

# **Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill House File 2771**

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**An Act relating to and making appropriations involving State government entities associated with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection, and including contingent effective date provisions.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
Legislative Services Agency**

## **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**FUNDING SUMMARY**

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**General Fund FY 2027:** Appropriates a total of \$46.8 million from the General Fund and 1618.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for FY 2027. This is a net increase of \$150,000 and an increase of 221.1 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2026. The Bill also includes a contingent appropriation of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) for the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program. This appropriation is contingent on the enactment of 2026 Iowa Acts, [HF 2748](#) (Agricultural Programs and Activities Bill).

The General Fund changes include the following:

- An increase of \$350,000 to the DALs Administrative Division.
- An decrease of \$200,000 to the State University of Iowa (SUI) for one-time funding for groundwater planning and resources assessment.

**Other Funds FY 2027:** Appropriates a total of \$101.1 million from other funds. This is a net increase of \$14,000 compared to estimated net FY 2026. This Bill appropriates \$53.1 million from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, \$42.0 million from the Environment First Fund (EFF), \$4.0 million from the Groundwater Protection Fund (GWPF), and \$1.9 million from various other funds.

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42.0 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the EFF, and this Bill appropriates the following amounts to the following departments for FY 2027:

- \$17.3 million to the DALs.
- \$24.0 million to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- \$695,000 to the SUI.

This Bill appropriates \$12.0 million from the EFF to the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund in lieu of the \$20.0 million General Fund standing appropriation in Iowa Code chapter [455A](#) and allocates \$1.0 million from the Open Spaces Account of the REAP to be used for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment for FY 2027. This Bill also appropriates \$375,000 from the EFF for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program in addition to a \$1.5 million appropriation from the General Fund.

## AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS BILL

**NEW PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ACTIVITIES**

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- General Fund — Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program:** Appropriates \$200,000 to the DALs in FY 2027 for the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program, if enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts, [HF 2748](#) (Agricultural Programs and Activities Bill) or successor legislation. Page 6, Line 2
- Other Funds — Groundwater Protection Fund — Water Quality:** Appropriates \$254,000 to the DNR from the GWPF in FY 2027 for water quality. This is a new appropriation and will be used to support the DNR's protection of the State's groundwater and will include administration, regulation, programs, salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes. Page 8, Line 11
- Other Funds — IHR Hydroscience and Engineering — SUI:** Appropriates \$300,000 for FY 2027 from the GWPF to the SUI to support the Iowa Water Quality Information System (IWQIS). This is a new appropriation for FY 2027. Page 12, Line 29

**MAJOR INCREASES/DECREASES/TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS**

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- General Fund — DALs Administrative Division:** Appropriates a total of \$20.7 million and 420.0 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$350,000 and 78.6 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2026. Page 1, Line 5
- Other Funds — Iowa Geological Survey Groundwater Planning and Resource Assessment:** Establishes a new standing appropriation for \$250,000 from the Water Quality Financing Program Fund (WQFPF) appropriation to the SUI Iowa Geological Survey to support groundwater planning and resources assessment. In FY 2026, this assessment received a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000. Page 13, Line 13
- Other Funds — Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund (IADPF) — DALs Foreign Animal Disease Equipment:** Appropriates a total of \$150,000 from the IADPF to the DALs to purchase and maintain equipment to further the implementation of the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy. This is a decrease in funding of \$100,000 compared to estimated net FY 2026. Page 21, Line 35
- Other Funds — IADPF — Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Fund:** Appropriates a total of \$200,000 from the IADPF to the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Fund. This is an increase in funding of \$100,000 compared to estimated net FY 2026. Page 22, Line 9

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**Other Funds — IADPF — DALs Information Technology (IT) Resources:** Appropriates a total of \$160,000 from the IADPF to the DALs for IT upgrades. This is a decrease in funding of \$290,000 compared to estimated net FY 2026.

Page 22, Line 12

**Other Funds — IADPF — ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory:** Appropriates a total of \$150,000 from the IADPF to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to assist in the installation and moving of equipment into its refurbished facility. This is a decrease in funding of \$150,000 compared to estimated net FY 2026.

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### STUDIES AND INTENT

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#### *Intent*

Requires the DALs to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with Iowa State University (ISU) to support the Local Food and Farm Program Coordinator position as part of the University's cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [267A](#).

Page 2, Line 34

Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund to provide funding of insurance premiums from unused sick leave balances of retiring conservation peace officers.

Page 7, Line 21

Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund for salary adjustment costs for FY 2027.

Page 7, Line 27

Specifies that the amount appropriated cannot exceed the total amount of interest and earnings on moneys in the GWPF and its accounts accrued during FY 2027 and the amount appropriated can only be made available after the maximum amount of interest and earnings is made available to the SUI to support groundwater monitoring.

Page 8, Line 25

Specifies that the appropriated amount cannot exceed the total amount of interest and earnings on moneys in the GWPF and its accounts accrued during FY 2027.

Page 13, Line 8

Specifies that the appropriation will be used by the Iowa Geological Survey to map and assess the condition of the State's aquifers to measure the volume of groundwater available for various uses, allocations of groundwater to support those uses, the recharge rate of aquifers, and the development of models for budgeting the State's water resources.

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Allows the DNR to use up to \$1.0 million from the Open Spaces Account for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment in FY 2027. Page 21, Line 16

#### *Nonreversion*

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Dairy Survey Program to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028. Page 2, Line 25

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Local Food and Farm Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028. Page 3, Line 4

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated from the Iowa FFA Association appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028. Page 3, Line 14

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Farmers With Disabilities Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028. Page 4, Line 6

Allows the unexpended funds from the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028. Page 5, Line 30

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028. Page 9, Line 23

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Forestry Health Management appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028. Page 9, Line 32

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the EFF appropriations to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2028 or until a specific project is completed, whichever is earlier. Page 18, Line 6

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the EFF appropriations for soil and water conservation practices to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2030. Page 18, Line 15

Specifies that the Hungry Canyons allocation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund in this Bill is exempt from reversion. Page 18, Line 24

Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund (IADPF) to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028. Page 22, Line 15

#### *Required Reports*

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Requires the DALs to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the Department of Management (DOM) detailing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for DALs administration, regulation, and programs.

Page 1, Line 22

Requires the DNR to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the DOM detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for DNR administration, regulation, and programs.

Page 7, Line 1

#### *Reversion Requirements*

Specifies that any unencumbered or unobligated funds appropriated in FY 2026 to Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) will revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 2027. If moneys are reverted, the SUI is required to transfer to the General Fund from other unencumbered General Fund appropriations or other funds the difference between the amount reverted and the amount appropriated.

Page 12, Line 21

### SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES

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Establishes a new standing appropriation from the Water Quality Financing Program Fund (WQFPF) appropriation to the SUI Iowa Geological Survey to support groundwater planning and resources assessment.

Page 13, Line 13

Repeals the standing appropriation from the WQFPF to the SUI for a groundwater planning and resource assessment on July 1, 2030.

Page 13, Line 28

Adds Japanese Knotweed to the list of noxious weeds in Iowa Code chapter [317](#).

Page 22, Line 33

### EFFECTIVE DATE

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Specifies that Division I, Part B regarding the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program, is effective July 1, 2026, if 2026 Iowa Acts, House File [2748](#) (Agricultural Programs and Activities Bill), or successor legislation, is enacted.

Page 6, Line 12

**House File 2771 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.**

<b>Page #</b>	<b>Line #</b>	<b>Bill Section</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Code Section</b>
13	13	17	Add	16.153.1.d
22	33	27	Add	317.1A.1.a.(13)

1 1 DIVISION I  
 1 2 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
 1 3 PART A  
 1 4 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

1 5 Section 1. GENERAL FUND.

