

Recommendation of the Iowa Rivers and Waterway Interim Study Committee--

In light of the information this interim committee has received from agencies, landowners and with other involved entities in river restoration, plus the amount of interest this issue has generated in public comments from Iowans across the state, we feel that it is clear that river and waterway restoration is necessary, that it will provide numerous benefits to water quality and wildlife habitat in Iowa, and should be a focus of state government.

To that end, we move that the committee make the following recommendations:

- **That DNR and IDALS, in collaboration with other involved entities, develop a plan that builds upon current and emergent efforts and related programs to identify and facilitate meaningful and effective river restoration priorities.**
- **That DNR and IDALS continue to initiate and cooperate in demonstration projects with local landowners and watershed groups to provide examples of options and outcomes that could address a range of restoration needs and opportunities.**