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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Leading Iowans in Caring For Our Natural Resources

Table of Organization Iowa Department of Natural Resources



FY 2026 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

APPROPRIATION NAME	FY 25 Appropriation	FY 26 Governor's Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
GENERAL FUND			
Department Operations	\$12,500,000	\$12,816,738	\$316,738
State Park Operations	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
Floodplain Management	\$1,510,000	\$1,510,000	\$0
Forestry Health Management	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$15,535,000	\$15,851,738	\$316,738
ENVIRONMENT FIRST			
Resource Enhancement and Protection	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$0
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$0
Water Quality Monitoring	\$2,955,000	\$2,955,000	\$0
GIS Data for Watershed Managers	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$0
Park Operations and Maintenance	\$6,235,000	\$6,235,000	\$0
Floodplain Management	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$0
Animal Feeding Operations	\$1,320,000	\$1,320,000	\$0
Water Supply Appropriation	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Total Environment First Fund	\$24,005,000	\$24,005,000	\$0
NON-GENERAL FUND			
Fish and Wildlife Operations	\$51,404,790	\$51,404,790	\$0
Groundwater Fund	\$3,455,850	\$3,455,850	\$0
Snowmobile Transfer to FWTF	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
State Park Accessibility - Blufflands	\$296,228	\$0	(\$296,228)
Total Non General Funds	\$55,256,868	\$54,960,640	(\$296,228)
INFRASTRUCTURE			
Lake Water Quality Improvements	\$9,600,000	\$9,600,000	\$0
Water Trails/Lowhead Dam	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0
Park Infrastructure Improvements	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0
State Park Accessibility	\$1,000,000	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
Community Forestry Grant Program	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Derelict Buildings	\$0	\$800,000	\$800,000
Law Enforcement Radios	\$1,565,000	\$0	(\$1,565,000)
Total Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund	\$18,915,000	\$17,150,000	(\$1,765,000)
TOTAL GOVERNOR'S BUDGET	\$113,711,868	\$111,967,378	(\$1,744,490)

State Park Renovations – 2024 Highlights

Pike Peak – Campground Upgrades

- New concrete roadways
- New gravel campground camp pads
- New electric service lines, sewer system and disposal station



McIntosh Woods – Shelter Upgrades

- New steel roof and fascia boards on two shelters



State Park Renovations

Lake Manawa – Concession Building

- Remodeled restrooms in the Beach Concession Building, including new toilet stalls, counters, changing tables and lighting
- Exterior improvements including new gutters, soffits and fascia around the entire building



Maquoketa Caves – Lagoons

- New liners for two wastewater treatment lagoons at the park
- New boundary fence around the lagoons



State Park Renovations – Coming in 2025

Clear Lake State Park

- Campground grading and reconfiguration
 - Addition of 2 concrete camp pads for ADA access
 - New water lines, sewer and hydrants
- New shower building
- Restroom and lodge upgrades



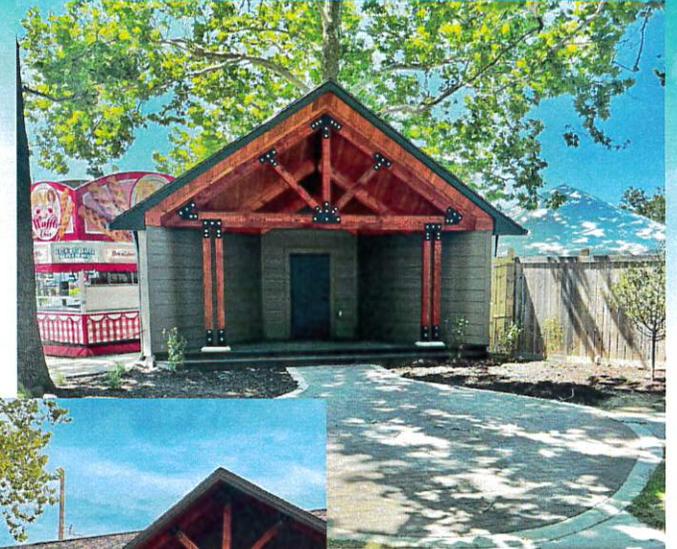
Red Haw State Park Campground Renovation

