motion carried.
8. Motion: **Reconsider the motion recommending support of the legislature altering the NRORTF formula.** Kuhlman, moved. Benton, second. Vote: Aye: 58, No: 3, NV:2
- a. Amendment: **The 2022 REAP Congress encourages the legislature to work with the IWILL Executive Committee using the best available data and science to change the NRORTF formula.** Biodrowski, moved. Long Jr., second. Vote: Aye: 61, No: 2. Motion carried
9. Motion: **The 2022 REAP Congress sends their gratitude and appreciation to past governors and legislatures that have supported REAP.** Benton, moved. Long Jr., second. Vote: Yes: 63, No: 0. Motion carried.

**Motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. passed unanimously.**



Fred Long Jr. addressing the delegation.

## Attachment 2: List of Congress Delegates and County

Delegate	County
Jason Andersen	Pottawattamie
Amy Andrews	Poweshiek
Tyler Baird	Johnson
Nick Beeck	Plymouth
Bob Benton	Fremont
Kristen Bieret	Sac
Michelle Biodrowski	Pottawattamie
Jared Bourquin	Winneshiek
Lance Brisbois	Pottawattamie
Matt Crayne	Bremer
Richard Daugherty	Van Buren
Laura DeCook	Mahaska
Ted Doscher	Linn
Kyle Durant	Bremer
Anna Golightly	Madison
Terry Graham	Fremont
Scott Grimm	Hamilton
Zach Hall	Ida
Shawn Hawks	Louisa
Jason Hirsch	Madison
Greg Johnson	Buena Vista
Laura Jones	Cherokee
Tyler Kelley	Marshall
John Klein	Pottawattamie
Doug Kuhlmann	Monona
Laura Liegois	Lucas
Fred Long Jr.	Greene
Freedom Malik	Muscatine
Jeremiah Manken	Marshall

Delegate	County
Rod Marlatt	Fayette
Adriana McBride	Scott
Aaron McCutchan	Madison
Jared McGovern	Dubuque
Ryan McPherran	Polk
Jamey Medlin	Cerro Gordo
Mary Ellen Miller	Wayne
Charles Moore	Appanoose
James Nelson	Monroe
Gary Olsen	Audubon
Jarrod Olson	Allamakee
Scott Osborn	Cherokee
Jacob Oswald	Jones
Al Ourth	Des Moines
Daryl Parker	Jackson
Mike Phillips	Poweshiek
Donna Rasmussen	Winneshiek
Brian Roquet	Blackhawk
Sara Runyan	Wapello
Brenda Rust	Hancock
James Sayers	Humboldt
Jill Schmidt	Cedar
Al Shafbauch	Tama
Kenny Slocum	Clayton
Lee Sorenson	Dickinson
Clay Steele	Lee
Rene Stroud	Pottawattamie
Kendall Stumme	Kossuth
Alicia Vasto	Polk

Delegate	County
Laura Waldo-Semken	Louisa
Mike Webb	Worth
Don Weiss	Des Moines
Jennie Wilcox	Jackson
Mark Wilson	Warren



# 2021 REAP Assembly Report

During October 2021, 18 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Assemblies were conducted throughout Iowa and on November 2, 2021 the first virtual Assembly was held. The REAP Assemblies are required, per Iowa Code Chapter 455A.17, to be conducted on odd numbered years to provide attendees with information about REAP expenditures, ask attendees to identify opportunities or changes in policy, programs or funding, vote on motions for the five elected delegates per region to vote on at REAP Congress. 267 Iowans participated in the 2021 REAP Assemblies. In addition to electing delegates, the participants made 64 motions that will be forwarded to the REAP Congress for consideration on January 8, 2022.

**The following motions were approved at the Assemblies.** The number behind the motion indicates the number of Assemblies at which it was approved.

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. **(12)**
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. **(11)**
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. **(9)**
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date. **(8)**
- 5) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax, including keeping the current formula intact. **(3)**
- 6) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date for permanent authorization. **(3)**
- 7) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the formula as voted on by the citizens of Iowa intact for the Natural Resources Trust Fund **(2)**
- 8) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports funding REAP at \$30 million. **(1)**
- 9) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP and IWILL formula intact. **(1)**
- 10) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax and to not replace it with existing funds. **(1)**
- 11) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports REAP funding to increase to cost of living until 2046. **(1)**
- 12) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP and renew the program. **(1)**



- 13) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax, including keeping Senate File 512 funds intact. **(1)**
- 14) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP and increasing the funds. **(1)**
- 15) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP and annually adjusting for inflation. **(1)**
- 16) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP from the state's surplus. **(1)**
- 17) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress add small, medium and large categories for the County Conservation grant program. **(1)**
- 18) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports raising the Conservation Education Program portion of REAP to 3% or \$350,000 whichever is greater. **(1)**
- 19) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress support the creation of a citizen water quality education and monitoring program. **(1)**
- 20) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports counties having an increased ability to voice approval on whether confinements are allowed. **(1)**
- 21) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation placing signs on every bridge in Iowa to denote the stream name. **(1)**
- 22) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports the continuation of the timber reserve status law as currently written. **(1)**
- 23) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress support the investigation of a private lands program for unique areas such as the Loess bluffs, fens, endangered species habitat or landforms and remnant prairies. **(1)**

Additionally, participants at each assembly broke into small groups to discuss the most significant things REAP has done in their communities, positive and negative impacts and then a vision for the next five years. They listed and discussed over 510 ideas, recommendations and impacts. They are listed by region in the Assembly Summary later in this document.