1 6 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
 1 7 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the  
 1 8 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027,  
 1 9 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 1 10 used for the purposes designated:

1 11 For purposes of supporting the department, including its  
 1 12 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for  
 1 13 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and  
 1 14 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
 1 15 ..... \$ 20,727,294  
 1 16 ..... FTEs 420.00

1 17 2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following  
 1 18 amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and  
 1 19 technology to be used for the university's midwest grape and  
 1 20 wine industry institute:

1 21 ..... \$ 325,000

1 22 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of  
 1 23 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department  
 1 24 of management. The report must describe in detail the  
 1 25 expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support  
 1 26 the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

1 27 Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS —  
 1 28 HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys  
 1 29 available under section 99D.13 to the department of agriculture  
 1 30 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 1 31 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so  
 1 32 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 1 33 designated:

1 34 For purposes of supporting the department's administration  
 1 35 and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section

General Fund appropriation to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) for operations.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$350,000 and an increase of 78.61 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2026. The increase of 78.61 FTE positions is to restore the FTE positions to the previously authorized amount in [SF 646](#) (FY 2026 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act).

Transfers \$325,000 of the General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute at Iowa State University (ISU).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

Requires the DALs to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the Department of Management (DOM) detailing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for DALs administration, regulation, and programs.

Appropriation to the DALs from unclaimed pari-mutuel winnings for enforcement of horse and dog racing laws.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

2 1 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and  
 2 2 miscellaneous purposes:  
 2 3 ..... \$ 305,516

2 4 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR  
 2 5 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable  
 2 6 fuel infrastructure fund created in section 159A.16 to the  
 2 7 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal  
 2 8 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the  
 2 9 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 2 10 used for the purposes designated:  
 2 11 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including  
 2 12 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:  
 2 13 ..... \$ 500,000

2 14 Sec. 4. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There  
 2 15 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
 2 16 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal  
 2 17 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the  
 2 18 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 2 19 used for the purposes designated:

2 20 1. DAIRY REGULATION  
 2 21 a. For purposes of performing functions pursuant to section  
 2 22 192.109, including conducting a survey of grade “A” milk and  
 2 23 certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:  
 2 24 ..... \$ 189,196

2 25 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 2 26 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 2 27 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 2 28 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
 2 29 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

2 30 2. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM  
 2 31 a. For purposes of supporting the local food and farm  
 2 32 program pursuant to chapter 267A:

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund (RFIF) appropriation to the DALS for motor fuel inspections.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Dairy Survey Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The DALS is responsible for annually certifying all milk labeled Grade “A” pasteurized and Grade “A” raw milk for pasteurization. When the survey results show that requirements for production, processing, and distribution are not met, the DALS initiates procedures to suspend the permit of the violator.

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Dairy Survey Program to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

General Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Local Food and Farm Program.

2 33 ..... \$ 125,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The Program requires the DALs to work in cooperation with ISU Extension and Outreach. The Program facilitates communication among farmers, food entrepreneurs, and consumers while encouraging coordination among various government agencies, universities, organizations, and businesses. In addition, the Program funds special projects in local food markets.

2 34 b. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement  
 2 35 with Iowa State University of Science and Technology to support  
 3 1 the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of  
 3 2 the university's cooperative extension service in agriculture  
 3 3 and home economics pursuant to chapter 267A.

Requires the DALs to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with ISU to support the Local Food and Farm Program Coordinator position as part of the University's cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [267A](#).

3 4 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 3 5 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 3 6 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 3 7 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
 3 8 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Local Food and Farm Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

3 9 3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Iowa FFA Association.

3 10 a. For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association  
 3 11 affiliated with a national organization that promotes  
 3 12 agricultural education providing for future farmers:  
 3 13 ..... \$ 150,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The FFA Association is a student organization for students interested in agriculture, education, and leadership. The organization works with individual students and guides them to achieve personal growth through agricultural education.

3 14 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 3 15 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 3 16 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 3 17 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
 3 18 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Iowa FFA Association appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

3 19 4. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Foreign Animal Disease Program.

3 20 For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and  
 3 21 response fund created in section 163.3B:  
 3 22 ..... \$ 1,050,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy works to develop practical, cost-effective plans to control and/or eradicate foreign animal diseases.

3 23 5. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM  
3 24 a. For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with  
3 25 disabilities:  
3 26 ..... \$ 230,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Farmers With Disabilities Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The moneys will be used by the Easter Seals Society of Iowa for the Rural Solutions Program. The funding provides assistance to farm family members and rural residents with disabilities. The Easter Seals Society of Iowa offers agricultural work site and home modification consultations, peer support, and services for each family. The Rural Solutions Program began in 1986 and provides assistance to farm family members and rural residents with disabilities.

3 27 b. The moneys appropriated in this subsection shall be  
3 28 used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national  
3 29 nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in  
3 30 assisting children and adults with disabilities and special  
3 31 needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally  
3 32 recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated  
3 33 in at least 30 other states, but is not available through  
3 34 any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance  
3 35 to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the  
4 1 farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged  
4 2 in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home  
4 3 modification consultations, peer support services, services  
4 4 to families, information and referral, and equipment loan  
4 5 services.

Specifies requirements for the use of appropriated moneys through the Farmers With Disabilities Program.

4 6 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
4 7 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
4 8 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
4 9 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
4 10 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Farmers With Disabilities Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

PG LN	GA:91 HF2771	Explanation
4 11	6. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND	General Fund appropriation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund.
4 12	a. For deposit in the loess hills development and	
4 13	conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.2:	
4 14	..... \$ 300,000	DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The funds are used by the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Authority to protect natural resources in the deep loess soil region of western Iowa.
4 15	b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,	Allocates \$260,000 from the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund appropriation to the Hungry Canyons Account.
4 16	\$260,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons	
4 17	account.	DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.
4 18	(2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated in this	Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$26,000) of the funds allocated to the Hungry Canyons Account for administration.
4 19	paragraph may be used for administrative costs.	
4 20	c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,	Allocates \$40,000 from the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund to the Loess Hills Alliance Account.
4 21	\$40,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance	
4 22	account.	DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.
4 23	(2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated in this	Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$4,000) of the funds allocated to the Loess Hills Alliance Account for administration.
4 24	paragraph may be used for administrative costs.	
4 25	7. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND	General Fund appropriation to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund.
4 26	a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and	
4 27	conservation fund created pursuant to section 161D.12:	
4 28	..... \$ 100,000	DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority (SIDCA) was established in 1999 in response to soil erosion, water resource degradation, and stream channel destabilization linked to disturbance of the fragile glacial till soils of southern Iowa.

4 29 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in  
 4 30 this subsection may be used for administrative costs.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$10,000) of the funds appropriated to the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund for administration.

4 31 8. GRAIN REGULATION  
 4 32 For the administration and enforcement of chapters 203  
 4 33 and 203C, including salaries, support, maintenance, and  
 4 34 miscellaneous purposes:  
 4 35 ..... \$ 350,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the administration and enforcement of grain dealer regulation and agricultural product warehouses.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The appropriation was first funded in the 2020 Iowa Acts, chapter [1121](#) (FY 2021 Omnibus Appropriations Act).

5 1 9. CHOOSE IOWA FUND  
 5 2 a. For deposit in the choose Iowa fund created in section  
 5 3 187.201:  
 5 4 ..... \$ 1,813,000

Appropriates \$1,813,000 from the General Fund to the Choose Iowa Fund.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter, [1177](#) (Agricultural Commodity, Product, and Marketing Regulation and Programs Act), combined the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program, Choose Iowa Promotional Program, and Dairy Innovation and Revitalization Program into the Choose Iowa Fund, which is used to administer those three programs.

5 5 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection,  
 5 6 the department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the  
 5 7 value-added agricultural grant program created in section  
 5 8 187.321.

Requires DALs to use \$500,000 from the Choose Iowa Fund for the Value Added Agricultural Grant Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The purpose of the Program is to identify, evaluate, and support programs that add value to agriculture products, enable new technologies, and support marketing strategies.

5 9 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the  
 5 10 department may use up to \$813,000 to support the choose Iowa  
 5 11 promotional program as provided in chapter 187, subchapter III,  
 5 12 part 1.

Allows DALs to use \$813,000 from the Choose Iowa Fund for the Choose Iowa Promotional Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The funds are for the State branding program to advertise food items that contain agricultural

commodities grown in Iowa.

5 13 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, the  
5 14 department shall use at least \$500,000 to support the dairy  
5 15 innovation and revitalization program created in section  
5 16 187.311.

