

Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee
Summary of Governor's Recommendations

Subcommittee Funding – General Fund

The Governor is recommending \$37.6 million from the General Fund for FY 2007. This includes:

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Ag and Land Stewardship	\$ 19,307,601
Natural Resources	\$ 18,292,579
	<u>\$ 37,600,180</u>

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

The Governor is recommending \$19.3 million from the General Fund for the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. This is an increase of \$350,000 compared to estimated FY 2006. Changes include:

- An increase of \$250,000 for the Dairy Products Control Bureau.
- An increase of \$85,000 to increase the base budget for the Ankeny laboratory.
- An increase of \$15,000 to move climatology records to a permanent storage location.

Department of Natural Resources

The Governor is recommending \$18.3 million from the General Fund for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This is an increase of \$500,000 and 2.0 FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2006. Changes include:

- An increase of \$75,000 and 2.0 FTE positions for operations at State Parks.
- An increase of \$100,000 for the Energy Continuation Program.
- An increase of \$50,000 for the Pollution Prevention Intern Program.
- An increase of \$275,000 for the Air Quality Livestock Monitoring Program. This Program is currently funded with Stormwater Permit Fees.

Subcommittee Funding – Non-General Fund

Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

The Governor is recommending \$34.3 million for the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund. This is an increase of \$1.9 million compared to estimated FY 2006. The increase will be used for aquatic invasive species, outdoor recreation programs, Missouri River fisheries, and increased gasoline costs.

Environment First Fund

The Governor is recommending \$34.0 million for the Environment First Fund. This is an increase of \$1.0 million compared to estimated FY 2006. Changes include:

- An increase of \$800,000 for the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund.
- An increase of \$200,000 for the Marine Fuel Tax Capitals Fund.
- A decrease of \$1.0 million for Lake Dredging.

Investment in Iowa's Water Quality (funded in other Subcommittees)

The Governor is recommending funding of \$20.0 million for the improvement of Iowa's water quality. Funding will be used for watershed protection projects, lake restoration and preservation projects, and grants to small communities to upgrade waste treatment facilities. Specific funding includes:

- \$10.0 million to fund the Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board. The Board is responsible for awarding local watershed improvement grants. Funding is from the Endowment for Iowans Health Restricted Capital Fund and goes to the State Treasurer.
- \$5.0 million to restore and preserve lakes that do not have an impaired watershed. Improvement projects include dredging, shoreline stabilization, and easement acquisition for habitat development. Funding is from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and goes to the DNR.
- \$5.0 million for grants to small communities to upgrade water treatment facilities. Communities will be able to use the grant money to supplement and leverage additional funding from the State Revolving Loan Fund. Funding is from RIIF and goes to the Iowa Finance Authority.