

## Rivers and Waterways study committee – Proposed Recommendation

Recommend directing the Department of Natural Resources to develop a plan and recommend funding for river restoration projects that are designed to achieve the following goals:

- (1) Ensure a cost-effective, positive return on investment for the citizens of Iowa.
- (2) Ensure local community commitment to river and watershed protection.
- (3) Ensure significant improvement in water clarity, safety, and quality of Iowa rivers.
- (4) Provide for a sustainable, healthy, functioning river system.
- (5) Improve river recreation access and habitat for fishing, hunting and wildlife.
- (6) Result in the removal of the river segment from the impaired waters list.

The process and criteria used by the department to recommend projects shall be similar that used for lake restoration in terms of biologic controls, reduction in the delivery of sediment and nutrients, safety, biota, and sustainability.