



## Groundwater Protection Fund

The Groundwater Protection Fund was created by the 1987 General Assembly and is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Fund is detailed in Iowa Code section 455E.11. The intent is to prevent groundwater contamination from point and nonpoint sources and to restore the groundwater to a potable state, regardless of present condition, use, or characteristics.

### Fund Account Revenue

The Fund is divided into four accounts; each varies in purpose and funding. Account revenue streams are outlined below:

- **Storage Tank Account** fees are paid by owners and operators of underground storage tanks in existence on or before July 1, 1985.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Account** fees are paid by retailers selling products containing household hazardous waste materials and from penalties for violations involving hazardous waste, air pollution, water quality, and underground storage tanks.
- **Agriculture Management Account** fees are paid from nitrogen-based fertilizer sales, license fees from pesticides dealers, and registration fees for the sale of pesticides.
- **Solid Waste Account** tonnage fees are paid by sanitary landfills.

### Annual Appropriations

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee made the following appropriations to Groundwater Protection Fund Programs for FY 2013:

- \$100,303 for the Storage Tanks Study.
- \$447,324 for the Household Hazardous Waste Program.
- \$62,461 for administration of the Private Well Testing Program.
- \$1,686,751 for Groundwater Monitoring.
- \$618,993 for the Landfill Alternatives Program.
- \$192,500 for the Waste Reduction and Assistance Program.
- \$297,500 for the Geographic Information System Program.
- \$50,000 for the Solid Waste Authorization Program.

### Programs Funded by Account

- **Storage Tank Account** funds are used by the DNR for administration of the Underground Storage Tank Fund and remaining funds are transferred to the Iowa Comprehensive Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Account** funds are used by the DNR to administer programs and for toxic cleanup days. Programs include coordinating the collection of hazardous waste at the 26 Regional Collection Centers located around Iowa and the administration of a household hazardous materials permit program by the Department of Revenue.
- **Agriculture Management Account** funds are allocated to programs that research, test, and prevent the contamination of groundwater due to pesticides and fertilizers. The Leopold Center receives funding for sustainable agriculture practices at Iowa State University. Counties receive grants for private well water testing and, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship receives funds for the closure of agriculture drainage wells. Finally, the University of Iowa Hygienic Lab and the Center for Health Effects on Environmental Contamination at the University of Northern Iowa each receive a portion of account resources.
- **Solid Waste Account** funds are allocated to programs for recycling, developing solid waste alternatives, and proper waste management. In total, 15 different programs are funded through this account. The two largest portions are used for the administration and enforcement of the groundwater monitoring program and the Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP). The SWAP provides grants for solid waste source reduction, recycling, and education. Funds are also used for the Iowa Waste Reduction Center, permanent household hazardous waste collection sites, toxic cleanup days, regional collection sites, research for by-products, and waste research.
- The Departments of Public Health and the Economic Development Authority receive funding for specific programs.

### More Information

Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/Schedules/committee.aspx?GA=84&CID=33>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>

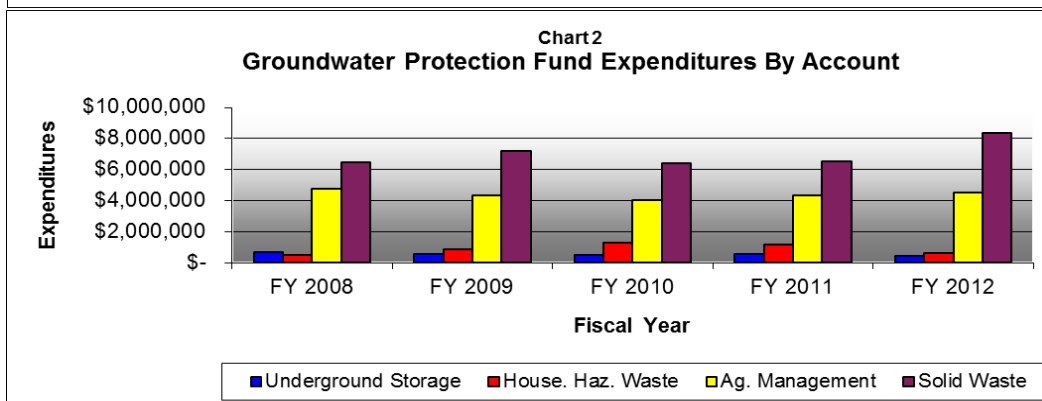
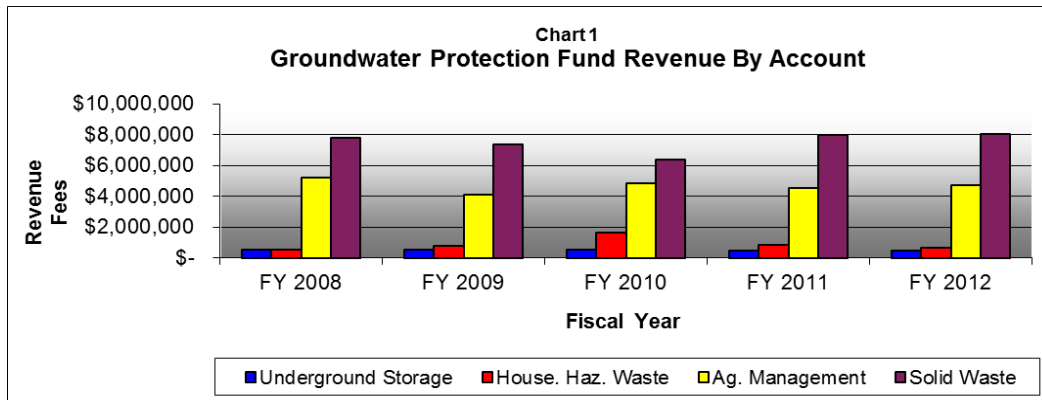
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## Ending Balances

