

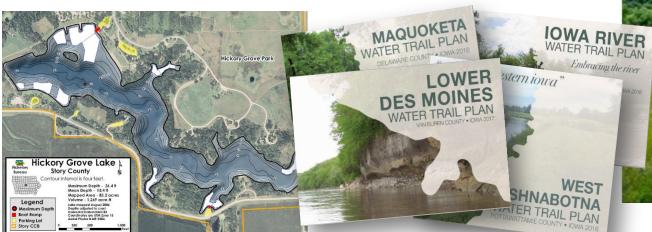
# IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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DNR Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Funding Kayla Lyon, Director

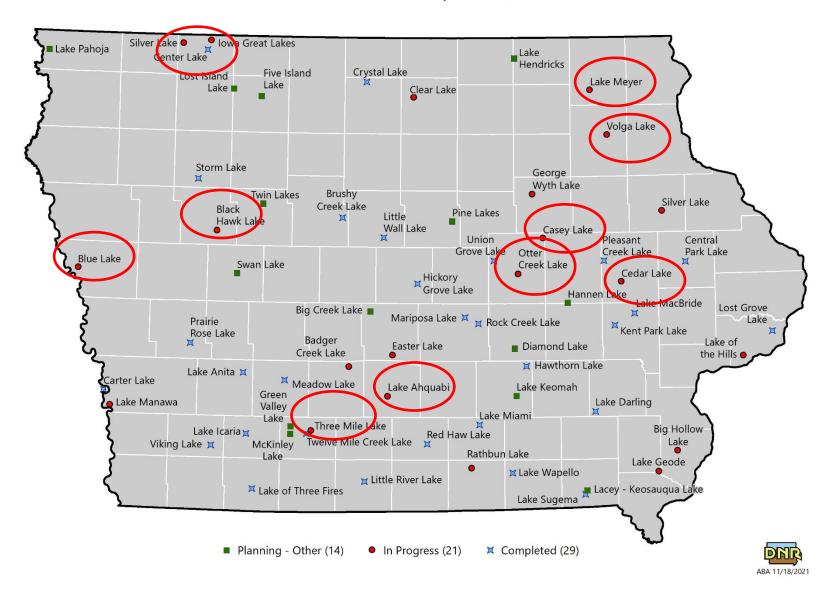
### **DNR Infrastructure Funding**

Governor's Proposed Budget	
Program	RIIF Appropriation
Lakes Restoration	\$9,600,000
State Parks Infrastructure	\$4,000,000
Low Head Dam/Water Trails	\$1,000,000
Total	\$14,600,000





#### STATUS OF LAKE RESTORATION PROJECTS, STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022



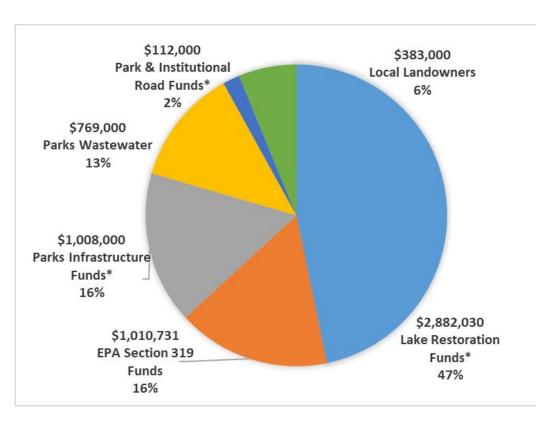
## Recently Completed Major Park and Lake Restoration

#### **Lake Geode, Henry County**









#### \$6,164,761 Total Investment

\* Denotes State Funds (RIIF, Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund, Road Tax Funds passed from DOT to DNR, etc.)

### Recently Completed Major Park and Lake Restoration

#### Lake Geode, Henry County



One of 29 sediment ponds installed in the park to reduce pollution to the lake.



Cover crops and other BMPs reduce nutrient and sediment inputs to the lake.

