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Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund

The Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund was created by 1989 Iowa Acts, chapter [236](#), to protect Iowa's natural resources. Since FY 1992, the REAP Program has received an annual standing appropriation of up to \$20.0 million from the General Fund. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the REAP funds.

Purpose of Fund

The REAP Program is a long-term integrated effort to use and protect Iowa's natural resources. This is accomplished by purchasing and managing land for public use, upgrading public parks, and providing environmental education, monitoring, and research.

Public Participation

The public is involved with REAP in a number of ways. These include:

- There are REAP committees in most of the counties that coordinate REAP projects.
- There are 18 REAP regional assemblies held around the State during odd-numbered years. These meetings allow the public to comment on regional plans using REAP funding.
- There is a REAP Congress that meets in even-numbered years. Each regional assembly elects five delegates to serve on the statewide REAP Congress. The 85 members discuss and finalize recommendations that are made to the Governor, the General Assembly, and other State agencies.

Funding

The REAP Fund receives revenue from several State, federal, and private sources. This includes an appropriation from the Environment First Fund and receipts from the sale of REAP license plates.

Fund Formula

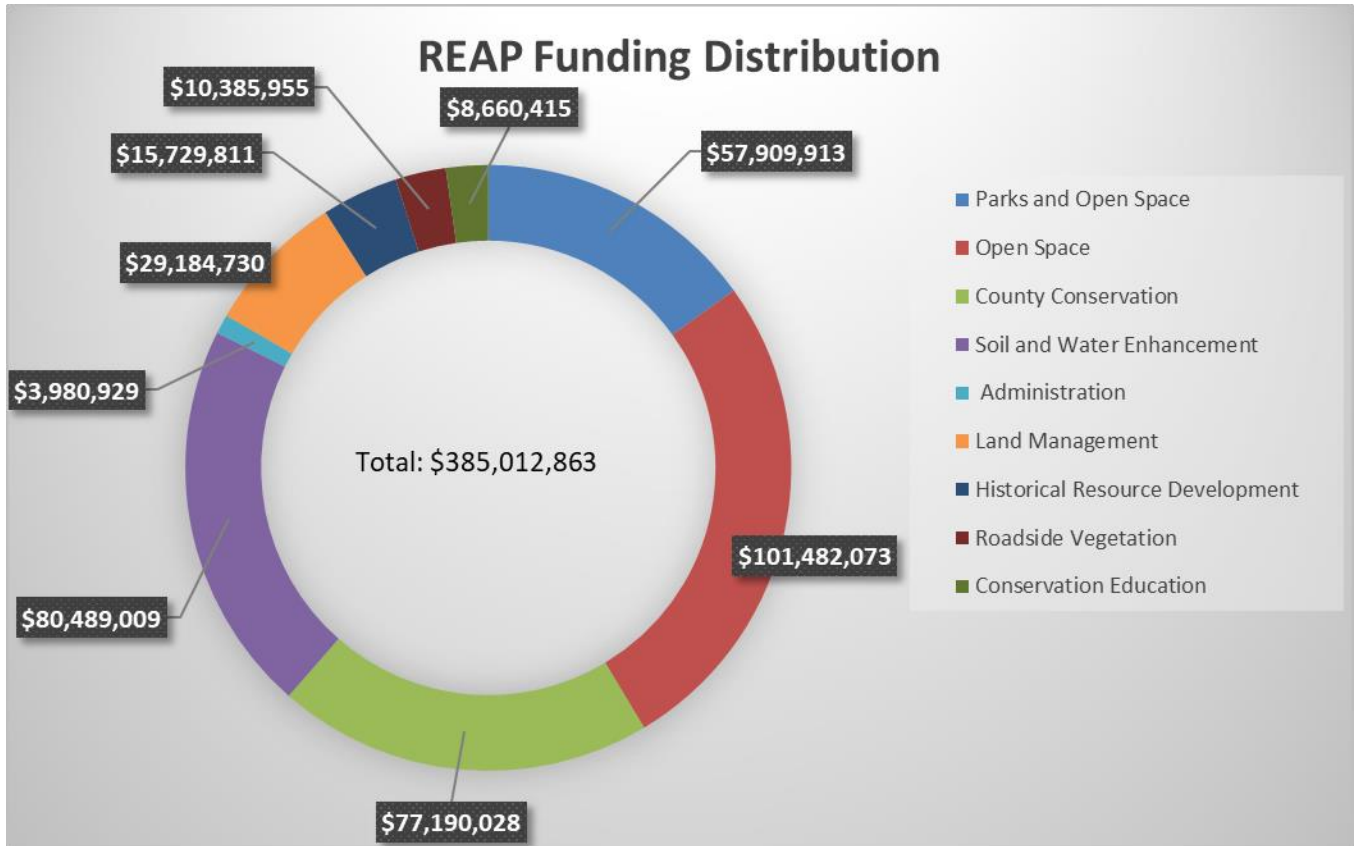
Iowa Code chapter [455A.19](#) defines how funds received for REAP are distributed. This is also known as the REAP formula. Of the total receipts, \$350,000 is allocated to the DNR for educational grants and 1.0% is allocated to the DNR for program administration. The remaining receipts are allocated as follows:

- 28.0% to the DNR for the Open Spaces Account.
- 20.0% to County Conservation Boards.
- 20.0% to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for soil and water conservation projects.
- 15.0% for city park projects.
- 9.0% to the DNR for land management and maintenance.
- 5.0% to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the Historical Resource Development Program.
- 3.0% to the Department of Transportation for roadside vegetation projects.

More Information

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP): www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/REAP
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The following chart shows how much has been distributed to each portion of the REAP formula since the creation of the fund.



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