

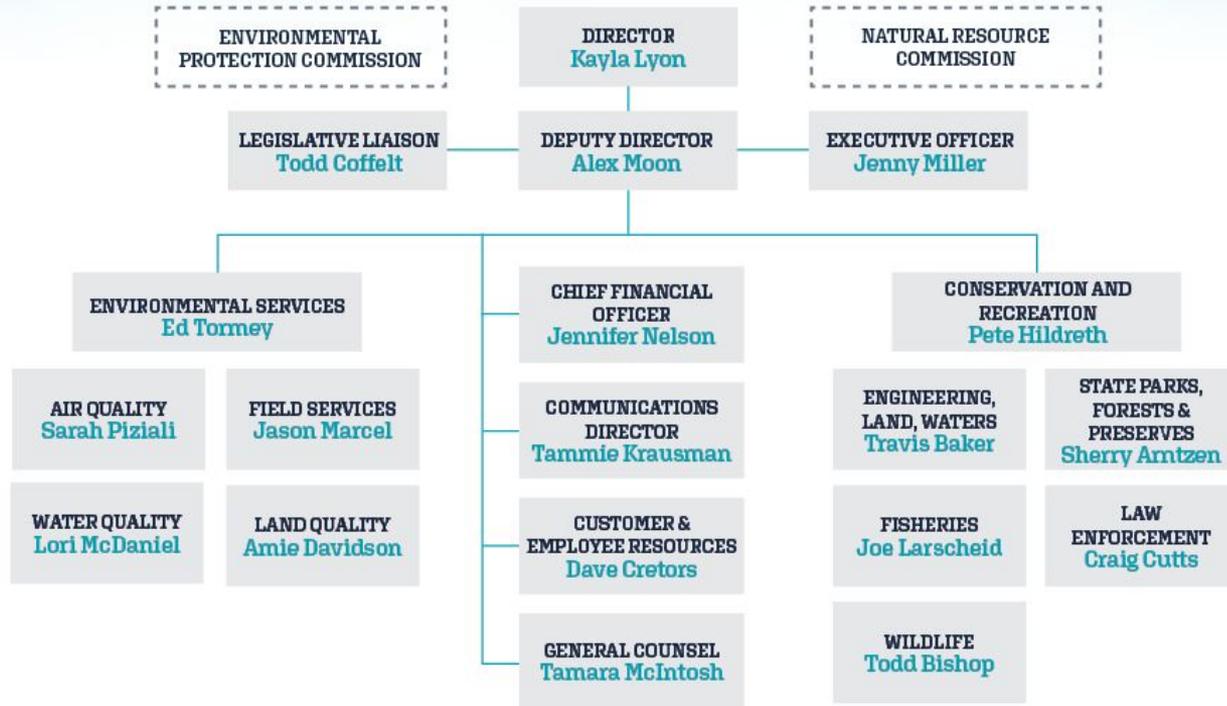


**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Leading Iowans in Caring For Our Natural Resources**

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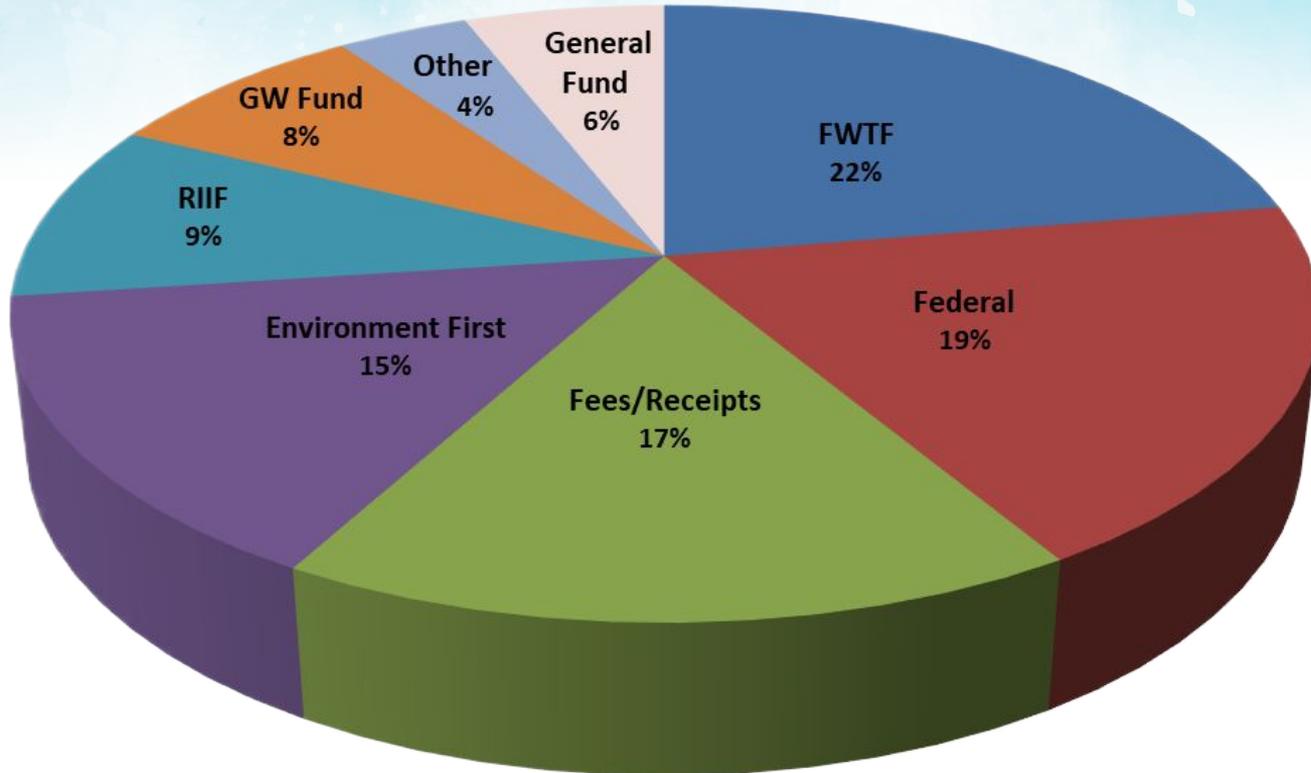
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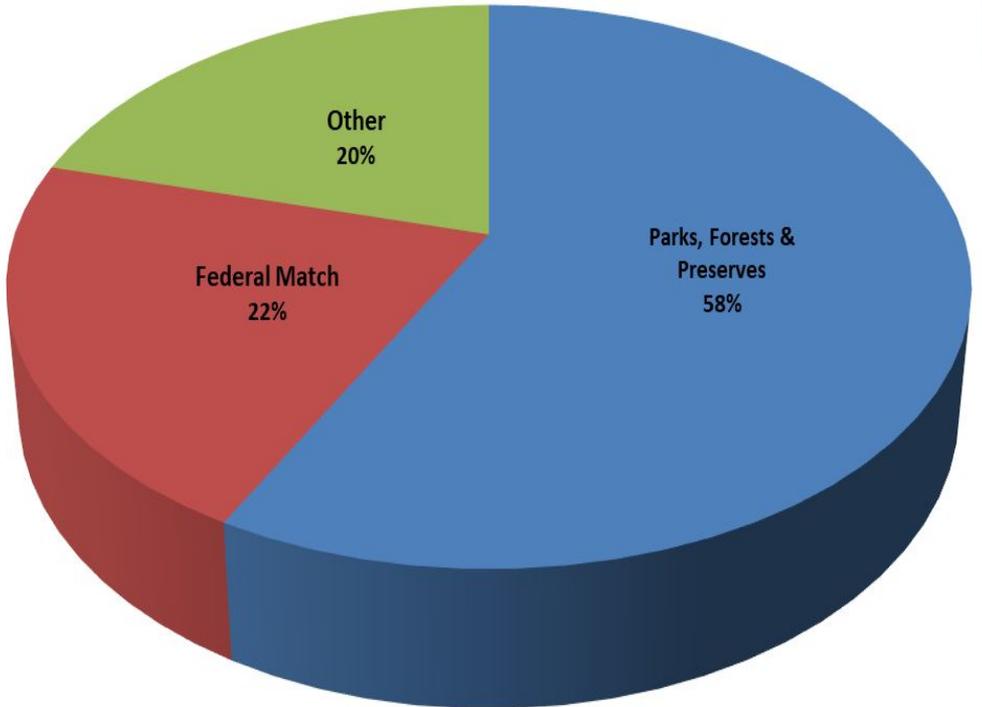
# FY 2026 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

APPROPRIATION NAME	FY 25 Appropriation	FY 26 Governor's Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
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
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$15,535,000</b>	<b>\$15,851,738</b>	<b>\$316,738</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT FIRST</b>			
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
<b>Total Environment First Fund</b>	<b>\$24,005,000</b>	<b>\$24,005,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>NON-GENERAL FUND</b>			
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)
<b>Total Non General Funds</b>	<b>\$55,256,868</b>	<b>\$54,960,640</b>	<b>(\$296,228)</b>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>			
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)
<b>Total Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund</b>	<b>\$18,915,000</b>	<b>\$17,150,000</b>	<b>(\$1,765,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNOR'S BUDGET</b>	<b>\$113,711,868</b>	<b>\$111,967,378</b>	<b>(\$1,744,490)</b>