Requires DALs to use \$500,000 from the Choose Iowa Fund for the Dairy Innovation and Revitalization Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The Program provides financial assistance to businesses related to the dairy industry to help expand or refurbish or establish new milk plants and mobile dairy processing units, rent buildings or equipment, or incorporate methods or technologies that reduce farm labor.

5 17 c. The department may increase or decrease the amount of  
5 18 moneys used to support a program described in paragraph "b"  
5 19 based on the amount of moneys awarded to persons participating  
5 20 in the program. The department shall publish a notice of the  
5 21 department's action to increase or decrease the amount on the  
5 22 department's internet site where the programs are advertised at  
5 23 least thirty days prior to the day that the department takes  
5 24 such action.

Allows the DALs to increase or decrease the amount of moneys used to support a program based on the amount of moneys awarded to persons participating in the program and requires the DALs to publish a notice of any increase or decrease 30 days prior to the change.

5 25 10. CHOOSE IOWA FOOD BANK PURCHASING PROGRAM  
5 26 a. For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa food  
5 27 bank purchasing program to assist eligible participants in  
5 28 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to section 187.331:  
5 29 ..... \$ 200,000

General Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program provides assistance to food banks for the purchase of locally sourced foods. The Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program was named the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Pilot Project in FY 2026 and received the same amount of funding.

5 30 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
5 31 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
5 32 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
5 33 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
5 34 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows unexpended funds from the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

5 35 PART B

6 1 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS

6 2 Sec. 5. CHOOSE IOWA SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAM. There  
 6 3 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
 6 4 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal  
 6 5 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the  
 6 6 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
 6 7 used for the purposes designated:  
 6 8 For purposes of supporting the choose Iowa school purchasing  
 6 9 program to assist eligible schools and school districts in  
 6 10 purchasing qualified food products pursuant to section 187.307:  
 6 11 ..... \$ 200,000

General Fund appropriation to DALs for the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$200,000 for FY 2027. This General Fund appropriation is contingent on the enactment of 2026 Iowa Acts, [HF 2748](#) (Agricultural Programs and Activities Bill) or successor legislation.

6 12 Sec. 6. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this  
 6 13 division of this Act takes effect July 1, 2026, if 2026 Iowa  
 6 14 Acts, House File 2748, or successor legislation, is enacted.

Specifies that Division I, Part B regarding the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program, is effective July 1, 2026, if 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2748 (Agricultural Programs and Activities Bill), or successor legislation, is enacted.

6 15 DIVISION II  
 6 16 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

6 17 Sec. 7. GENERAL FUND.  
 6 18 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
 6 19 to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year  
 6 20 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following  
 6 21 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
 6 22 purposes designated:  
 6 23 For purposes of supporting the department, including its  
 6 24 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for  
 6 25 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and  
 6 26 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
 6 27 ..... \$ 12,816,738  
 6 28 ..... FTEs 1,145.95

General Fund appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for operations.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding and is an increase of 141.50 FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2026. The increase of 141.50 FTE positions is to restore the FTE positions to the previously authorized amount in [SF 646](#) (FY 2026 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act).

6 29 2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions  
 6 30 authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50.00  
 6 31 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the  
 6 32 department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing  
 6 33 maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks.  
 6 34 This subsection shall not impact conservation officer, park  
 6 35 ranger, or park manager positions within the department.

Requires the DNR to allocate 50.00 FTE positions to State park operations for seasonal maintenance and upkeep. This does not affect the number of Conservation Officer, Park Ranger, or Park Manager FTE positions.

7 1 3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of  
 7 2 the fiscal year to the general assembly and the department of  
 7 3 management. The report must describe in detail the expenditure  
 7 4 of moneys appropriated under this section to support the  
 7 5 department's administration, regulation, and programs.

Requires the DNR to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly and the DOM detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated for DNR administration, regulation, and programs.

7 6 Sec. 8. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION  
 7 7 AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

State Fish and Game Protection Fund appropriation to the law enforcement, fisheries, and wildlife programs of the DNR.

7 8 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game  
 7 9 protection fund created pursuant to section 456A.17 to the  
 7 10 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning  
 7 11 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount,  
 7 12 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 7 13 designated:

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

7 14 For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of  
 7 15 hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation,  
 7 16 restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife,  
 7 17 including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and  
 7 18 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,  
 7 19 and miscellaneous purposes:  
 7 20 ..... \$ 53,095,606

7 21 2. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use  
 7 22 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game  
 7 23 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life  
 7 24 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances  
 7 25 of conservation peace officers employed in a protection  
 7 26 occupation, as described in section 97B.49B, who retire.

CODE: Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund to provide funding of insurance premiums from unused sick leave balances of retiring conservation peace officers.

7 27 3. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may  
 7 28 use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish  
 7 29 and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July  
 7 30 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as is necessary to fund  
 7 31 salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the  
 7 32 general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in  
 7 33 subsection 1.

CODE: Permits the DNR to use unappropriated funds from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund for salary adjustment costs for FY 2027.

7 34 Sec. 9. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There  
 7 35 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created  
 8 1 in section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for  
 8 2 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
 8 3 2027, from those moneys that are not allocated pursuant to

Groundwater Protection Fund appropriation to the DNR for programs specified in Iowa Code section [455E.11](#).

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The allocations include the following:

8 4 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is  
 8 5 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:  
 8 6 For purposes of supporting the department's protection  
 8 7 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,  
 8 8 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,  
 8 9 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:  
 8 10 ..... \$ 3,455,850

- \$100,303 for the Storage Tanks Program. The funds are used for the administration of the State Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program.
- \$447,324 for the Household Hazardous Waste Program. The funds are allocated to regional collection centers and for administration of the Program.
- \$62,461 for administration of the Private Well Testing Program. The funds are used by the DNR for administering the closure of private wells.
- \$1,686,751 for groundwater monitoring. The funds are used for monitoring groundwater at sanitary disposal projects.
- \$618,993 for the Landfill Alternatives Program. The Program is now called the Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP), and the funds are used to provide financial assistance to local governments; public and private groups, businesses, and individuals for education; market development projects; and utilization of best practices to reduce landfill waste.
- \$192,500 for the Waste Reduction and Assistance Program. The Program is now called the Pollution Prevention Services Program and provides confidential and nonregulatory assistance to facility operators.
- \$50,000 to administer the SWAP.
- \$297,518 for the Geographic Information System (GIS) Program. The funds are used to maintain the GIS Program and a comprehensive water resource data system that can be used by the public.

8 11 Sec. 10. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — INTEREST AND  
 8 12 EARNINGS — WATER QUALITY.

8 13 1. There is appropriated from interest and earnings on  
 8 14 moneys in the groundwater protection fund created in section  
 8 15 455E.11 and accounts therein, as described in section 455E.11,  
 8 16 subsection 1, paragraph "a", to the department of natural  
 8 17 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and  
 8 18 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof  
 8 19 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

8 20 For purposes of supporting the department's protection  
 8 21 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,  
 8 22 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,

Groundwater Protection Fund appropriation to the DNR for water quality.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$254,150 for FY 2027. The appropriation will be used to support the DNR's protection of the State's groundwater and will include administration, regulation, and programs, as well as salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes.

8 23 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:  
 8 24 ..... \$ 254,150

8 25 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the amount appropriated  
 8 26 in this section shall not exceed the total amount of interest  
 8 27 and earnings on moneys in the groundwater protection fund and  
 8 28 accounts therein accrued during the fiscal year beginning  
 8 29 July 1, 2026. In addition, the amount appropriated in this  
 8 30 section shall only be made available after the maximum amount  
 8 31 of such interest and earnings appropriated in this Act is  
 8 32 made available to the state university of Iowa to support  
 8 33 groundwater monitoring.

CODE: Specifies that the amount appropriated cannot exceed the total amount of interest and earnings on moneys in the GWPF and its accounts accrued during FY 2027 and the amount appropriated can only be made available after the maximum amount of interest and earnings is made available to the SUI to support groundwater monitoring.