#### **Lake Restoration by the Numbers:**

- 98 Best Management Practices installed in the watershed to reduce pollution.
- More than \$383,000 private landowner funds invested.
- More than \$1,000,000 federal EPA Section
  319 funds invested.
- Exceeded sediment and nutrient reduction goals as identified in the watershed management plan.

7,083 POUNDS of phosphorus reduced annually

5,337 TONS of sediment reduced annually



### Recently Completed County Park and Lake Restoration

#### West Lake Park, Scott County

Partnership with the Scott County Conservation Board











### Recently Completed Major Restoration Efforts



#### **Hickory Grove Lake, Story County**

Partnership with the Story County Conservation Board











#### **Lake Restoration by the Numbers:**

- 141,864 CY of sediment dredged
- ~12,000 LF of shoreline stabilized
- 3 fishing jetties added for angler access
- **54,000 CY** of sediment removed to restore east game area & protect the lake

# Major Projects Planned for FY22 and FY23:

Blue Lake, Lewis and Clark State Park, Monona County









# Major Projects in Progress

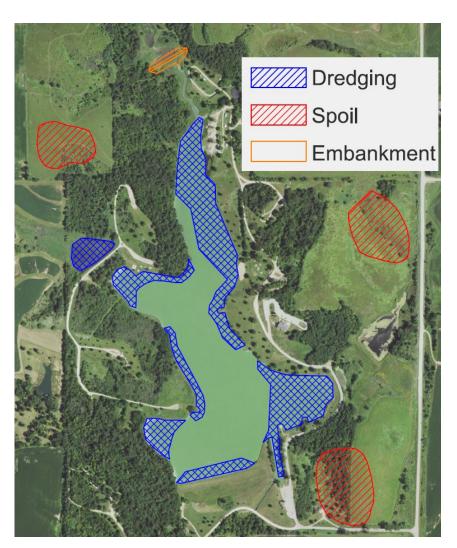
#### Otter Creek Lake Park, Tama County

Partnership with Tama County Conservation Board



Work has begun at the park. The lake was drained in the summer of 2021 and watershed work completed. Construction in the lake is expected throughout 2022.





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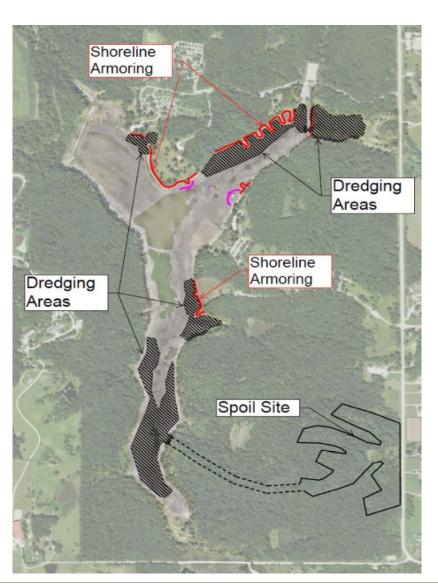
#### Lake Ahquabi State Park, Warren County

#### **Lake Restoration by the Numbers:**

- **180,000 CY** of sediment to be dredged
- ~5,100 LF of shoreline to be stabilized
- **Fish habitat** improvements
- Repairs to lake outlet structure and spillway







### **Major Projects Proposed**

Lake Ahquabi State Park, Warren County (average annual visitation: 430,000)

#### **Complete Historic Lodge Renovation**

- Exterior repairs including new windows and roof
- Accessibility: universal ADA restroom and lift
- New HVAC for climate control and more comfortable visitor experience
- Interior cob blasting for removal of previous stain and paint, restain, bat proof
- Lake Ahquabi is currently closed for lake and campground renovations. This lodge project could accompany the existing renovation schedule for completion prior to the park reopening in 2024.



