

NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

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The Department of Natural Resources was established on July 1, 1986 by combining the Conservation Commission, the Department of Water, Air and Waste Management, the Geological Survey, and part of the Energy Policy Council.

The department director is appointed by the governor and requires Senate confirmation. There are two commissions in the department: the Natural Resource Commission and the Environmental Protection Commission. Both commissions have broad authority to set policy, and adopt rules and standards for the management and protection of the state's natural resources. The department director is responsible for the administration of the agency.

The agency is charged with the management and protection of the state's fish and wildlife, parks, forests and preserves, and with providing for public use of these resources. It also has jurisdiction over state-owned meandered lakes and streams. Additionally, the agency is responsible for improving and maintaining the quality of the state's water, air, and land resources. Floodplain management, water quality in public water supplies, air and water pollution control and enforcement, waste management, and assisting communities in grant applications in these fields are included in the department's operations.

Energy conservation and research, as well as data collection and reporting on the state's geological resources, are also functions of the agency.

To help meet these operational duties, the department also employs administrative support groups in public information, licensing, office management, data processing, and other similar roles.

Environmental Protection Commission

VERLON BRITT, Elgin; term expires 1993
 WILLIAM EHM, Creston; term expires 1993
 RICHARD C. HARTSUCK, Des Moines; term expires 1993
 ROZEEANNE KING, Mondamin; term expires 1993
 CHARLOTTE MOHR, Eldridge; term expires 1995
 MARGARET M. PRAHL, Sioux City; term expires, 1993
 GARY C. PRIEBE, Algona; term expires 1995
 NANCYLEE A. SIEBENMANN, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1995
 CLARK A. YEAGER Ottumwa; term expires 1995

Natural Resources Commission

MARK DOLL, Council Bluffs; term expires 1997
 RICHARD GARRELS, Mt. Pleasant; term expires 1997
 MARIAN L. KIEFFER, Bellevue; term expires 1995
 BARBARA NELSON, Ruthven; term expires 1995
 MARION PATTERSON, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1993
 DOUGLAS R. SMALLEY, Des Moines; term expires 1993
 RICHARD C. YOUNG, Waterloo; term expires 1993

State Forester: WILLIAM FARRIS

State Geologist: DONALD KOCH

Preserves, State Advisory Board For

c/o Iowa Department of Natural Resources; Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5145

DIANA HORTON, Iowa City; term expires 1994
 ROBERT KINDWALL, LeMars; term expires 1993
 RONALD KUNTZ, Des Moines; term expires 1993
 MARTHA MAXON, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1995
 SHIRLEY SHERMER, Maquoketa; term expires 1995
 JOHN STEEGE, Maynard; term expires 1994
 LARRY J. WILSON, Des Moines; director, Dept. of Natural Resources, statutory

The 61st General Assembly in 1965 authorized the establishment of a state system of preserves to maintain areas with unusual flora, fauna, geological, archaeological, scenic, or historical features as nearly as possible in their natural condition. The advisory board will recommend dedication of certain areas as preserves, make rules and regulations for their management, and recommend the inclusion of additional public and private lands in the preserves system.