8 34 Sec. 11. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE  
 8 35 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile  
 9 1 fund created under section 321G.7 to the department of natural  
 9 2 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and  
 9 3 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof  
 9 4 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:  
 9 5 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state  
 9 6 snowmobile programs:  
 9 7 ..... \$ 100,000

Special Snowmobile Fund appropriation to the DNR for administration and enforcement of the State Snowmobile Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. These funds are used for snowmobile safety education and trail maintenance and to provide cost-share grants to local snowmobile organizations.

9 8 Sec. 12. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There  
 9 9 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
 9 10 department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning  
 9 11 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,  
 9 12 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 9 13 designated:

9 14 1. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY  
 9 15 a. For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam  
 9 16 safety:  
 9 17 ..... \$ 1,510,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. Section 19 of this Bill appropriates an additional \$375,000 from the Environment First Fund (EFF) for the Program. The goal of the Program is the protection of life and property from damage by flooding. The Program does the following:

- Supports a network of stream gauges.

- Provides funding for the Dam Safety Program, which maintains information on more than 3,800 dams.
- Funds floodplain mapping projects.
- Provides technical assistance for community enrollment for flood insurance.
- Regulates the construction of floodplains and floodways.

9 18 b. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to  
 9 19 \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install  
 9 20 stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood  
 9 21 events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood  
 9 22 frequency analysis.

Allocates up to \$400,000 for the purchase and installation of stream gauges to assist with predicting flood events.

9 23 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 9 24 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 9 25 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 9 26 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
 9 27 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

9 28 2. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for forestry health management programs.

9 29 a. For purposes of providing for forestry health management  
 9 30 programs:  
 9 31 ..... \$ 525,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. Forestry health management programs are dedicated to monitoring, managing, and reducing insects and diseases that damage and harm Iowa's forests.

9 32 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 9 33 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 9 34 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 9 35 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
 10 1 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the Forestry Health Management appropriation to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

10 2 3. STATE PARK OPERATIONS

General Fund appropriation to the DNR to support operations at State parks, including maintenance and repair of facilities.

10 3 For supporting operations at state parks, including  
 10 4 maintenance and repair of grounds and facilities:  
 10 5 ..... \$ 1,000,000

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

10 6 4. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE  
 10 7 For structural and infrastructural repairs in state parks:  
 10 8 ..... \$ 300,000

General Fund appropriation to the DNR for structural and infrastructure repairs in State parks.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

10 9 DIVISION III  
 10 10 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

10 11 Sec. 13. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND. There  
 10 12 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa  
 10 13 state university of science and technology for the fiscal year  
 10 14 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following  
 10 15 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
 10 16 purposes designated:

10 17 1. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY  
 10 18 a. For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary  
 10 19 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic  
 10 20 laboratory, and for not more than the following full-time  
 10 21 equivalent positions:  
 10 22 ..... \$ 4,799,898  
 10 23 ..... FTEs 51.00

General Fund appropriation to ISU for operations at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding and an increase of 1.00 FTE position compared to estimated net FY 2026. The increase of 1.00 FTE positions is to restore the FTE positions to the previously authorized amount in [SF 646](#) (FY 2026 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act).

10 24 b. (1) Iowa state university of science and technology  
 10 25 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the  
 10 26 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the  
 10 27 appropriation made in this subsection.

Prohibits ISU from reducing funding from other sources to the College of Veterinary Medicine as a result of this appropriation.

10 28 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to a reduction made  
 10 29 to support the college of veterinary medicine if the same  
 10 30 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary  
 10 31 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of  
 10 32 science and technology's budget units.

Allows ISU to reduce funding to the College of Veterinary Medicine if the same percentage of reduction is applied to other ISU budget units.

10 33 2. MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE FORESTS  
 10 34 a. For purposes of supporting the Iowa cooperative  
 10 35 extension service in agriculture and home economics in  
 11 1 providing technical support to landowners and loggers regarding

General Fund appropriation to ISU for forestry management.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding and FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2026. The appropriation is to

11 2 the management of private forests in northeast Iowa, and for  
 11 3 not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:  
 11 4 ..... \$ 150,000  
 11 5 ..... FTEs 1.00

support ISU Extension and Outreach in providing technical support to landowners and loggers in the management of private forests in northeast Iowa.

11 6 b. The department of natural resources shall cooperate with  
 11 7 the Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and home  
 11 8 economics in administering this subsection.

Requires the DNR to cooperate with ISU Extension and Outreach in Agriculture and Home Economics.

11 9 3. LIVESTOCK DISEASE RESEARCH

General Fund appropriation to the Livestock Disease Research Fund.

11 10 a. For deposit in the livestock disease research fund  
 11 11 created in section 267.8:  
 11 12 ..... \$ 291,390

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

11 13 b. Moneys appropriated under this subsection shall be used  
 11 14 by Iowa state university of science and technology to support  
 11 15 animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock  
 11 16 producers.

Requires the funds to be used by ISU to support animal disease research in areas of importance to livestock producers.

11 17 Sec. 14. IOWA NUTRIENT RESEARCH FUND — VETERINARY  
 11 18 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY. Notwithstanding section 466B.46, there  
 11 19 is appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created  
 11 20 in section 466B.46 to Iowa state university of science and  
 11 21 technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and  
 11 22 ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof  
 11 23 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:  
 11 24 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary  
 11 25 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic  
 11 26 laboratory:  
 11 27 ..... \$ 120,000

Appropriates \$120,000 from the Iowa Nutrient Research Fund to the College of Veterinary Medicine at ISU.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. This appropriation is used to provide additional support to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

11 28 DIVISION IV  
 11 29 STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

11 30 Sec. 15. IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH  
 11 31 (I-CASH).  
 11 32 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
 11 33 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning  
 11 34 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount,  
 11 35 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 12 1 designated:

General Fund appropriation to Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) at the University of Iowa (SUI) as part of the College of Public Health.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

12 2 For supporting the operations of Iowa’s center for  
 12 3 agricultural safety and health, as part of the university’s  
 12 4 college of public health, and in cooperation with the  
 12 5 department of agriculture and land stewardship, to anticipate,  
 12 6 recognize, and prevent occupational illness and injury among  
 12 7 members of the agricultural community:  
 12 8 ..... \$ 128,154

12 9 2. a. As a condition of the appropriation made in  
 12 10 subsection 1, the state university of Iowa shall retain the  
 12 11 director of Iowa’s center for agricultural safety and health  
 12 12 employed on the effective date of this division of this Act for  
 12 13 at least the same number of hours for the fiscal year beginning  
 12 14 July 1, 2026, as worked by the director during the fiscal year  
 12 15 beginning July 1, 2025.

Requires the SUI to retain the I-CASH Director for the same number of hours during FY 2027 as in FY 2026.

12 16 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in subsection  
 12 17 1, the state university of Iowa shall not reduce the amount  
 12 18 allocated to support Iowa’s center for agricultural safety and  
 12 19 health from any other source due to the appropriation made in  
 12 20 subsection 1.

Specifies that the SUI cannot reduce other funding that supports the I-CASH due to this appropriation.

12 21 3. If moneys appropriated in subsection 1 revert as required  
 12 22 pursuant to section 8.33, the state university of Iowa shall  
 12 23 transfer to the general fund of the state from any otherwise  
 12 24 unencumbered or unobligated moneys from any other general  
 12 25 fund appropriation or from any moneys available from other  
 12 26 funding sources an amount equal to the amount appropriated in  
 12 27 subsection 1 less any amount that reverted to the general fund  
 12 28 of the state pursuant to section 8.33.

Specifies that any unencumbered or unobligated funds appropriated in FY 2027 to the I-CASH will revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 2027. If moneys are reverted, the SUI is required to transfer to the General Fund from other unencumbered General Fund appropriations or other funds the difference between the amount reverted and the amount appropriated.

12 29 Sec. 16. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — IIHR —  
 12 30 HYDROSCIENCE AND ENGINEERING — IOWA WATER QUALITY INFORMATION  
 12 31 SYSTEM (IWQIS).

Groundwater Protection Fund (GWPF) appropriation to the SUI.