#### **Current FY23 State Park Projects**

Projects currently scheduled for the status quo amount of \$2,000,000 for FY23:



### Proposed FY24 State Park Projects

Projects currently scheduled for the status quo amount of \$2,000,000 for FY24:

- Prairie Rose State Park, Shelby County
  - Campground renovations
  - Replace existing shower building and add new shower building
  - Upgrade and expand campsite utilities
- Red Haw State Park, Lucas County
  - Replace old storage buildings
- Black Hawk State Park, Sac County
  - Replace old pit vault restroom with a modern family style 4 room shower/restroom facility

- Elk Rock State Park, Marion County
  - Construct new cold storage building
- Pilot Knob State Park, Winnebago County
  - Campground renovations
  - Upgrade and expand campsite utilities
  - Replace pit vault restroom
- Statewide
  - Playground renovations
  - Parking lot upgrades
  - Emergency fund for critical repairs

Lakeside concert at Black Hawk Lake State Park



### Proposed FY24 State Park Projects

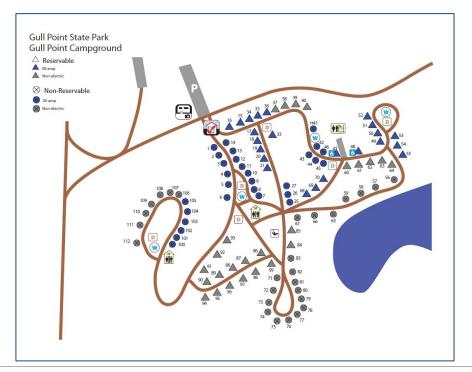
Gull Point State Park, Dickinson County (average annual visitation: 1,535,000)

#### **Major Campground Renovation**

- Campground redesign and utility upgrades to support larger RVs
- Pave trail parking area
- Re-roof shelter #1 and move shelter #2 to a more desirable location



**Gull Point Campground** 



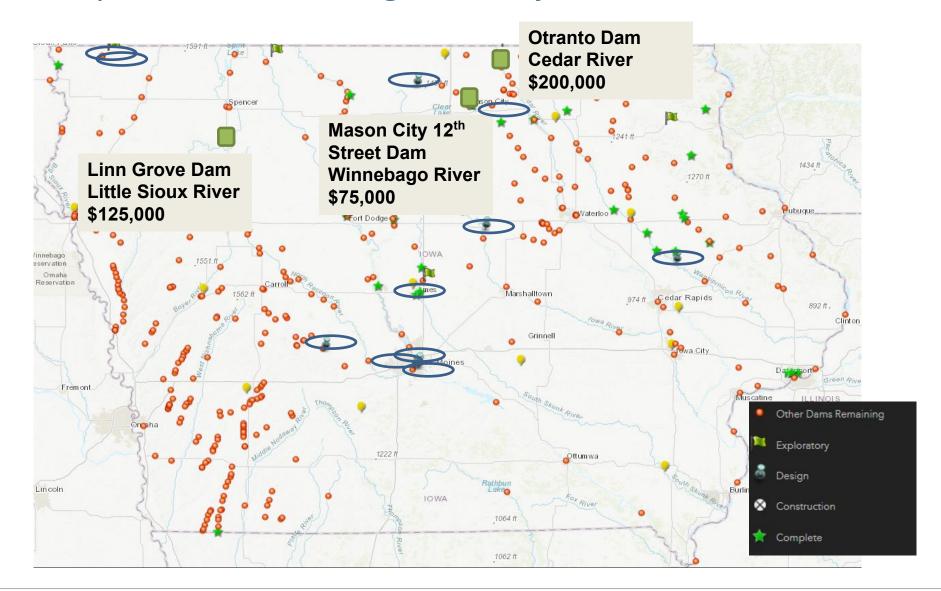
#### **River Programs**

#### Proposed \$1M Appropriation improves water trails and furthers dam mitigation

- Community-driven plans prioritize local projects for paddlers, anglers, and boaters.
- Grants and contracts to build water launches, install signs.
- New recreational experiences and tourism opportunities whitewater, tubing runs, historic water tours, and wilderness adventures.
- Safer dam areas while improving fisheries and addressing aging infrastructure.



### Newly Funded Dam Mitigation Projects FY23



### Newly Funded Water Trail Improvements FY 23



# 2021 Water Trail Access Example

Iron Bridge Access on Maquoketa River, Buchanan County



