



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LEADING IOWANS IN CARING FOR OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

Budget Presentation to
Ag and Natural Resources Budget Sub-Committee
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How We Serve Iowans

- Protection and Management of Natural Resources
 - Fish and wildlife populations and their habitats on public and private lands.
 - Forest resources on public and private lands.
 - Air, groundwater, surface water, land and geologic resources.
- Recreation
 - Provide healthful, outdoor recreational opportunities for hunters, anglers, boaters, wildlife enthusiasts and park visitors.
 - Develop and manage public lands and facilities including state parks and forests, wildlife areas and lakes.

How We Serve Iowans

- Regulation and Enforcement
 - License, permit and regulate hunters, anglers, and boaters, confined animal waste facilities, underground storage tanks, wastewater treatment plants, public water supplies, solid waste facilities, and contaminated sites.
 - Certification of drinking water operators, wastewater treatment operators, animal waste applicators, and well drillers.
 - Compliance inspections at various regulated facilities.

Economic Benefit of Natural Resources

- 2012 Study: *Economic Value of Outdoor Recreation Activities in Iowa* by Iowa State University
- Expenditures on travel to recreation sites and participation in recreation activities has resulted in more than **\$3 billion** of spending, which in turn helps support approximately **31,000 jobs** and **\$717 million** of income in the state.

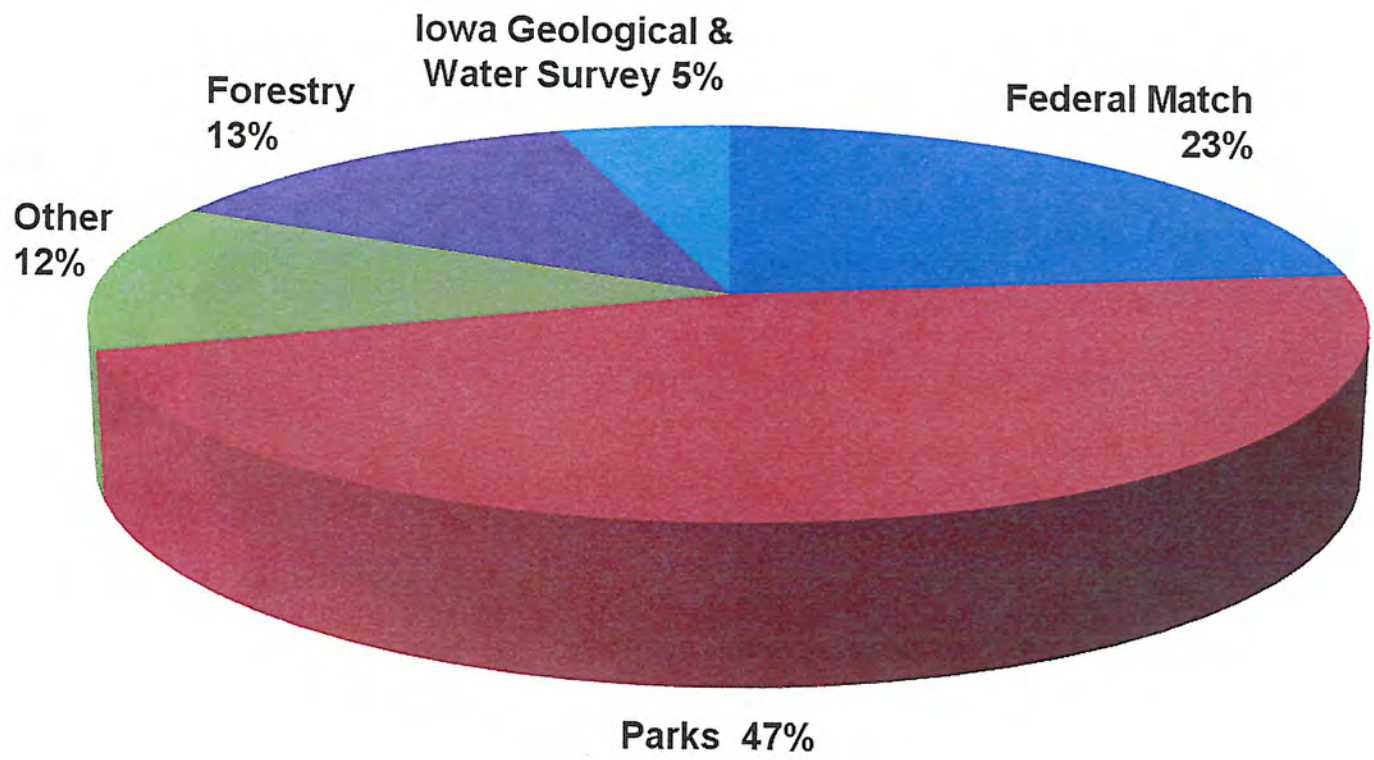
FY14 Governor's Budget Recommendation

- General Fund
 - DNR Operations - \$12.5M
 - Floodplain Management - \$2M
 - Forestry Health - \$100K
- Environment First
 - REAP - \$12M
 - Ambient Air Quality Monitoring - \$425K
 - Water Quality Monitoring - \$2.96M
 - GIS Data for Watershed Managers - \$195K
 - Keepers of the Land Volunteer Program - \$100K
 - Park Operations and Maintenance - \$6.61M
 - Keep Iowa Beautiful - \$200K