**Below is a list of the most prevalent themes:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More trails and trail connectivity (includes hard-surfaced and soft-surfaced)</li> <li>• Additional or improved amenities (restrooms,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More opportunities to get kids and adults out (Wildlife camps, K-12, community groups)</li> <li>• Apps to help draw people in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance funding</li> <li>• Preservation of historic resources (newspapers, archives and other documentation inventories)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural vs. Urban including urban sprawl</li> <li>• Derecho affects</li> <li>• Water quality/quantity</li> <li>• Nutrient loads</li> <li>• Edge of field conservation</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>campgrounds, cabins, facilities)</li> <li>• ADA amenities</li> <li>• Access (land and water)</li> <li>• Additional public lands to handle increased use capacity</li> <li>• Lakes for fishing</li> <li>• Remote use opportunities (backpacking, hiking)</li> <li>• Signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer monitoring training (beyond E-Bird and INAT)</li> <li>• Interpretive signage</li> <li>• Areas more accessible</li> <li>• Community conservation within towns</li> <li>• Coordination at a statewide level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Museum preservation</li> <li>• Need more and younger volunteers</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Increased funding</li> <li>• Signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil health</li> <li>• Drinking water/contaminants</li> <li>• Aging landowners and corporate farm/companies</li> <li>• Erosion</li> <li>• Not enough wetlands</li> <li>• Needs are increasing as people increase and use increases</li> <li>• Natural infrastructure</li> <li>• Focus on what we do positively and market what we have and what we do well</li> </ul>
<p>What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?</p>	<p>How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?</p>	<p>What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?</p>	<p>What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I didn't know this was here!</li> <li>• What are the other offerings?</li> <li>• How do I__?</li> <li>• Better signage</li> <li>• More information available to people</li> <li>• Parks are a springboard for new users</li> <li>• Our places are a substitute for farther travel</li> <li>• Parking and overuse are issues</li> <li>• Pandemic pushed people outdoors, increased use especially with new users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate adults so they can guide kids in outdoor experiences</li> <li>• Combine technology with hands on/minds to get more people involved</li> <li>• Reach out to groups that we may not already be targeting</li> <li>• Inclusive signage</li> <li>• Focus on service learning (high school/community groups)</li> <li>• Get into the schools</li> <li>• Break transportation barriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More challenges than opportunities</li> <li>• Need more funding</li> <li>• Complexity of processes to get funding</li> <li>• Derecho affected property and other natural disasters are affecting properties</li> <li>• Aging structures</li> <li>• Need to digitize and index documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase funding for conservation investments</li> <li>• More conservation practices on the landscape (cover crops, no-till, buffers)</li> <li>• Target acquisitions to unproductive, wet, floodplains</li> <li>• Urban runoff treatment</li> <li>• Basic water quality education</li> <li>• Agroforestry</li> <li>• Using existing infrastructure to benefit other things (wildlife habitat, pollinators)</li> <li>• More program staff to help get implementation on the ground</li> </ul>
<p>Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?</p>	<p>What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.</p>	<p>What does the program do well? How can the program improve?</p>	<p>Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails and connections</li> <li>• Clean water</li> <li>• Land acquisition</li> <li>• Advocacy and Outreach</li> <li>• Increase maintenance funds existing infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social media/influencers</li> <li>• Community connection/ambassadors</li> <li>• Provide transportation</li> <li>• More intense (longer) outdoor exposure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program is great on outreach and assisting with funding and minimum match</li> <li>• It is good that local entities have a say</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality</li> <li>• Wetland restoration</li> <li>• Coordinators and professionals to help move programs, educate and work with landowners</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase funding for more infrastructure amenities</li> <li>● Better education on regulations</li> <li>● Promotion of areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revitalize parks and make them more ADA</li> <li>● Centralized System - website and updated information</li> <li>● Relationship building/trust - safe spaces (maps and hiking clubs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Need to help figure out how to get future generations involved,</li> <li>● Need for more money</li> <li>● Help preserve historic building</li> <li>● Streamline and help if locations are requesting smaller amounts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BMPs</li> <li>● Erosion and sediment control</li> <li>● Funding</li> </ul>
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# Individual Assembly Summary