12 32 1. There is appropriated from interest and earnings on  
 12 33 moneys in the groundwater protection fund created in section  
 12 34 455E.11 and accounts therein, as described in section 455E.11,  
 12 35 subsection 1, paragraph “a”, to the state university of Iowa  
 13 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30,  
 13 2 2027, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
 13 3 to be used for the purposes designated:  
 13 4 To support the Iowa water quality information system as

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$300,000 for FY 2027. The appropriation is to support the Iowa Water Quality Information System (IWQIS) administered by the IIHR Hydroscience and Engineering in the College of Engineering at the SUI.

13 5 administered by the IIHR — hydroscience and engineering within  
 13 6 the college of engineering of the state university of Iowa:  
 13 7 ..... \$ 300,000

13 8 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the amount appropriated  
 13 9 in this section shall not exceed the total amount of interest  
 13 10 and earnings on moneys in the groundwater protection fund and  
 13 11 accounts therein accrued during the fiscal year beginning July  
 13 12 1, 2026.

13 13 Sec. 17. Section 16.153, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
 13 14 by adding the following new paragraph:  
 13 15 NEW PARAGRAPH d. (1) There is appropriated from the fund  
 13 16 to the state university of Iowa for the fiscal year beginning  
 13 17 July 1, 2026, and for each fiscal year thereafter, two hundred  
 13 18 fifty thousand dollars to be used by the Iowa geological survey  
 13 19 as provided in subparagraph (2).

13 20 (2) The moneys appropriated in subparagraph (1) shall  
 13 21 be used by the Iowa geological survey to map and assess the  
 13 22 condition of this state’s aquifers. The Iowa geological survey  
 13 23 may measure the volume of the groundwater that is available  
 13 24 for various uses, the current and predicted allocations of  
 13 25 groundwater to support those uses, the recharge rate for the  
 13 26 aquifers, and the development of models for budgeting this  
 13 27 state’s water resources.

13 28 (3) This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2030.

13 29 DIVISION V  
 13 30 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

13 31 Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND  
 13 32 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first  
 13 33 fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture  
 13 34 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 13 35 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so

CODE: Specifies that the appropriated amount cannot exceed the total amount of interest and earnings on moneys in the GWPF and its accounts accrued during FY 2027.

CODE: Establishes a new Water Quality Financing Program Fund (WQFPF) standing appropriation to the SUI to support groundwater planning and resources assessment.

DETAIL: This is a new standing appropriation of \$250,000 for FY 2027. The assessment project will involve mapping groundwater aquifers and measuring the amount of water contained within. In FY 2026, this assessment received a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000.

CODE: Specifies that the appropriation will be used by the Iowa Geological Survey to map and assess the condition of the State’s aquifers to measure the volume of groundwater available for various uses, allocations of groundwater to support those uses, the recharge rate of aquifers, and the development of models for budgeting the State’s water resources.

CODE: Repeals the standing appropriation from the WQFPF to the SUI for a groundwater planning and resource assessment on July 1, 2030.

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill

14 1 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
14 2 designated:

appropriates a total of \$17,300,000 to the DALs from the EFF for FY 2027.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

14 3 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

14 4 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to  
14 5 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting  
14 6 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water  
14 7 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The CREP is a federally administered voluntary program for agricultural landowners that provides financial incentives to establish wetlands for water quality improvement in tile-drained regions of Iowa. The Program includes 37 counties in north central Iowa in an area that has been identified as a contributor to high nitrate loads in the Mississippi River Basin. The Program is administered by the federal Farm Services Agency (FSA) in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

14 8 ..... \$ 1,000,000

14 9 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated  
14 10 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and  
14 11 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$100,000) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

14 12 c. Notwithstanding section 8.57A, subsection 3, or any  
14 13 other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use  
14 14 moneys appropriated in this subsection, in combination with  
14 15 other appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for  
14 16 cost sharing to match United States department of agriculture,  
14 17 natural resources conservation service, wetlands reserve  
14 18 enhancement program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

Permits funds to be used in combination with other EFF appropriations or as cost-share funds for federal projects.

14 19 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Watershed Protection Program.

14 20 a. For continuation of a program that provides  
14 21 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water  
14 22 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The purpose of the Program is to provide financial assistance for projects that establish permanent soil and water conservation practices. Project practices are integrated into a larger watershed plan and meet multiple objectives. This appropriation offers watershed grants to

14 23 ..... \$ 900,000

<p>14 24 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated          14 25 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and          14 26 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>	<p>Soil and Water Conservation Districts for locally led watershed projects.</p>
<p>14 27 3. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)          14 28 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the          14 29 implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and          14 30 to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to          14 31 improve water quality and habitat:          14 32 ..... \$ 900,000</p>	<p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The CRP is a voluntary program administered by the federal government for agricultural landowners. The CRP provides landowners with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for removing agricultural land from production and establishing conservation practices. The CRP is administered by the federal FSA in the USDA and is a major federal conservation program. Land enrolled in the CRP increases wildlife habitat, reduces soil erosion, and improves water quality.</p>
<p>14 33 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated          14 34 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and          14 35 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$90,000) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>
<p>15 1 4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION          15 2 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water          15 3 conservation:          15 4 ..... \$ 8,325,000</p>	<p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Soil and Water Conservation Program.</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.</p>
<p>15 5 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", for          15 6 transfer to the hungry canyons account of the loess hills          15 7 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2:          15 8 ..... \$ 140,000</p>	<p>Transfers \$140,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation appropriation to the Hungry Canyons Account of the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund.</p>
<p>15 9 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys transferred in          15 10 subparagraph (1) may be used for administrative costs.</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 10.00% (\$14,000) of the funds for administration costs.</p>

15 11 c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph "a",  
 15 12 for use by the department in providing for soil and water  
 15 13 conservation administration, the conservation of soil and  
 15 14 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation  
 15 15 districts:  
 15 16 ..... \$ 8,185,000

Allocates \$8,185,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation appropriation to the Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program funding provides financial incentives to landowners who implement approved soil and water conservation practices. State funds are divided among the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The landowner pays for at least 50.00% of the cost of the conservation practice.

15 17 d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "c" that the  
 15 18 department allocates to a soil and water conservation district,  
 15 19 the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the  
 15 20 purpose of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73  
 15 21 to establish management practices for the control of soil  
 15 22 erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited  
 15 23 to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring  
 15 24 strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation  
 15 25 allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be  
 15 26 expended by the district for that same purpose.

Permits each Soil and Water Conservation District to use up to \$15,000 of the allocation to establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on row-cropped land. Also permits up to 30.00% of remaining funds to be expended for the same purpose.

15 27 e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in  
 15 28 paragraph "c" may be allocated for cost sharing to address  
 15 29 complaints filed under section 161A.47.

Permits the DALs to use up to 5.00% (\$409,250) of the cost-share funds to address complaints filed for land erosion caused by sediment.

15 30 f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "c", 5 percent  
 15 31 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish  
 15 32 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of  
 15 33 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section  
 15 34 161A.73.

Requires 5.00% (\$409,250) of cost-share funds to be used for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes from soil erosion and sediment.

15 35 g. The department's division of soil conservation and  
 16 1 water quality may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph  
 16 2 "c" to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote  
 16 3 conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control  
 16 4 practices.