**Table 1** details the revenues and expenditures in the Groundwater Protection Fund over the past five years. The carryforward has increased from \$6.6 million in FY 2008 to \$8.8 million in FY 2012. **Charts 1** and **2** provide a graphic depiction of five years of revenue and expenditures for the Groundwater Protection Fund.

<b>TABLE 1 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND HISTORY</b>					
	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>
<b>BALANCE CARRY FORWARD</b>	<b>\$ 4,977,040</b>	<b>\$ 6,623,965</b>	<b>\$ 6,480,794</b>	<b>\$ 7,612,348</b>	<b>\$ 8,863,587</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Underground Storage Account	\$ 514,437	\$ 515,181	\$ 504,327	\$ 485,791	\$ 494,322
HHW Account	514,819	801,066	1,621,210	865,802	653,790
Ag. Management Account	5,220,148	4,110,622	4,811,060	4,511,238	4,705,044
Solid Waste Account	7,806,571	7,385,238	6,388,346	7,968,734	8,045,169
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 14,055,975</b>	<b>\$ 12,812,107</b>	<b>\$ 13,324,943</b>	<b>\$ 13,831,565</b>	<b>\$ 13,898,325</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 19,033,014</b>	<b>\$ 19,436,072</b>	<b>\$ 19,805,737</b>	<b>\$ 21,443,913</b>	<b>\$ 22,761,912</b>
Underground Storage Account	\$ 668,793	\$ 547,036	\$ 483,314	\$ 538,658	\$ 468,128
HHW Account	477,359	868,343	1,264,215	1,197,500	648,980
Ag. Management Account	4,760,466	4,334,506	4,060,738	4,315,979	4,536,364
Solid Waste Account	6,502,431	7,205,393	6,385,121	6,528,189	8,335,446
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 12,409,049</b>	<b>\$ 12,955,278</b>	<b>\$ 12,193,388</b>	<b>\$ 12,580,327</b>	<b>\$ 13,988,918</b>
<b>BALANCE CARRY FORWARD</b>	<b>\$ 6,623,965</b>	<b>\$ 6,480,794</b>	<b>\$ 7,612,348</b>	<b>\$ 8,863,587</b>	<b>\$ 8,772,994</b>



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### Complete List of Programs

**Table 2** provides a list of all programs funded through the GWPF, and hyperlinks to program websites. Program titles without hyperlinks do not have a current webpage. Each account contributes to the Iowa Department of Public Health for pesticide poisoning tracking, an additional program not listed below.

**Table 2  
Groundwater Protection Fund Programs by Account**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Program</b>
<b>Solid Waste Account</b>	<a href="#">Administration, Monitoring and Enforcement</a> <a href="#">Iowa Waste Reduction Center</a> <a href="#">Iowa Waste Exchange Grants</a> <a href="#">Regional Collection Centers</a> Regional Collection Centers Collection and Transportation Toxic Cleanup Days and Geographical Information Systems Transfer to the Economic Development Authority <a href="#">Pollution Prevention Services Program</a> <a href="#">Beautification Grant Assistance Program</a> <a href="#">Special Waste Authorization Program</a> <a href="#">Iowa Waste Exchange</a> <a href="#">Derelict Buildings Program</a> <a href="#">Environmental Management Systems Grants</a> <a href="#">Solid Waste Alternatives Program</a>
<b>Agriculture Management Account</b>	Annual Pesticide Poisoning Surveillance Report <a href="#">Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination</a> <a href="#">Leopold Center</a> <a href="#">State Hygienic Lab</a> Rural Water Supply Grant Administration <a href="#">Rural Well Testing Grants to Counties</a> <a href="#">Agriculture Drainage Well Closure</a>
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Account</b>	Household Hazardous Materials Permit Administration Regional Collection Centers
<b>Storage Tank Account</b>	Underground Storage Tank Program Administration