## Region 1: Calmar (Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, Winneshiek)

**Attendance:** 33

**Chair:** Jenna Pollock

**Approved Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa’s statewide sales tax, including keeping the current formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of electrical camping/old amenities</li> <li>• lack of single track trails</li> <li>• Not enough trails/linked trails</li> <li>• Lack of backpacking</li> <li>• Doing good with hunter education in the classroom</li> <li>• Lack of decision making</li> <li>• Paddling access improvements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natives/Roadside</li> <li>• More directions/promotion to our areas</li> <li>• Interpretive signage</li> <li>• Make areas more accessible to new users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation and inventories of the resources (archaeological)</li> <li>• Landscape education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking Water/Contaminants</li> <li>• Aging landowners</li> <li>• Corporate farm/companies</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciate the CCBs as information sources</li> <li>• Solitude compared to bigger cities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better representation of how outdoors are for all</li> <li>• Inclusive in signage</li> <li>• Small-scale conservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural/urban distribution</li> <li>• Information preservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping up with costs of farmland</li> <li>• Outreach - staff in water quality</li> <li>• Tiling Issues</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How beautiful the driftless is</li> <li>• Independence no Campground Hosts</li> <li>• State Parks are a good springboard for new users</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Resilience</li> <li>• Soil health and practices</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger contiguous blocks of public land</li> <li>• Better education on regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centralized system - Website, updated information</li> <li>• Incorporate "Centennial" Parks</li> <li>• Instructing the public on who manages what</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for funding - minimum match is good</li> <li>• Need to incorporate resources in education</li> <li>• Need to educate our residents</li> <li>• More funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition</li> <li>• Focus Funding</li> </ul>

**Region 2: Ventura** (Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, Worth)

**Attendance:** 7

**Chair:** Mike Webb

**Approved Motions:**

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- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the formula as voted on by the citizens of Iowa intact for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offersings?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources,	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation

	efforts that should/could be expended upon?	archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trails and trail connections</li> <li>Amenities like bathrooms</li> <li>Access to outdoor opportunities</li> <li>More places to explore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Education</li> <li>Adapt to the times and technology</li> <li>New things</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking is an issue</li> <li>Overuse of areas</li> <li>Rediscovering what is here for amenities and resources.</li> <li>Knowing something is present even though its always been there</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility upgrades/new construction</li> <li>Technology upgrades</li> <li>Emerging Conservation Innovation</li> <li>Agroforestry/roots in the ground</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parks passport and other unique opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on relationships</li> <li>Fund IWILL</li> <li>Conserve soil</li> <li>Educate legislators</li> <li>Need grassroots support</li> </ul>

**Region 3: Spencer** (Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Sioux)

**Attendance:** 12

**Chair:** Jon Kruse

**Approved Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.

- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP and IWILL formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community Gardens and ways to promote gardening classes to public</li> <li>● Smaller communities with more physical recreational opportunities – 1 hour or less</li> <li>● Promoting pollinator mixes and native prairie areas in and around communities</li> <li>● Better playgrounds that offer some ADA compliances</li> <li>● Drive-in theater “Town of Royal”</li> <li>● Bike Trails</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lack of funding</li> <li>● Invasive species</li> <li>● More water quality - all over</li> <li>● Watershed coordinators</li> <li>● Use Impact, more people getting outside</li> <li>● Need is increasing and so are demands on staff and professionals</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enjoy experience</li> <li>● Surprises how much fun it was</li> <li>● Didn’t know this was here</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● People and training</li> <li>● Educating the public</li> <li>● Knowledge is power</li> <li>● IWILL Funding</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa’s natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach and advertising for youth outdoor activities on private grounds (landowners may be more subject to alloy youth access compared to adults)</li> <li>• All outdoor recreation promotes local economics and regional economics. Funds turn over 7 times in local communities</li> <li>• Investing in Iowa and Iowa's natural resources based from outdoor recreation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watersheds</li> <li>• Diversity of plants and animals</li> </ul>
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**Region 4: Correctionville** (Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, Woodbury)

**Attendance:** 10

**Chair:** Brian Stehr

**Approved Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax, including keeping the current formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the formula as voted on by the citizens of Iowa intact for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date for permanent authorization. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility of public land, not necessarily public owned</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparedness for changing climatic conditions</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails</li> <li>• What people want vs. cost and access</li> <li>• Need to improve water quality (beaches)</li> <li>• Private landowners participation</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• planning and implementing natural infrastructure</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pandemic pushed people outdoors</li> <li>• Increase usage, especially first time users</li> <li>• Increased awareness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize existing infrastructure to also benefit water quality and habitat (i.e road structures)</li> <li>• Protection of land - public/private partnerships</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality</li> <li>• Wildlife and invasive species</li> <li>• Diversified landscapes, better opportunities, preserving what we have</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection and management</li> <li>• More access</li> </ul>

**Region 5: Webster City** (Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster, Wright)

**Attendance:** 9

**Chair:** Brian Lammers

**Approved Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.

4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports raising the Conservation Education Program portion of REAP to 3% or \$350,000 whichever is greater. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landform awareness</li> <li>Understanding culture of native peoples</li> <li>Maintenance funding</li> <li>Native landscape protection/restoration</li> <li>Cemetery preservation</li> <li>Tree species - historic resource</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail connections</li> <li>Clean water</li> <li>Fish passage</li> <li>Native habitat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor education (4th grade day)</li> <li>School of the Wild (6th grade)</li> <li>Pollinator Day (multi-generational)</li> <li>Soil health</li> <li>Water quality</li> <li>Adult education program</li> <li>Conservation Coffee</li> <li>Connect to STEM K12 requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soil bank erosion</li> <li>Oxbow restoration</li> <li>Wetland restoration</li> <li>Buffer strips along drainage ditches</li> <li>Two-tier drainage ditches</li> <li>Saturated buffer</li> <li>Perennial crops</li> <li>Cover crops</li> </ul>

