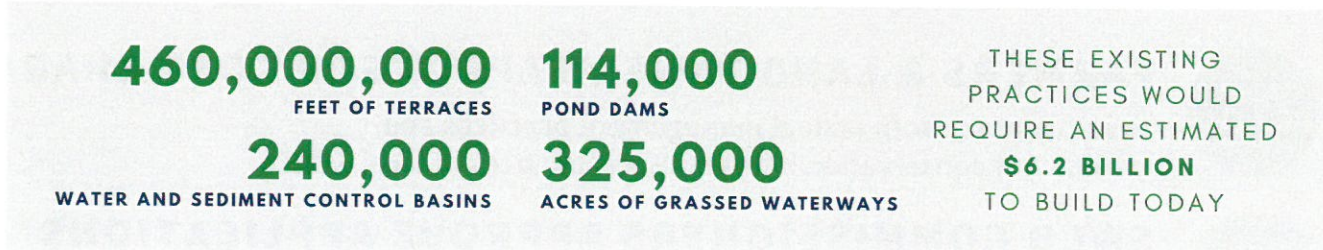


THE IMPACT OF COST SHARE

01 Through the soil conservation cost share program, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has **partnered with farmers and landowners for more than four decades** to support the adoption of proven conservation practices. A statewide effort to identify and map six types of common conservation practices has been recently completed and provides the most comprehensive inventory of conservation practices in the nation, including:



02 Five percent of each year's cost share appropriation goes toward **protecting the water quality of public lakes** in Iowa. SWCDs submit applications to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to become a designated lake. Farmers living within the selected lake's watersheds can apply for up to 75% cost share in order to establish practices to protect water quality.



03 **It's good for Iowa's economy.** Money gets reinvested in Iowa's communities to protect natural resources, recreational activities and local businesses.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIPS

Our technicians and conservation assistants are a part of the 100 SWCDs, which are housed within federal USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Centers. Our field staff uses federal equipment and other resources. Therefore, the partnership between the Iowa Department of Agriculture, SWCDs and NRCS is critical. Other partners working together include the Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI), USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA), USDA Rural Development, State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee (SSCWQC), ISU Cooperative Extension Service, county conservation boards, county board of supervisors, drainage districts, levee districts and other local groups.

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