Permits the State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee to allocate funds for research and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

<p>16 5 h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as          16 6 provided in section 161A.73 may be used in combination with          16 7 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.</p>	<p>Permits financial incentive payments to be used in combination with funds from the DNR.</p>
<p>16 8 i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated          16 9 in paragraph “c” may be used for costs of administration and          16 10 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of more than 15.00% (\$1,227,750) of the cost-share funds for administration and costs associated with the implementation of soil and water conservation practices.</p>
<p>16 11 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION          16 12 a. For use by the department for costs of administration and          16 13 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:          16 14 ..... \$ 3,800,000</p>	<p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for soil and water conservation administration.</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.</p>
<p>16 15 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$150,000          16 16 is allocated to support field staff providing technical          16 17 assistance.</p>	<p>Allocates \$150,000 of the above appropriation to support field staff providing technical assistance.</p>
<p>16 18 Sec. 19. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is          16 19 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section          16 20 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal          16 21 year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the          16 22 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be          16 23 used for the purposes designated:</p>	<p>Iowa Code section <a href="#">8.57A</a> contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the RIIF to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill appropriates a total of \$24,005,000 to the DNR from the EFF for FY 2026.</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.</p>
<p>16 24 1. STATE PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS          16 25 For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and          16 26 staff time associated with these activities:          16 27 ..... \$ 6,235,000</p>	<p>Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for State park maintenance and operations.</p> <p>DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. State parks are under the administration of the Parks Bureau in the DNR. Funding pays for seasonal staff, facilities maintenance, equipment replacement, and other related expenditures.</p>

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16 28	2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)	Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the GIS Program.  DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The GIS Program is responsible for the development, management, and coordination of the Natural Resources Geographic Information System (NRGIS) for the DNR. The NRGIS is used to provide local watershed managers with data to develop, monitor, and display watershed improvements.
16 29	To provide local watershed managers with geographic	
16 30	information system data for their use in developing,	
16 31	monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:	
16 32	..... \$ 195,000	
16 33	3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING	Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Water Quality Monitoring Program.
16 34	For continuing the establishment and operation of water	
16 35	quality monitoring stations:	
17 1	..... \$ 2,955,000	DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. Appropriated dollars are allocated for the administration, research, and operation of water quality monitoring stations. The DNR contracts with experts from the U.S. Geological Survey and State universities for water quality research, analysis, and modeling. The appropriation supports six water quality monitoring programs. Water samples are collected to develop a baseline of information on Iowa streams, lakes, and wetlands. The DNR tracks water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and many other physical conditions and chemicals. The Water Quality Monitoring Program records fish kills and statewide water data and assesses the ability of water bodies to meet their intended uses (impaired waters) as defined by the federal Clean Water Act.
17 2	4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT	Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Public Water Supply System Account of the Water Quality Protection Fund.  DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. A public water supply is defined as a system that has at least 15 service connections or serves at least 25 persons for at least 60 days throughout the year. These systems are regulated by the Water Supply Engineering Section of the DNR.
17 3	For deposit in the public water supply system account of the	
17 4	water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:	
17 5	..... \$ 500,000	

17 6 5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS  
 17 7 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including  
 17 8 as provided for in chapters 459, 459A, and 459B:  
 17 9 ..... \$ 1,320,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Animal Feeding Operations Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. This appropriation is used to regulate animal feeding operations. This includes processing permits for the construction of new sites and reviewing nutrient management plans. Other activities include inspection of earthen basins, construction sites, and operations as well as inspecting and investigating manure, fertilizer, and chemical spills.

17 10 6. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY  
 17 11 For supporting floodplain management and dam safety:  
 17 12 ..... \$ 375,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Floodplain Management and Dam Safety Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. Section 12 of this Bill appropriates an additional \$1,510,000 from the General Fund for the Program. The goal of the Program is the protection of life and property from damage by flooding. The Program does the following:

- Supports a network of stream gauges.
- Provides funding for the Dam Safety Program, which maintains information on 3,800 dams.
- Funds floodplain mapping projects.
- Provides technical assistance for community enrollment for flood insurance.
- Regulates the construction of floodplains and floodways.

17 13 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY  
 17 14 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient  
 17 15 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary  
 17 16 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality  
 17 17 standards from particulate matter:  
 17 18 ..... \$ 425,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DNR for the Ambient Air Quality Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. Appropriated funds finance the administration of ambient air monitoring activities and an annual contract with the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) at the SUI to conduct air monitoring. The SHL collects air monitoring data, provides quality assurance results, and reports data to the public.

17 19 Sec. 20. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA — IOWA GEOLOGICAL  
 17 20 SURVEY. There is appropriated from the environment first  
 17 21 fund created in section 8.57A to the state university of Iowa  
 17 22 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June  
 17 23 30, 2027, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is  
 17 24 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#) contains a standing appropriation of \$42,000,000 from the RIIF to the EFF. Moneys in the EFF are appropriated by the General Assembly for the protection, conservation, enhancement, or improvement of natural resources or the environment. This Bill appropriates a total of \$695,000 to the SUI from the EFF for FY 2027.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

17 25 1. IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OPERATIONS  
 17 26 For purposes of supporting the operations of the Iowa  
 17 27 geological survey of the state created pursuant to section  
 17 28 456.1, including but not limited to providing analysis;  
 17 29 data maintenance, collection, and compilation; investigative  
 17 30 programs; and information for water supply development and  
 17 31 protection:  
 17 32 ..... \$ 200,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the SUI for the Geological and Water Survey Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. This appropriation funds the development of programs that provide comprehensive information regarding mineral and water resources in Iowa. This includes educational programs as well as technology transfer programs and an emphasis on new water supply developments and monitoring water quality. The Geological and Water Survey Program provides information to the federal government and State agencies.

17 33 2. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
 17 34 For purposes of supporting the Iowa geological survey in  
 17 35 measuring, assessing, and evaluating the quantity of water  
 18 1 sources in this state and assisting the department of natural  
 18 2 resources in regulating water quantity as provided in chapter  
 18 3 455B, subchapter III, part 4, pursuant to sections 455B.262B  
 18 4 and 456.14:  
 18 5 ..... \$ 495,000

Environment First Fund appropriation to the SUI for the Water Quantity Program.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The Water Quantity Program was established due to an increase in the number of industries that are dependent on large quantities of water for their operations (ethanol plants). The goal of the Program is to provide long-term planning for water use for industrial operations, drinking water, and other water uses.

18 6 Sec. 21. REVERSION.  
 18 7 1. a. Except as provided in paragraph “b”, and  
 18 8 notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for the

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the EFF appropriations to remain available for expenditure

18 9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in this division of this  
 18 10 Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of  
 18 11 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available  
 18 12 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of  
 18 13 the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the  
 18 14 appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

until the close of FY 2028 or until a specific project is completed, whichever is earlier.

18 15 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated for  
 18 16 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in this division of  
 18 17 this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship  
 18 18 to provide financial assistance for the establishment of  
 18 19 permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain  
 18 20 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year  
 18 21 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure  
 18 22 for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year  
 18 23 beginning July 1, 2029.

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the EFF appropriations for soil and water conservation practices to remain available for expenditure until the close of FY 2030.

18 24 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred  
 18 25 pursuant to this division of this Act to the loess hills  
 18 26 development and conservation fund created in section 161D.2,  
 18 27 which shall not revert as provided in that section.

Specifies that the Hungry Canyons allocation to the Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund in this Bill is exempt from reversion.

18 28 DIVISION VI  
 18 29 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

18 30 Sec. 22. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF  
 18 31 AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALs for the Water Quality Initiative (WQI).

18 32 1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund  
 18 33 created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture  
 18 34 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 18 35 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount, or so  
 19 1 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 19 2 designated:

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding from the EFF compared to estimated net FY 2026.

19 3 For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in  
 19 4 section 466B.45, for purposes of supporting the water quality  
 19 5 initiative administered by the division of soil conservation  
 19 6 and water quality as provided in section 466B.42, including  
 19 7 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:  
 19 8 ..... \$ 2,375,000

The [Nutrient Reduction Strategy Report](#) was introduced in November 2012 as a collaborative effort by the DALs, the DNR, and ISU to assess and reduce nutrient flow into Iowa waters. The WQI was created in 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter, [132](#) (Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) to provide funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC).

19 9 2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be  
19 10 used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the  
19 11 division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified  
19 12 by the water resources coordinating council established  
19 13 pursuant to section 466B.3.

Requires the funds appropriated above to be used to support projects in high-priority watersheds as identified by the WRCC.

19 14 b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to  
19 15 support projects in watersheds generally, including regional  
19 16 watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority  
19 17 watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating  
19 18 council established pursuant to section 466B.3.

Requires the funds appropriated above to be used to support projects in watersheds.

19 19 3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds  
19 20 as provided in subsection 2, all of the following apply:

Specifies criteria for projects in high-priority watersheds as follows:

19 21 a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality  
19 22 practices as described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy  
19 23 as defined in section 455B.171.