**Region 6: Marshalltown** (Hardin, Marshall, Poweshiek, Tama)

**Attendance:** 15

**Chair:** Mike Stegmann

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa’s statewide sales tax and to not replace it with existing funds. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports REAP funding to increase to cost of living until 2046. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports funding REAP at \$30 million. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More funds available to maintain and enhance existing infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More opportunities to connect to CORE curriculum</li> <li>• More opportunities to get kids out in nature (School of the Wild, Camps, overnight experiences)</li> <li>• Printed materials for school kids and adults</li> <li>• Apps to help draw new people in (Geocache, plants, star map, birds/bird call)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More conservation practices (cover crops/no till)</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education for new users as to what is available at the parks they are at and other area parks</li> <li>• Prioritize information on social media to reach new people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate adults so they can guide kids in outdoor experiences</li> <li>• Women and/or other groups benefit from specific outreach/education/groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support nutrient reduction (more broad support)</li> </ul>

Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of land and water quality</li> <li>• With additional funding add improvements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revitalize parks to make them ADA accessible</li> <li>• Focus on keeping these new people engaged while we have their attention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturated buffer/bioreactors (including education)</li> <li>• Coordinators for these programs (salesmen)</li> </ul>

**Region 7: Cedar Falls** (Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Grundy)

**Attendance:** 42

**Chair:** Roger White

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP and renew the program. Vote: Yes: majority, No: 1. Motion carried.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax, including keeping the formula in Chapter 461 intact. Vote: Yes: majority, No: 1. Motion carried.
  - a. Keep Senate File 512 funds available. Vote: No second on the motion. Amendment failed.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax, including keeping Senate File 512 funds intact. Vote: Yes: majority, No: 8. Motion carried.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrooms</li> <li>• Access (road closed)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All walking</li> <li>○ Not maintained</li> <li>○ Signage</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Capacity to serve demand</li> <li>• Funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community conservation programs within town</li> <li>• Environmental Education coordination at the state level</li> <li>• Programming to enhance and expose people to local areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DT buildings, historic districts, update facades</li> <li>• Museum anti-facts/collections display cases</li> <li>• General filing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add watershed coordinators and projects</li> <li>• Prioritize funding for water quality and conservation</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus tours/schools need qualified volunteers</li> <li>• Engaging younger volunteers to replace older volunteers</li> <li>• Evaluations of grant applications - need additional help writing grants</li> <li>• Destination maps statewide</li> <li>• “Step” ideas/information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWCD coordinators and projects</li> <li>• Edge of field conservation</li> <li>• Enhance funding for roadside management/programs/seeds/all of it</li> <li>• Source water protection</li> <li>• Protection of fragile soil areas</li> <li>• Carbon sequestration</li> <li>• Anything/everything for water quality including education</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manners of users (equity)</li> <li>• Not aware of the asset and types of opportunities</li> <li>• High interest (will repeat)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach out to older populations and other groups that may not be reached</li> <li>• Reach under-reached populations through school districts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need more funding</li> <li>• Work with the National Register</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetlands</li> <li>• Edge of field</li> <li>• Funding</li> <li>• Manure management/livestock - ongoing education</li> <li>• Keeping rain water at sites</li> <li>• Prairie strips</li> <li>• Structural improvements</li> <li>• Urban runoff treatment</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa’s natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance support (infrastructure)</li> <li>• Capacity - for new and continued support</li> <li>• Fund the Trust</li> <li>• Separate motorized and non-motorized in parks</li> <li>• Maintain integrity of natural/wildlife areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get everyone outside</li> <li>• Wellness inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised matrix</li> <li>• IWILL - fund it without reducing income tax</li> <li>• Same pie distribution</li> <li>• Do not take out Senate File 512</li> <li>• Hot zones/Food deserts</li> <li>• Better coordination with USDA and farm service agencies</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Renew REAP - \$20 Million</li> </ul>

