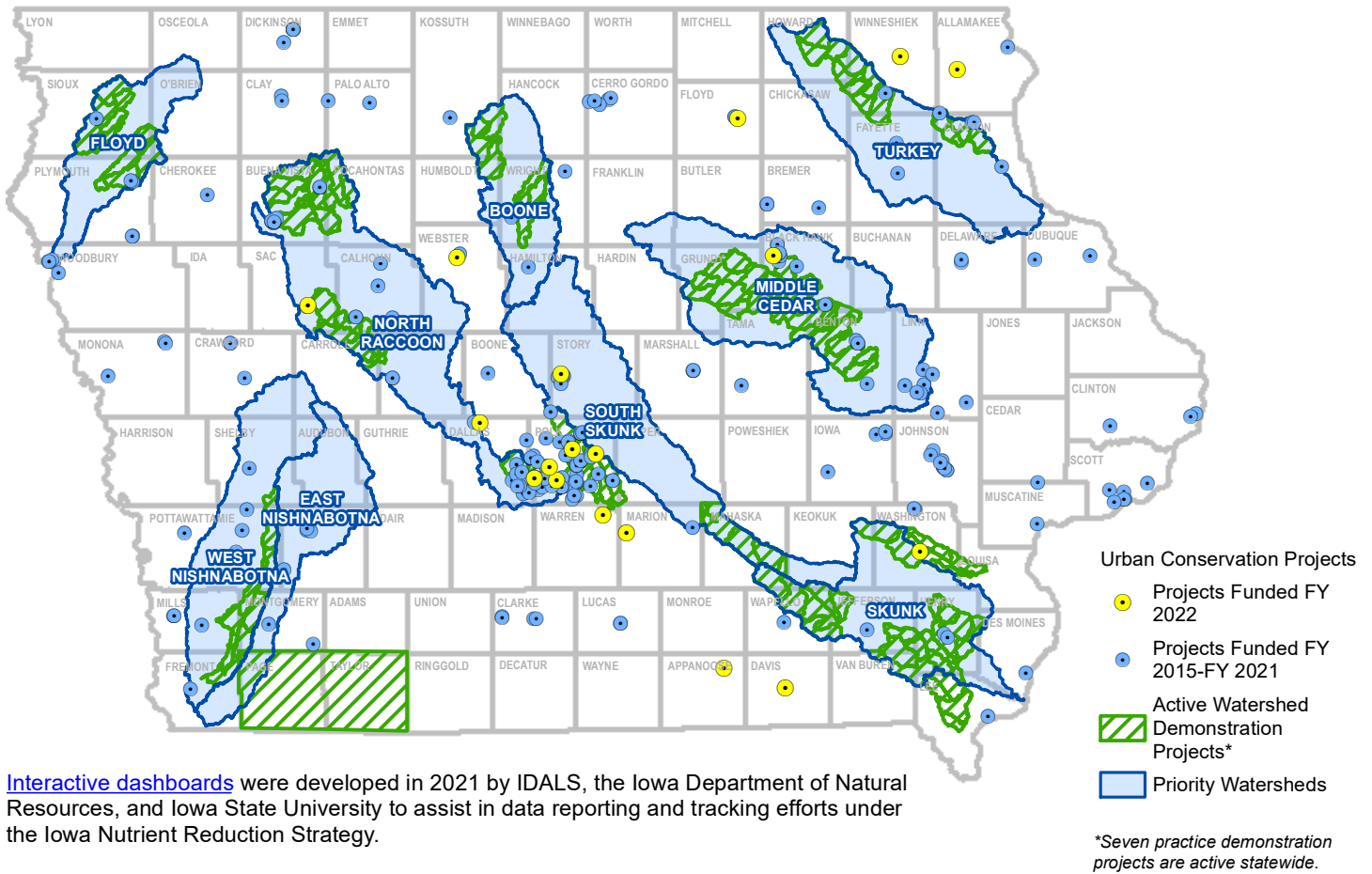


Water Quality Initiative (WQI) Projects — FY 2022

The Water Quality Initiative Program and the corresponding Water Quality Initiative Fund were created in [SF 435](#) (FY 2014 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) to help implement the Nutrient Reduction Strategy. The Nutrient Reduction Strategy is a science-and technology-based approach with the goal of achieving a 45.0% reduction in nitrogen and phosphorus losses to Iowa waters. The strategy brings together both point sources, such as municipal wastewater treatment plants and industrial facilities, and nonpoint sources, including farm fields and urban storm water runoff, to address these issues.

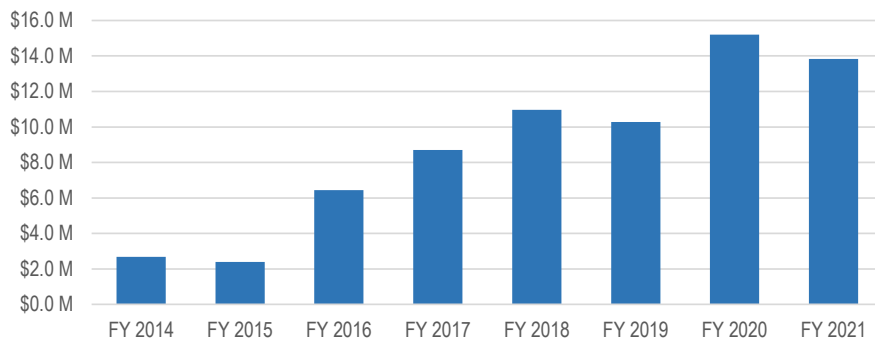
The Water Quality Initiative provides funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the Water Resources Coordinating Council. The Program is administered by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). Funding has come from various sources since the Water Quality Initiative began. The Program has received appropriations from the General Fund, Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF), Environment First Fund (EFF), and Groundwater Protection Fund (GPF).

WQI Projects — FY 2013-FY 2022



[Interactive dashboards](#) were developed in 2021 by IDALS, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Iowa State University to assist in data reporting and tracking efforts under the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

WQI Expenditures — FY 2013-FY 2021



In FY 2022:

17 Urban Conservation Projects Funded
\$1.9 M in Funding

6 Watershed and Practice Demonstration Projects Funded
\$1.9 M in Funding

Source: Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS); U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service; Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals; LSA calculations
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