- In 2022, an EF3 tornado destroyed the campground, a beach building, shower building and more.
- In 2025, new campground will open, which will include:
 - 30 new gravel camp pads
 - 4 concrete camp pads for ADA access
 - New electric and outlet posts
 - New playground



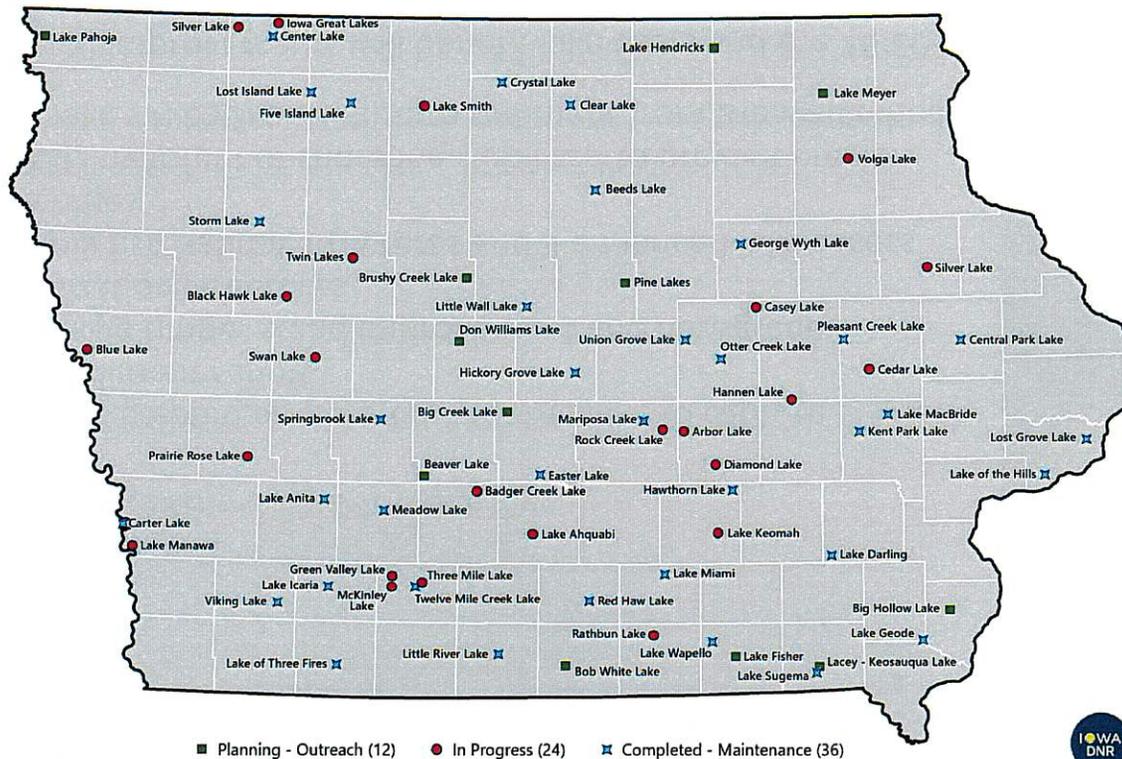
Iowa State Fair - 2024 DNR Courtyard Renovations

- **Covered stage** replicates state park architecture, providing space for outdoor programs and education
- **Range building** provides safe space for shooting sports; will be used in the off-season for hunter education and other classes.
- **Rainscape garden** demonstrates backyard practices for stormwater retention with native grasses and landscaping.