# Expenditures by Funding Sources



# General Fund - Department Operation Allocation

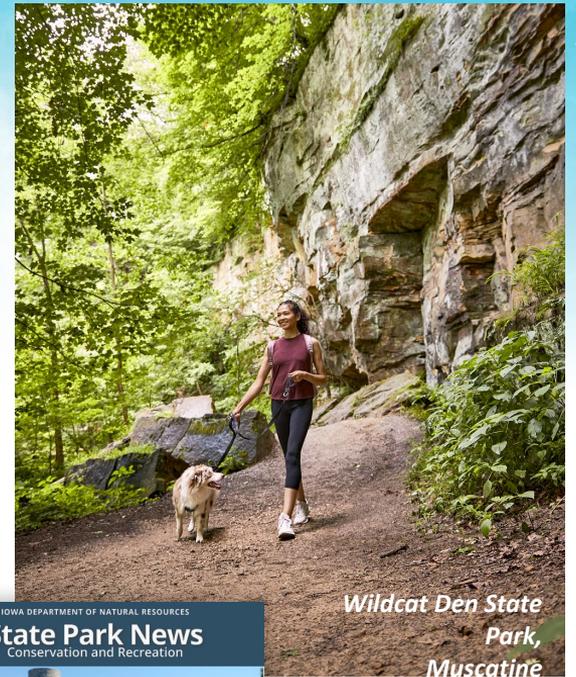


# Welcome to Iowa State Parks

Year	Visitation	Camping Guest Nights (# of people x # of nights they stay)
2021	17,121,389	978,702
2022	14,212,899	814,135
2023	13,483,088	864,225
2024	13,576,701	759,120

## Dynamic Pricing

- **Special promotions** help campers/cabin renters with cost savings
- Encourage stays in the off-season or mid-week; visits to lesser-used parks; and retain campers
- Six promos in 2024 generated 1,404 reservations



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**Come back to Iowa state parks in 2024!**  
Get **\$5.00** off your stay with Promo Code: **Welcome24**

Welcome back to Iowa state parks this summer! **Book a campsite today** and save **\$5.00** on your reservation. Just use Promo Code **Welcome24** at check out. Hurry, campgrounds are filling up fast! Enjoy your stay at Iowa state parks.

**Stay with Promo Code: Welcome24**

# 2024 – 100th Anniversary of Ledges State Park & Pilot Knob State Park

- **Community celebrations** – music, games, programming, fundraiser meals, hikes
- **Formal rededication ceremonies** on park anniversary dates
- **Volunteer cleanup** events throughout the year
- **Special thanks** to each park's Friends Group for leading celebration efforts



*Pilot Knob hay rack ride*



*Ledges pancake breakfast and Friends Group*





# Iowa State Fair - 2024 DNR Courtyard Renovations

- **Covered stage** replicates state park architecture, provides space for outdoor programs and education
- **Range building** provides safe space for shooting sports, and 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



*Above: Shooting range and rain garden.  
Left: Covered stage*

# Hunting and Fishing License Sales

## 2024 License Sales –

**Overall sales down slightly compared to 2023, flooding a factor**

- 101,911 hunting licenses
- 224,747 fishing licenses
- 32,021 hunt/fish combo licenses

875,430 = total hunting and fishing privileges sold (all types) in 2024

371,772 = number of unique customers in 2024

**Trout** = 43,710 trout stamps

**Deer** = 311,379 deer tags sold across all seasons

**Turkey** = 62,278 turkey tags sold across all seasons

**Migratory Bird** = 25,177 migratory bird fees

**Furharvester** = 14,812 trapping licenses

Numbers are for resident sales



# 2025: 100th anniversary of Iowa pheasant hunting

**1925** – 13 counties and 75,000 hunters in Iowa's first pheasant season

**1976** – first statewide season

**1995** – harvest of 1.44 million roosters

**2021** – after years of up and down weather and habitat changes, Iowa rooster harvest reaches 400,000

**2025** – 100th anniversary



*Collectible hard card sold through Iowa licensing system*

# Cody Recreational Shooting Complex in Scott County

## Opened December 2024

- Manager/partner is Scott County Conservation Board
- Many shooting opportunities for all skill levels
- First 2 months open: 221 users, 452 hours of range time

## Construction

- Paid for with \$990,000 federal excise tax dollars on firearms, ammo and equipment; \$110,000 from DNR/Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, and \$500,000 from Scott County.
- Phase 2 will begin in 2025 – classroom building for law enforcement and hunter education training, archery range.



# Disaster Assistance and Recovery

## April 2024 Tornadoes – Minden, Avoca and Greenfield

- 40 percent of Minden homes (pop. ~600) damaged or destroyed, and water supply facility was completely destroyed.
  - Iowa DNR worked with the city, Iowa Rural Water, and other agencies to quickly establish a temporary system for safe drinking water until a new facility is built.
- Greenfield – more than 150 homes damaged or destroyed
  - Iowa DNR provided debris management guidance, working closely with local, state and federal officials to assist clean-up.