**Region 8: Maquoketa** (Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson)

**Attendance:** 23

**Chair:** Brian Preston

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP and increasing the funds. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well maintained amenities needed (updated maintenance funding )</li> <li>• Money for fun but not upkeep (ie. restrooms)</li> <li>• Lakes for fishing and other related recreation around it. River not always dependable or levels up and down.</li> <li>• Trailheads and trails</li> <li>• Rivers are hard to get to and trails do not go to rivers</li> <li>• Boat access to Wapsi and all interior rivers</li> <li>• Equitable and accessible</li> <li>• Cabins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings - help for infrastructure of museum building in addition to National Register listed buildings</li> <li>• Archives are important</li> <li>• Historical/cultural landscapes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water capacity</li> <li>• Contamination and nitrates (forever chemicals)</li> <li>• Flashiness of rivers</li> <li>• Disaster preparation and planning through native plantings</li> <li>• Water rights</li> <li>• Urban sprawl</li> <li>• Soil health and carbon capture</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uninformed about resources available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More funding is needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complexity of process to get funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water testing (river and wells)</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoyed the experiences</li> <li>• Surprised at how much fun it was</li> <li>• Didn't know this was here</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address the barriers to access by helping fund transportation</li> <li>• Bussing for urban-based youth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Find ways to make it easier</li> <li>○ Streamline if requesting a smaller amount</li> <li>• Help with Derecho affected properties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully fund REAP</li> <li>• Management improvement</li> <li>• Increase in private land funding</li> <li>• Establish water quality rights</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural areas are getting cheated, not always fair when looking at per capita</li> <li>• Harder for small towns to do projects</li> <li>• Small towns don't always have the expertise</li> <li>• People from large cities come to rural towns to recreate</li> <li>• Everything more expensive is never funded fully</li> <li>• Greater demands for outdoor recreation so there needs to be more funding</li> <li>• Equitably distributed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase education on climate change impacts</li> <li>• Increase education with young adults and teens</li> <li>• Get the education system to value environmental GD and Hunter Safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help preserve historic buildings</li> <li>• Need help with streamlining if a grant is requesting a smaller amount</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully fund REAP through IWILL</li> <li>• Education for stewardship</li> <li>• Regenerative</li> <li>• Increase native plantings</li> <li>• Encourage interest</li> </ul>

## Region 9: Muscatine (Muscatine, Scott)

**Attendance:** 6

**Chair:** Roger Kean

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native flor, fungi and fauna observational activities</li> <li>• Sustainable practices</li> <li>• Trails and connectivity</li> <li>• Campgrounds</li> <li>• Cabins</li> <li>• Citizen science projects</li> <li>• A different style of outdoor recreation (wifi, campgrounds, destination)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seniors/senior groups</li> <li>• Rural Towns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeological and anthropological archives (ie. Mississippian Mound Cultures, Cooks Point on the Davenport Riverfront)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasive species in the road ditches (Phragmites)</li> <li>• It will take thousands of years to meet the goal of 45% reduction in nutrient load</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with bus costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning/filtering are not working well enough as each improvement is met with more polluting</li> <li>• Need better/different incentives</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hands on events/workshops on topics (fishing, ponds, etc)</li> <li>• Apps, videos and social media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland in 5-1 years will be gone</li> <li>• Shifting baseline syndrome</li> <li>• Lack of interest from applicants on natural resource projects</li> </ul>

**Region 10: Oxford** (Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Washington)

**Attendance:** 16

**Chair:** Sherri Proud

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa’s statewide sales tax, including keeping the current formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connectivity -bike trails</li> <li>• Restrooms</li> <li>• Remote camping/facilities</li> <li>• Bike facilities (trails of all types and support facilities)</li> <li>• ADA facilities</li> <li>• Water access</li> <li>• Additional land</li> <li>• DEI - diversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social media influencers</li> <li>• Community connection/ambassadors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derecho recovery</li> <li>• Invasive species - plants/insects/pathogens</li> <li>• Urban sprawl</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I didn’t know this place was here?</li> <li>• Are there other offerings?</li> <li>• How do I ___ type of recreation?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide transportation</li> <li>• Provide summer camps in every county at least 1 week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase funding for Derecho recovery grants</li> <li>• Increase funding for native plantings/invasive species management</li> <li>• Fully fund IWILL through REAP</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa’s natural

at the current funding level and at a higher level?	perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.		resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land acquisition</li> <li>• Keep parks free</li> <li>• Reduce maintenance backlog</li> <li>• Keep trails free</li> <li>• Trails and connections</li> <li>• Advocacy and outreach</li> <li>• Fully fund and keep the formula</li> <li>• Fund the Trust</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More intense (longer) exposure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure grant recipients provide longevity of project</li> <li>• Higher funding for T&amp;E work, protect waterways and buffers, wildlife corridors</li> <li>• Increase public land acquisitions (including easements)</li> </ul>

**Region 11: West Des Moines** (Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Marion, Polk, Story, Warren)

**Attendance:** 19

**Chair:** Amber Markham

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date. Vote: Carried.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offersings?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails - shape and condition</li> <li>• Access for different demographics</li> <li>• What's available (ie. differences in primitive)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate adults within agencies on natural resources (ex DOT, TRVM, etc.. and others)</li> <li>• Volunteer monitor training (beyond E-Bird and INAT)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscapes</li> <li>• Archaeological</li> <li>• Historic preservation of relationship between people and the land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth /urban sprawl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Large farms</li> <li>○ Stormwater</li> <li>○ Pesticides</li> <li>○ Nutrient loads</li> <li>○ Habitat loss</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change</li> <li>• Sequestration/capture</li> <li>• Water quantity/quality</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It could be better</li> <li>• Better signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combine Tech (ie YouTube) with hands/on minds on to get more people involved.</li> <li>• Learn social media and use it better</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural assessment is an opportunity</li> <li>• Funding is a challenge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted land acquisition focused on unproductive/wet/flood plains</li> <li>• Resiliency</li> <li>• Targeted land use/green infrastructure</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Expansion of infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with people</li> <li>• It takes more than publications and websites</li> <li>• Fund people, organizations and creative approaches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program does a good job on outreach</li> <li>• Future generations need to get involved somehow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quantity/quality</li> <li>• Crop conversions</li> <li>• Agricultural practices</li> <li>• BMPs</li> <li>• Wetlands</li> <li>• Forest health - invasion and infiltration</li> <li>• Enforcement of regulations</li> <li>• Additional professional staff</li> <li>• Erosion/sediment control</li> <li>• Fund (IWILL, ARPA, etc)</li> </ul>

**Region 12: Carroll** (Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie, Sac)

**Attendance:** 8

**Chair:** Fred Long

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP and annually adjusting for inflation. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.

- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous
- 5) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress support the creation of a citizen water quality education and monitoring program. Vote: Unanimous

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offerings?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabins at various locations</li> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• More camping across the counties there are full campground snow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality (more filters near water sources)</li> <li>• Specifically agriculture related               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not farming so close to water sources</li> <li>○ Less applications of fertilizer/pesticides, mature</li> <li>○ Bioretention, rain barrels, green infrastructure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People finding out about county parks that didn't know before</li> <li>• Trails and trail use</li> <li>• Camping resources and trail resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More education to farmers on BMPs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cover crops, no-till filter strips, buffer strips and bioreactors</li> <li>○ Basic water quality education</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher



	conservation.		level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variety of needs/wants</li> <li>Maintenance of trails</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase education</li> <li>At higher level of funding do education and practice implementation</li> </ul>

**Region 13: Hamburg** (Fremont, Mill, Montgomery, Page)

**Attendance:** 10

**Chair:** Jared Getter

**Approved Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress add small, medium and large categories for the County Conservation grant program. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports counties having an increased ability to voice approval on whether confinements are allowed. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More water (new lakes and more that need restoration and wetlands)</li> <li>Water attractions would be fully used</li> <li>Small level lakes have restoration needs</li> <li>Hard-surfaced trails</li> <li>More campground opportunities with full-hookups and cabins</li> <li>Soft surfaced trails and dispersed camping</li> <li>Funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we	What are the conservation investments that could be

participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	audiences?	face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substitute for farther travels or planning</li> <li>• Didn't know it existed</li> <li>• Interest on new connections</li> <li>• More modern amenities</li> <li>• Outfitters needed, places to rent equipment or places to stay</li> <li>• Want things to be easy</li> <li>• Wayfinding and interpretation of rules and regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grow it and make people more aware of resources</li> <li>• Catch up the backlog of maintenance and infrastructure</li> <li>• Accessibility and easier information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean useful water - flooding impact this</li> <li>• Hunting and R3 efforts fund Natural Resource efforts</li> <li>• ESD rules and regulations for permitting</li> <li>• Master matrix MMPs</li> <li>• Increase staffing to catch the issues -difficult to do when staff are thin</li> </ul>

**Region 14: Afton** (Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, Union)

**Attendance:** 7

**Chair:** Kate Zimmerman

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.

4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa’s statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offerings?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year round cabins/campsites</li> <li>• facility upgrades</li> <li>• Trails</li> <li>• Passive recreation</li> <li>• Youth activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scenic byways</li> <li>• Open spaces</li> <li>• Knowledge - employees</li> <li>• Museums</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overuse</li> <li>• Water quality</li> <li>• Soil health</li> <li>• Water supply</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa’s natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding IWILL and REAP</li> <li>• Diversity of Agricultural land (no monoculture of corn and beans)</li> </ul>

**Region 15: Oskaloosa** (Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Van Buren, Wapello)

**Attendance:** 5

**Chair:** Rick Tebbs

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa’s statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

Outdoor Recreation	Conservation Education	Historic Preservation	Natural Resources Conservation
What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More trails and trail connections</li> <li>• More trails on natural areas like wildlife areas</li> <li>• More amenities</li> <li>• Aging infrastructure needs repaired and updated</li> <li>• More campgrounds more than enough people to fill them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I didn’t not know this area was here?</li> <li>• Many plates at Maskunkya Marsh from out of county/state. Parks and natural areas bring money to communities.</li> <li>• Lots of people on the trails, new users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks are heavily used, people looking for places to go</li> </ul>			
Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?	What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.	What does the program do well? How can the program improve?	Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa's natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails and trail work</li> <li>• Maintenance for existing facilities</li> <li>• Improvements to communications to let people know where things are (websites, brochures)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>

**Region 16: Burlington** (Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa)

**Attendance:** 22

**Chair:** Al Ourth

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date for permanent authorization. Vote: Unanimous.
- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP from the state's surplus. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports keeping the REAP formula intact. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