Lakes FY24-25 project successes

STATUS OF LAKE RESTORATION PROJECTS, STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025



Recently Completed Projects:

- Casey Lake (Black Hawk)
- Three Mile Lake (Union)
- Rock Creek Lake (Jasper)
- Silver Lake (Dickinson)
- Eagle Lake (Hancock) – shallow lake project (not pictured)

Major Projects Currently Under Construction:

- McKinley Lake (Union)
- Lake Keomah (Mahaska)
- Diamond Lake (Poweshiek)
- Green Valley Lake (Union)
- Prairie Rose Lake (Shelby)
- Little Storm Lake (Buena Vista) – shallow lake project (not pictured)

Lake Restoration - Success Highlight

Three Mile Lake – Union County

- **7 ponds** created or restored near the lake to capture nutrient and sediment runoff
- Extensive timber stand improvement and new grade-stabilization structures
- **48** new fish habitat structures and **3** enhanced lake access amenities
- **3,000** linear feet of shoreline stabilized to prevent erosion
- **2** in-lake silt basins to capture sediment from the watershed

Water quality improvements will benefit lake users and the **20,000 people** who rely on the lake for drinking water



Lake Restoration - Plans for FY26

- **Iowa Great Lakes (Dickinson County)** – shoreline repairs after 2024 floods
- **Diamond Lake (Poweshiek County)** – in-lake restoration practices
- **East Twin Lake (Hancock County)** – shallow lake project
- **Alum treatments** to reduce phosphorus cycling and algae blooms at Green Valley Lake and Prairie Rose Lake



Great Lakes shoreline



Diamond Lake watershed



Alum treatments



East Twin Lake

Rivers - 2025 State Water Trails Map



Little Sioux River – Dickinson, Clay, Buena Vista, O'Brien, Cherokee, Ida, and Woodbury counties



Cedar River – Mitchell and Floyd counties



West Fork of Nishnabotna River – Shelby County



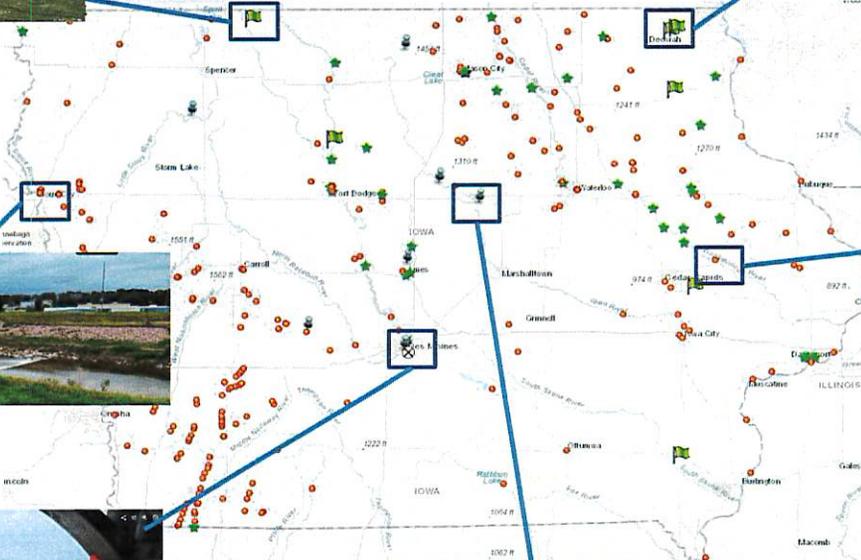
Des Moines River and Beaver Creek – Polk County