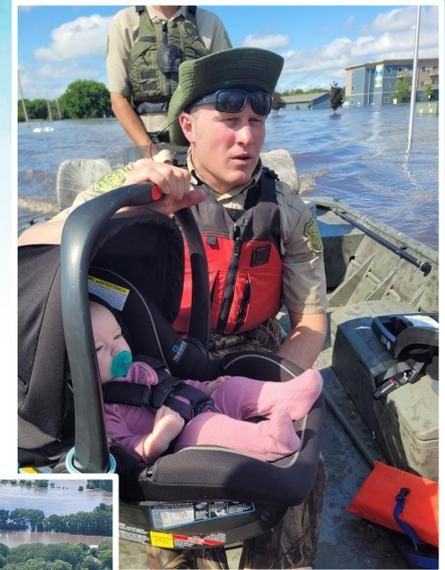
*Above: Greenfield  
Left: Minden*

# Disaster Assistance and Recovery

Ten separate natural disaster events hit Iowa in four consecutive months, impacting **62 counties**

## Northwest Iowa Flooding – June 2024

- **250 Iowans rescued from rising flood waters** by COs in Spencer, Rock Valley, Hawarden and Correctionville
- **34 drinking water supplies** impacted
- **88 wastewater facilities impacted**, ranging from bypasses to system failures; some still recovering
- DNR also provided engineering expertise and numerous other emergency response and assistance



*Spencer – water rescue*



*Hawarden – flooding in June 2024*

# Disaster Assistance and Recovery

## Debris, HHMs and Solid Waste Management During Disasters

- Disaster debris staging areas -- temporary solid waste transfer stations
- DNR Field Offices work with impacted communities to create and approve plans for efficient, fast, safe and responsible clean-up of solid waste
- Minimize long-term impacts to public health and the environment



*Minden – HHM collection*



*Spencer – appliance debris staging area*

# Environmental Assistance - Iowa Drinking Water Data Portal

## Launched in 2024:

- **1,799** water supplies in Iowa are searchable, detailing treatments, permit info, and compliance
- **4 million+** searchable drinking water sample results
- **1,115** registered users
- **3,000** compliance documents uploaded by Iowa DNR
- **94.5%** public water supply service line inventories, submitted by the Oct 16, 2024; 100% in December 2024
  - Enabled review by Iowa DNR staff from across 6 field offices
  - Ownership, material, installation dates and source data reported for 1 million+ service lines



# Environmental Assistance - Underground Storage Tank Certification

New in 2024 – online database for companies to manage certifications and training, streamlining application and payment processes

- **1,066 individuals** have dashboard access
- Access to real-time data
- Transparency and convenience - one-stop-shop
- **170 hours of staff time** saved/year

From one stakeholder:

“LOVE the new online renewal process for technicians and the company. Very simple to use.”

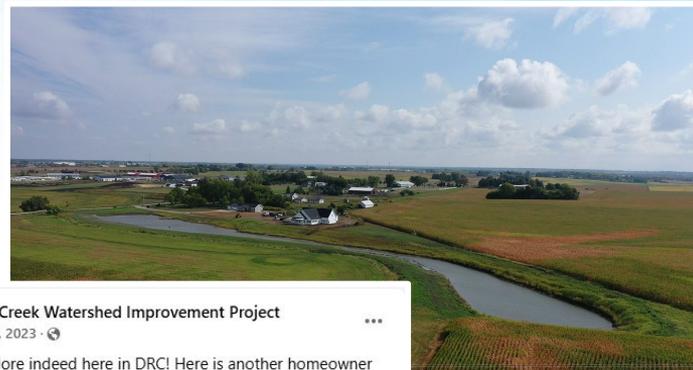


*Ankeny underground storage tank at new gas station*

# Dry Run Creek Watershed Improvement Project

## 20th Anniversary/2024 Outstanding Watershed Award

- **Watershed is 50 percent agricultural, 50 percent urban** (includes UNI and Cedar Falls) in Black Hawk County
- **280+** conservation practices in the watershed
- **3,673 tons of sediment and 113 million gallons of stormwater** being prevented from impacting the stream annually
- **Community-based approach:**
  - Agricultural practices to prevent erosion
  - Volunteer events, plant sales, tours, rain barrel classes and much more



### Dry Run Creek Watershed Improvement Project

August 27, 2023 · 🌐

Rain gardens galore indeed here in DRC! Here is another homeowner taking their first step into the waters of conservation with a rain garden project. At 105 square feet, this will treat over 12,000 gallons each year! A big thanks to our partners with Green Iowa AmeriCorps - Land and Water Stewards and volunteers from [George Wyth State Park](#) to help knock this construction out in just a few hours!

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Questions and comments?