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What are the gaps you see across your region in outdoor recreation amenities/offering?	Knowing that more Iowans took to the outdoors in 2020/2021, what are new areas to consider for outreach and education or existing efforts that should/could be expended upon?	Thinking of all manner of historic resources (buildings, landscapes, museum artifacts, archaeological resources, archives, etc.) which do you think are most in need of attention and support?	What are the emerging issues and/or opportunities in your region that conservation practices need to address to be prepared for the future?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi use trails/connections</li> <li>• Outdated amenities</li> <li>• Access to rivers, natural areas and trails</li> <li>• Destinations</li> <li>• Better fisheries, no large lakes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prairies are misunderstood as working land but many ecosystem services are at work</li> <li>• Prairies are great learning opportunities</li> <li>• Ecology of prairies can connect to urban ecology/pollinators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most need/support are with digitizing (newspapers)</li> <li>• National historic site nominations</li> <li>• Underserved is Native American history</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riparian buffers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nutrient load - N, P</li> <li>○ Slow down water</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wetlands</li> <li>• Increase native vegetation for resiliency</li> </ul>
What are you hearing from people who may have participated in some form of outdoor recreation for the first time in 2020/2021?	How can we move the concepts of conservation to broader audiences?	What are the challenges for historic preservation that we face in the next 5-10 years. What are the opportunities or top priorities?	What are the conservation investments that could be implemented to achieve the desired result?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of new people in parks</li> <li>• More campers</li> <li>• More people know about the parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field trips</li> <li>• Get into the schools</li> <li>• Service learning opportunities in High School and community groups</li> <li>• Break transportation barriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Losing original resources (documents, trail markers)</li> <li>• Historic documents both digitized and indexed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase funding for investments (awareness and education)</li> <li>• Funding IWILL</li> <li>• No sunset on REAP</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure funds for small amenities</li> <li>• Trails</li> <li>• Public/Private partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repetition</li> <li>• Relationship building/trust</li> <li>• Safe spaces (maps/hiking clubs)</li> <li>• Focus on coordinated statewide efforts (ie IPN holds 25 prairie walks simultaneously statewide)</li> <li>• Implement EE Standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is good that local entities have a say</li> <li>• We need more money</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target of N, P runoff decrease</li> <li>• Awareness of targets</li> <li>• Watershed resiliency - native plants vs. noxious weeds</li> <li>• Urban/rural</li> <li>• Full system watershed approach</li> </ul>

**Region 17: Council Bluffs** (Cass, Harrison, Pottawattamie, Shelby)

**Attendance:** 9

**Chair:** Bob Zimmerman

**Motions:**

- 1) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding REAP. Vote: Unanimous.
- 2) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports removing the REAP sunset date for permanent authorization. Vote: Unanimous.

- 3) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of a 3/8th of a percent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax. Vote: Unanimous.
- 4) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation placing signs on every bridge in Iowa to denote the stream name. Vote: Unanimous.
- 5) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress supports the continuation of the timber reserve status law as currently written. Vote: Unanimous.
- 6) This REAP Assembly recommends that the 2022 REAP Congress support the investigation of a private lands program for unique areas such as the Loess bluffs, fens, endangered species habitat or landforms and remnant prairies. Vote: Unanimous.

**Small Group Responses:**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality - erosion mitigations programs both urban and rural</li> <li>• Pollinator habitat - need more and diversity of urban and rural</li> <li>• Disappearance of Loess Hills remnant prairies</li> <li>• Preservation of Loess Hills Bluffs facing the river</li> <li>• Wildlife corridors to connect the habitats with a docs of matrix of habitat</li> <li>• Mandatory buffer strips along streams</li> <li>• Redeveloping underutilized lawn grass into habitats</li> <li>• Focus on what we do positively - market what we have and what we do good</li> </ul>
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<p>Where do you believe the focus should be for outdoor recreation in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?</p>	<p>What are educational approaches/tools that we should consider to help overcome the perceived barriers some Iowans have to help get them engaged in outdoor recreation and conservation.</p>	<p>What does the program do well? How can the program improve?</p>	<p>Where do you believe the focus should be for conservation of Iowa’s natural resources in the next 5 years at the current funding level and at a higher level?</p>
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**Region 18: Chariton** (Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne)

**Attendance:** 6

**Chair:** Dale Garner

**Motions:** Those assembled made no motions.

**Small Group Responses:**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connective trails</li> <li>Additional public lands</li> <li>Urban connective (sidewalks)</li> <li>Open space (playgrounds that are ADA)</li> <li>Trails in public hunting - access</li> <li>More county parks with more camping site and amenities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding education - how to be an advocate</li> <li>Digital media platforms</li> <li>Increase signage, type and location</li> <li>New farmer education</li> <li>Native plants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mormon trail preservation</li> <li>Increased funding</li> <li>Signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of people/funds</li> <li>Education/advocacy - native plants and management techniques</li> <li>Conserving Soil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve funding for practices, P loads</li> <li>Water quality/quantity - N loads</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tree plantings - agroforestry (carbon credits and fruit production)</li> </ul>
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## Virtual Session