- Requires demonstration projects to utilize water quality practices described in the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy as defined in Iowa Code section [455B.171](#).
- Requires the DALS to collaborate with agricultural landowners in targeted watersheds.
- Prohibits the State's cost-share amount of water quality protection practices from exceeding 50.00% of the value of the practices, except for edge-of-field practices.
- Requires demonstration projects to educate the public about water quality practices.
- Requires the DALS to conduct water quality evaluations within targeted watersheds and to create a database of water quality practices. Specifies that all information received is to be a confidential record and exempt from public access.

19 24 b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as  
19 25 provided in paragraph "a" by providing for participation by  
19 26 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in  
19 27 farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide  
19 28 for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a  
19 29 legal interest in agricultural land located within the same  
19 30 subwatershed.

19 31 c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on  
19 32 a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However,  
19 33 except for edge-of-field practices, the state's share of the  
19 34 amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of  
19 35 establishing the practice as determined by the division or  
20 1 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice,  
20 2 whichever is less.

20 3 d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other  
20 4 persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar  
20 5 water quality practices. The division shall promote field day  
20 6 events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish  
20 7 water quality practices on their agricultural land.

20 8 e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations  
20 9 within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period  
20 10 after accumulating information from such evaluations, the  
20 11 division shall create an aggregated database of water quality  
20 12 practices. Any information identifying a person holding a

20 20	13 legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural 14 land shall be a confidential record under section 22.7.	
20 20 20 20 20 20	15 4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used 16 to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages 17 persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for 18 farming to implement water quality practices, including the 19 establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and 20 not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.	Requires the DALs to use funds to support education and outreach to encourage agricultural producers to establish water quality practices.
20 20 20	21 5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used 22 to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of 23 efforts provided in this section.	Permits the DALs to use funds for contracts that will assist with the implementation of the WQI.
20 20 20 20 20 20 20	24 6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by 25 the department to support urban soil and water conservation 26 efforts, which may include but are not limited to management 27 practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of 28 permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. 29 The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided 30 in chapter 161A.	Permits the DALs to use funds to support urban soil and water conservation practices and to allocate funds on a cost-share basis.
20 20 20 20 20	31 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 32 contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in 33 subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a 34 cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to 35 the department from a state or federal source.	Permits the DALs to use funds as cost-share moneys for projects.
21 21 21 21 21	1 8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in 2 this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering 3 and implementing the water quality initiative by the 4 department's division of soil conservation and water quality as 5 provided in section 466B.42 and this section.	Prohibits the DALs from using more than 10.00% (\$237,500) of the funds appropriated for administration and implementation of WQI practices.
21 21	6 DIVISION VII 7 RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION — OPEN SPACES	
21 21 21 21 21 21	8 Sec. 23. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. In 9 lieu of the standing appropriation in section 455A.18, there is 10 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 11 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund 12 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 13 30, 2027, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in	Appropriates \$12,000,000 from the EFF to the Resources Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund in lieu of the \$20,000,000 General Fund standing appropriation.  DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

21 14 section 455A.19:  
 21 15 ..... \$ 12,000,000

21 16 Sec. 24. REAP — OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — STATE PARK  
 21 17 MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FACILITY REFURBISHMENT.  
 21 18 Notwithstanding section 455A.19, subsection 1, paragraph “a”,  
 21 19 subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces  
 21 20 account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund,  
 21 21 up to \$1,000,000 may be used by the department of natural  
 21 22 resources for state park maintenance, development, operations,  
 21 23 and facility refurbishment for the fiscal year beginning July  
 21 24 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

CODE: Allows the DNR to use up to \$1,000,000 from the Open Spaces Account for State park maintenance, repair, and refurbishment in FY 2027.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

21 25 DIVISION VIII  
 21 26 ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

21 27 Sec. 25. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — DEPARTMENT  
 21 28 OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

21 29 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal disease  
 21 30 prevention fund created in section 165.18 to the department of  
 21 31 agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning  
 21 32 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,  
 21 33 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
 21 34 designated:

21 35 a. For purposes of purchasing and maintaining equipment  
 22 1 to further the implementation of the foreign animal disease  
 22 2 preparedness and response strategy developed under section  
 22 3 163.3C:  
 22 4 ..... \$ 150,000

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund (IADPF) appropriation to the DALs to purchase and maintain equipment to further the implementation of the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy.

DETAIL: This is a decrease of \$100,000 in funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The DALs is required to develop the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy in order to prevent, control, or eradicate the transmission of foreign animal diseases among populations of animals. The strategy is required to provide additional expertise and resources to increase biosecurity efforts that assist in the prevention of a foreign animal disease outbreak in the State. This appropriation previously received funding from the General Fund.

22 5 b. For purposes of assisting in the development of vaccines  
 22 6 against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that  
 22 7 develops livestock and other animal vaccines:  
 22 8 ..... \$ 100,000

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the DALs to assist in the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases.

DETAIL: Maintains the current level of funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

22 9 c. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness  
 22 10 and response fund created in section 163.3B:  
 22 11 ..... \$ 200,000

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Fund.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$100,000 in funding compared to estimated net FY 2026. The Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Fund shall be used exclusively to develop, establish, and implement a foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy. The Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy is used by the DALs in order to prevent, control, or eradicate the transmission of foreign animal diseases among populations of animals.

22 12 d. For purposes of upgrading information technology  
 22 13 resources used by the department:  
 22 14 ..... \$ 160,000

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the DALs for upgrading information technology resources.

DETAIL: This is a decrease of \$290,000 in funding compared to estimated net FY 2026.

22 15 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 22 16 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
 22 17 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
 22 18 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
 22 19 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

CODE: Allows any unencumbered or unobligated funds from the IADPF to carry forward for expenditure in FY 2028.

22 20 Sec. 26. IOWA ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION FUND — IOWA  
 22 21 STATE UNIVERSITY. There is appropriated from the Iowa animal  
 22 22 disease prevention fund created in section 165.18 to Iowa  
 22 23 state university of science and technology for the fiscal year  
 22 24 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following  
 22 25 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the  
 22 26 purposes designated:  
 22 27 To assist the college of veterinary medicine veterinary

Iowa Animal Disease Prevention Fund appropriation to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to assist in the installation and moving of equipment into its refurbished facility.

DETAIL: This is a decrease in funding of \$150,000 compared to estimated net FY 2026.

22 28 diagnostic laboratory in installing and moving equipment into  
 22 29 its refurbished facility:  
 22 30 ..... \$ 100,000

22 31 DIVISION IX  
 22 32 NOXIOUS WEEDS — JAPANESE KNOTWEED

22 33 Sec. 27. Section 317.1A, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
 22 34 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:  
 22 35 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH (13) Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia*  
 23 1 japonica).

Adds Japanese Knotweed to the list of noxious weeds in  
 Iowa Code chapter [317](#).