FY14 Governor's Budget Recommendation

- Water Quantity - \$495K
- Animal Feeding Operations - \$1.1M
- Water Supply - \$500K
- Geological and Water Survey - \$200K
- Winterset Water Utility - \$1M
- Non-General Funds
 - Fish and Wildlife Operations - \$41.08M
 - Groundwater Fund - \$3.5M
 - UST Technical Tank Review - \$100K
 - UST Administration Match - \$200K
 - Snowmobile Transfer to F&W - \$100K

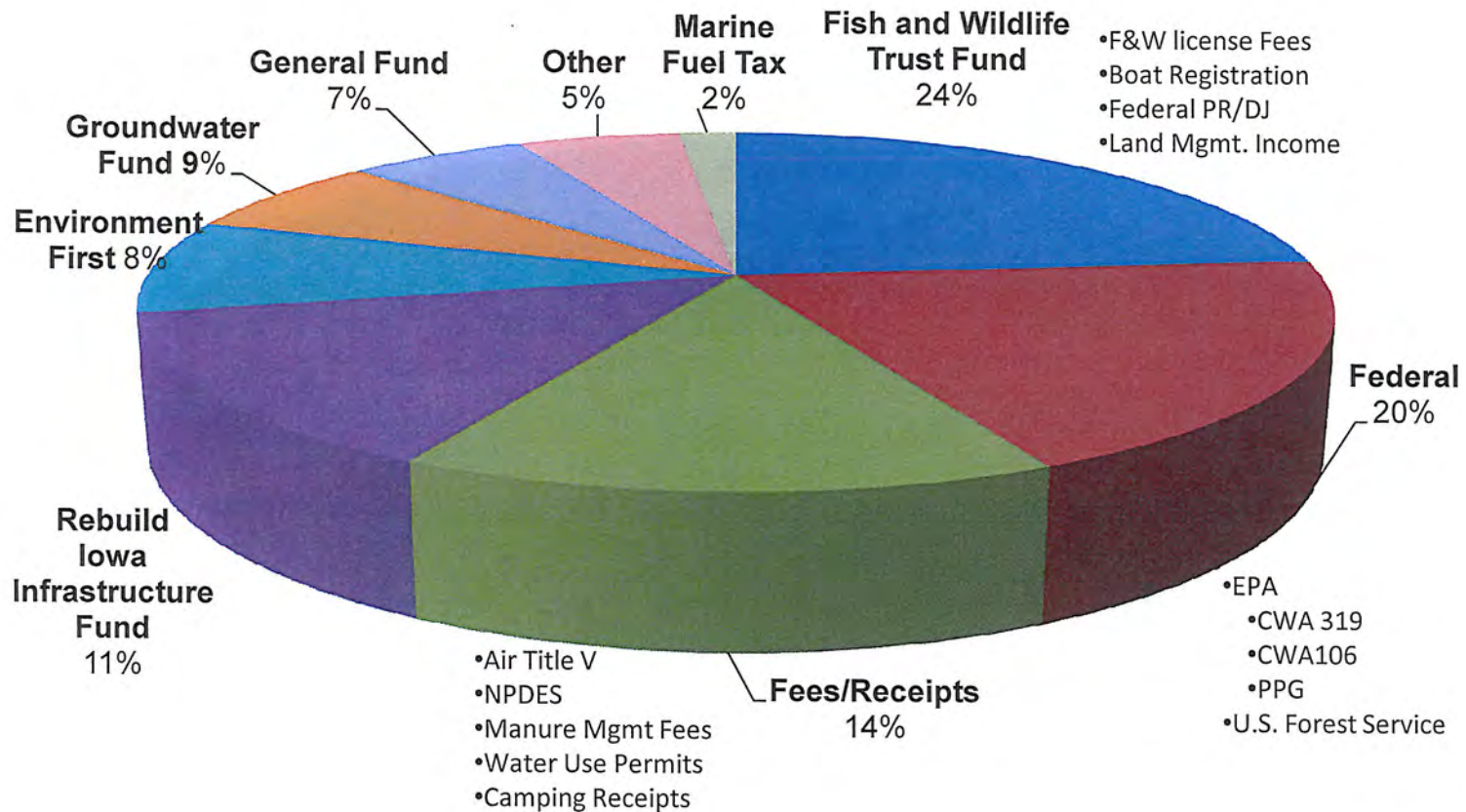
DNR General Fund Expenditures



\$12.5M General Fund for Operations



Funding Sources at a Glance



\$125.5M for DNR Operations

Budget Challenges

- Defeasance of Honey Creek Resort Bonds
- Parks Operations
 - Responsible for 82 State Parks
 - Since 2008, staff reduced from 106 to 91
 - Seasonal staff reduced from historic levels of 300, to 86 in 2011 and 175 in 2012
 - Staffing Plan – Rangers and Managers

Budget Challenges

- De-delegation of Clean Water Act oversight for NPDES and Animal Feeding Operations
- Forest Health
- Lakes Restoration
- Federal Sequestration

Department Successes & Initiatives

- Restructuring of Agency – IT, Licensing, Communications, and Engineering
- Healthy Iowans
 - DNR Initiative
 - Public Health 5 Year Plan
- Health and Safety Plan

Department Successes & Initiatives

- State Parks Fall Stakeholder meetings
 - People like our staff.
 - They want us to maintain and improve what we have.
 - Generally happy with state parks.
 - If we had more resources, fix and update the structures in the parks. When asked to prioritize, keep up the campgrounds and things people use most.

Department Collaborations

- Economic Development Authority
- IDALS
 - Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
 - Nutrient Reduction Strategy (along with ISU)
 - Targeted Watershed Projects



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Red Haw State Park