Low-head Dam Safety and Fish Passage Projects: 38 Projects Completed to Date



Upper Iowa River – Winneshiek County

Des Moines River – Estherville



Wapsipinicon River – Central City



Floyd River – Sioux City



Des Moines and Raccoon rivers – Des Moines



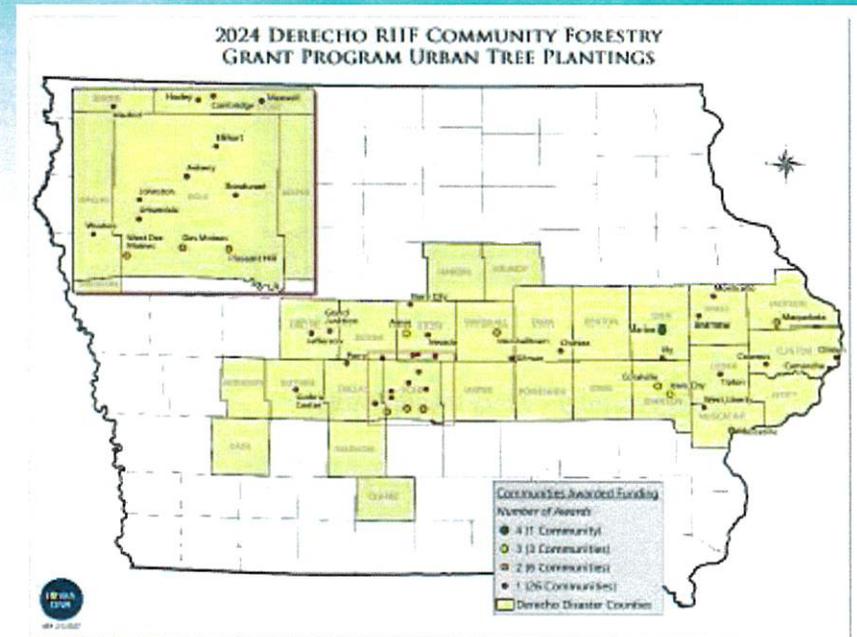
Iowa River – Hardin County

Iowa DNR's Dam Projects

-  Exploratory
-  Design
-  Construction
-  Complete
-  Other Dams Remaining

Community Forest Grants

- **51 projects**, reaching 15 of the 27 counties, impacted by the 2020 derecho disaster
- **2,269 trees** planted to restore canopy lost in the derecho and increase canopy diversity.
- **Partnerships** with Iowa nurseries, garden centers and businesses supplying trees.



Youth volunteers with Jackson County Conservation Board assisting in a planting demonstration lead by DNR Urban and Community Forestry Technician, Laurie Dams.

Derelict Building Grant Program

- Provides financial grants to address neglected commercial or public buildings in rural communities (less than pop. 5,000)
- Since 2011, **187 projects in 142 Iowa communities**
- Must have a plan for deconstruction and/or renovation
- Landfill diversion

Hopkinton, Iowa – Old Gas Station to Health Clinic “Before and After”

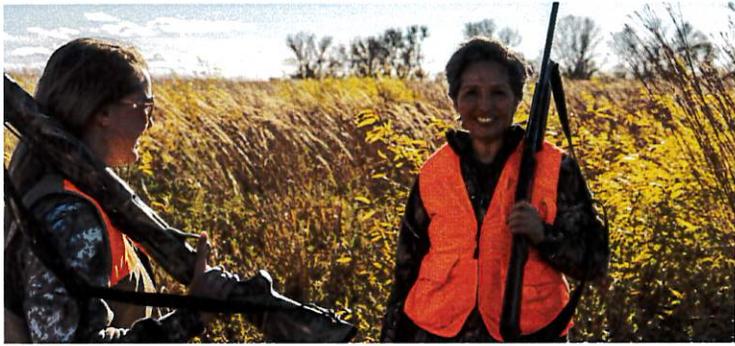


Derelict Building Grant Program – Achievements

- **\$3.4 million** reimbursed to communities
- **\$3.3 million** in solid waste disposal costs saved by communities
- **82.9 tons** of construction and demolition materials diverted from landfills;
- Of **90.7 tons** of demolition waste generated, **91 percent** was repurposed
- **1,443 tons** of ACM properly managed and disposed

Afton, Iowa – VFW Post to Community Internet Station “Before and After”





Questions and comments?