## Agriculture and Natural Resources General Fund

	Actual FY 2025 (1)	Estimated Net FY 2026 (2)	House Approp FY 2027 (3)	Hse Appr FY27 vs Est Net FY 2026 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u></b>					
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>					
Administrative Division	\$ 20,162,310	\$ 20,377,294	\$ 20,727,294	\$ 350,000	PG 1 LN 5
Milk Inspections	189,196	189,196	189,196	0	PG 2 LN 20
Local Food and Farm	75,000	125,000	125,000	0	PG 2 LN 30
Agricultural Education	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	PG 3 LN 9
Foreign Animal Disease	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	0	PG 3 LN 19
Foreign Animal Disease Capitals	250,000	0	0	0	
Farmers with Disabilities	230,000	230,000	230,000	0	PG 3 LN 23
Loess Hills Development and Conservation Fund	400,000	300,000	300,000	0	PG 4 LN 11
Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund	200,000	100,000	100,000	0	PG 4 LN 25
Grain Regulation	350,000	350,000	350,000	0	PG 4 LN 31
Choose Iowa Fund	1,813,000	1,813,000	1,813,000	0	PG 5 LN 1
Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	PG 5 LN 25
Butchery Innovation and Revitalization	249,695	0	0	0	
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</b>	<b>\$ 25,319,201</b>	<b>\$ 24,884,490</b>	<b>\$ 25,234,490</b>	<b>\$ 350,000</b>	
<b><u>Natural Resources, Department of</u></b>					
<b>Natural Resources</b>					
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,816,738	\$ 12,816,738	\$ 0	PG 6 LN 17
Floodplain Management Program	1,510,000	1,510,000	1,510,000	0	PG 9 LN 14
Forestry Health Management	525,000	525,000	525,000	0	PG 9 LN 28
State Park Operations	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	PG 10 LN 2
State Park Maintenance	0	300,000	300,000	0	PG 10 LN 6
<b>Total Natural Resources, Department of</b>	<b>\$ 15,535,000</b>	<b>\$ 16,151,738</b>	<b>\$ 16,151,738</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	
<b><u>Regents, Board of</u></b>					
<b>Regents, Board of</b>					
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,799,898	\$ 4,799,898	\$ 0	PG 10 LN 17
ISU - Management of Private Forests	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	PG 10 LN 33
ISU - Livestock Disease Research	291,390	291,390	291,390	0	PG 11 LN 9
SUI - Iowa Center for Ag Safety & Health (I-CASH)	128,154	128,154	128,154	0	PG 11 LN 30
SUI - Groundwater Planning and Resource Assessment	0	200,000	0	-200,000	
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<b>\$ 5,069,544</b>	<b>\$ 5,569,442</b>	<b>\$ 5,369,442</b>	<b>\$ -200,000</b>	
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$ 45,923,745</b>	<b>\$ 46,605,670</b>	<b>\$ 46,755,670</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	

## Agriculture and Natural Resources Other Funds

	Actual FY 2025 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated Net FY 2026 <u>(2)</u>	House Approp FY 2027 <u>(3)</u>	Hse Appr FY27 vs Est Net FY 2026 <u>(4)</u>	Page and Line # <u>(5)</u>
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u></b>					
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>					
Native Horse & Dog Prog - Unclaimed Winnings	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 0	PG 1 LN 27
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	PG 2 LN 4
Butchery Innovation and Revitalization - SWJCF	0	249,695	0	-249,695	
Conservation Reserve Enhancement - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	PG 14 LN 3
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	0	PG 14 LN 19
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	0	PG 14 LN 27
Soil Cons. & Water Quality Cost Share Program - EFF	8,325,000	8,325,000	8,325,000	0	PG 15 LN 1
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF	3,800,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	0	PG 16 LN 11
Water Quality Initiative - EFF	2,375,000	2,375,000	2,375,000	0	PG 18 LN 30
Choose Iowa Food Program - Blufflands	100,000	0	0	0	
FAD Equipment - IADPF	0	250,000	150,000	-100,000	PG 21 LN 35
FAD Vaccines - IADPF	0	100,000	100,000	0	PG 22 LN 5
FAD General - IADPF	0	100,000	200,000	100,000	PG 22 LN 9
IDALS Information Technology Upgrades - IADPF	0	450,000	160,000	-290,000	PG 22 LN 12
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</b>	<b>\$ 18,205,516</b>	<b>\$ 19,255,211</b>	<b>\$ 18,715,516</b>	<b>\$ -539,695</b>	

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	Actual FY 2025 (1)	Estimated Net FY 2026 (2)	House Approp FY 2027 (3)	Hse Appr FY27 vs Est Net FY 2026 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<b><u>Natural Resources, Department of</u></b>					
<b>Natural Resources</b>					
Fish & Game - DNR Admin Expenses	\$ 51,404,790	\$ 53,095,606	\$ 53,095,606	\$ 0	PG 7 LN 6
GWPF — Water Quality	0	0	254,150	254,150	PG 8 LN 11
GWPF - Storage Tanks Study	100,303	100,303	100,303	0	
GWPF - Household Hazardous Waste	447,324	447,324	447,324	0	
GWPF - Well Testing Admin 2%	62,461	62,461	62,461	0	
GWPF - Groundwater Monitoring	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	0	
GWPF - Landfill Alternatives	618,993	618,993	618,993	0	
GWPF - Waste Reduction and Assistance	192,500	192,500	192,500	0	
GWPF - Solid Waste Alternatives	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	
GWPF - Geographic Information System	297,518	297,518	297,518	0	
Snowmobile Registration Fees Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	PG 8 LN 34
Administration Match - UST	200,000	0	0	0	
State Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	6,235,000	6,235,000	6,235,000	0	PG 16 LN 24
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF	195,000	195,000	195,000	0	PG 16 LN 28
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	0	PG 16 LN 33
Water Quality Protection - EFF	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	PG 17 LN 2
Animal Feeding Operations - EFF	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	0	PG 17 LN 6
Floodplain Mgmt and Dam Safety - EFF	375,000	375,000	375,000	0	PG 17 LN 10
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring - EFF	425,000	425,000	425,000	0	PG 17 LN 13
REAP - EFF	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	0	PG 21 LN 8
State Park Accessibility - Blufflands	296,228	0	0	0	
<b>Total Natural Resources, Department of</b>	<b>\$ 79,461,868</b>	<b>\$ 80,656,456</b>	<b>\$ 80,910,606</b>	<b>\$ 254,150</b>	

## Agriculture and Natural Resources Other Funds

	Actual FY 2025 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated Net FY 2026 <u>(2)</u>	House Approp FY 2027 <u>(3)</u>	Hse Appr FY27 vs Est Net FY 2026 <u>(4)</u>	Page and Line # <u>(5)</u>
<b><u>Regents, Board of</u></b>					
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ISU - Vet Diagnostic Lab - Iowa Nutrient Research Fund	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 0	PG 11 LN 17
SUI - IIHR Hydroscience and Engineering - GWPF	0	0	300,000	300,000	PG 12 LN 29
SUI - Groundwater Assessment (standing) - WQFPF	0	0	250,000	250,000	PG 13 LN 13
SUI - Geological and Water Survey Oper. - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	PG 17 LN 25
SUI - Water Resource Management - EFF	495,000	495,000	495,000	0	PG 17 LN 33
SUI - Groundwater Plan. & Resource Assess. - Blufflands	250,000	0	0	0	
ISU - Vet Diagnostic Lab Equipment - IADPF	0	250,000	100,000	-150,000	PG 22 LN 20
ISU - Livestock Disease Research Fund - IADPF	0	100,000	0	-100,000	
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<b>\$ 1,065,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,165,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,465,000</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$ 98,732,384</b>	<b>\$ 101,076,667</b>	<b>\$ 101,091,122</b>	<b>\$ 14,455</b>	

## Agriculture and Natural Resources Contingent General Fund

	Actual FY 2025 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated Net FY 2026 <u>(2)</u>	House Approp FY 2027 <u>(3)</u>	Hse Appr FY27 vs Est Net FY 2026 <u>(4)</u>	Page and Line # <u>(5)</u>
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u></b>					
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>					
Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	PG 6 LN 2
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 200,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 200,000</u></u>	

## Agriculture and Natural Resources FTE Positions

	Actual FY 2025 (1)	Estimated Net FY 2026 (2)	House Approp FY 2027 (3)	Hse Appr FY27 vs Est Net FY 2026 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<b><u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</u></b>					
<b>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</b>					
Administrative Division	315.04	341.39	420.00	78.61	PG 1 LN 5
<b>Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Dept of</b>	<b>315.04</b>	<b>341.39</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>78.61</b>	
<b><u>Natural Resources, Department of</u></b>					
<b>Natural Resources</b>					
Natural Resources Operations	921.79	1,004.45	1,145.95	141.50	PG 6 LN 17
<b>Total Natural Resources, Department of</b>	<b>921.79</b>	<b>1,004.45</b>	<b>1,145.95</b>	<b>141.50</b>	
<b><u>Regents, Board of</u></b>					
<b>Regents, Board of</b>					
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	50.00	50.00	51.00	1.00	PG 10 LN 17
ISU - Management of Private Forests	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	PG 10 LN 33
<b>Total Regents, Board of</b>	<b>51.00</b>	<b>51.00</b>	<b>52.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Total Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	<b>1,287.83</b>	<b>1,396.84</b>	<b>1,617.95</b>	<b>221.11</b>	