**Attendance:** 8

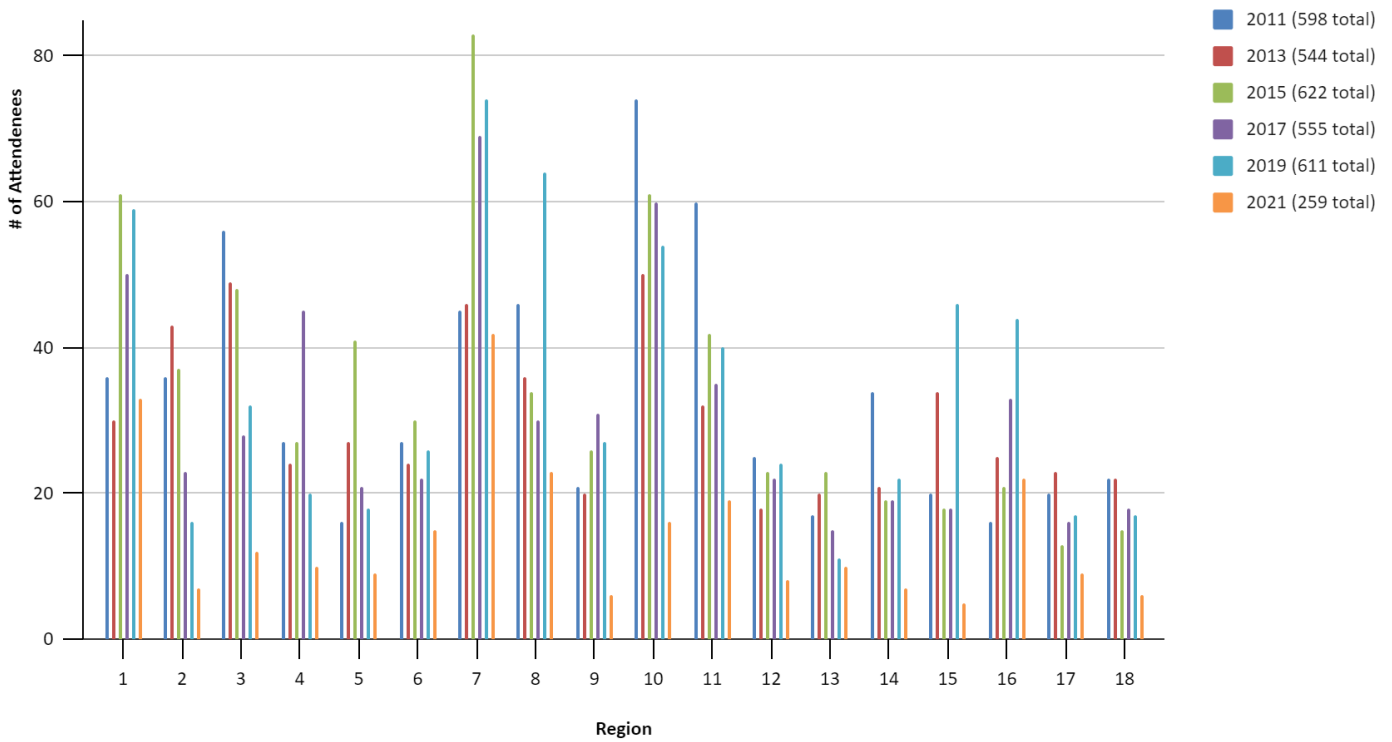
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make more parks more accessible, welcoming and inclusive</li> <li>• Expand and provide opportunities for people of color, people who don't spend much time outdoors</li> <li>• New programs targeting new people</li> <li>• Access to trails, a lot of people riding in the right-of-ways of the roads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the common good and how do we meet people there? Where are they at?</li> <li>• We always set goals and send them out without figuring out where the people are</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being able to interview or capture stories from older Iowans. Capturing information from younger Iowans who are making history every day</li> <li>• Focusing on more than just reverting the building, focusing on recreating the landscape back to natural landscape that was there when the facility was built (native prairie, oak savanna, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality - water is life and it needs to be in high quality</li> <li>• Invasive species pressure</li> <li>• Need to plant climate resilient species</li> <li>• Increasing carbon sinks. How do we use REAP as an incentive to improve carbon sinks</li> <li>• Management practices that will likely be dual purpose for managing invasive, forests, enhancing outdoor experience, but with proper management it will also be a carbon sink</li> <li>• Southern Iowa, 3 major streams with major streambank change. Good control of land beyond the stream bank, but need to be concerned about the actual erosion of the bank</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail connectivity</li> <li>• Lack of public lands (Ex. Chicago has big areas of public lands with trails for all season activities)</li> <li>• More recreation trails in NE Iowa</li> <li>• Disconnect with people who grow up in Iowa, don't explore Iowa</li> <li>• Need better marketing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tools are out there to help tell stories, to help others and us to tell stories.</li> <li>• Try new things</li> <li>• Civilian Climate Corps - stepping stone for career development.</li> <li>• Find people who want to be involved and connect them</li> <li>• Find and utilize local conservation influencers on social media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Discussed at this Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on water quality and private land/urban areas that use things to green lawns. Need to work to clean the water before it impacts the water ways.</li> <li>• More support for source water protection, especially for private well owners and PFAS</li> </ul>

**Recent REAP Assembly Attendance:**

## REAP Assembly Attendance 2011-2021



- **In 2021 a virtual option was offered with 8 attendees. These attendees did not propose motions to Congress and delegates were not selected. They are not included in the total in the chart above.**
- **17% of Attendees in 2021 attended a REAP Assembly for the first time.**

### 2021 REAP Assembly Locations and schedule

