



FY 2017 General Fund Governor's Recommendations		
Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$	22,474,688
Natural Resources		15,312,307
Board of Regents		5,325,000
Total	\$	43,111,995

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship - General Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2015 (1)	Estimated FY 2016 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2017 (3)	2017 Gov Rec vs 2016 Estimated (4)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>				
Agriculture and Land Stewardship				
Administrative Division	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 17,655,492	\$ 0
Milk Inspections	189,196	189,196	189,196	0
Farmers with Disabilities	130,000	130,000	130,000	0
Local Food and Farm	75,000	75,000	75,000	0
Agricultural Education	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Water Quality Initiative	4,400,000	4,400,000	4,400,000	0
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 22,474,688	\$ 0

Other Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2015 (1)	Estimated FY 2016 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2017 (3)	2017 Gov Rec vs 2016 Estimated (4)
<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>				
Agriculture and Land Stewardship				
Native Horse & Dog Prog - Undaimed Winnings	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 305,516	\$ 0
Motor Fuel Inspection - RFIF	500,000	500,000	0	-500,000
Conservation Reserve Enhance - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	0
Farm Management Demo - EFF	625,000	625,000	625,000	0
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF	2,550,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	0
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Cost Share - EFF	6,750,000	6,750,000	6,750,000	0
Fuel Inspection - UST	250,000	250,000	750,000	500,000
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 13,880,516	\$ 14,030,516	\$ 14,030,516	\$ 0
Loess Hills Dev. and Conservation				
Loess Hills - EFF	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 0
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 14,480,516	\$ 14,630,516	\$ 14,630,516	\$ 0

Governor's Recommendations – Significant Changes

Fuel Inspection: Funding is from Underground Storage Tank (UST) Unassigned Revenue Fund but funding level remains the same.	\$500,000
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Discussion Items

Motor Fuel Inspection Program – The Weights and Measures Bureau in the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) is responsible for licensing and inspecting Iowa fuel pumps to ensure fuel pumps are labeled accurately and that fuel is properly dispersed. This includes testing regular motor fuel and renewable fuel such as blended gasoline, biodiesel, and biodiesel-blended fuel. The Department requested \$500,000 for Program funding from the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program for FY 2017. *The Governor is recommending funding of \$500,000 from the Underground Storage Tank Unassigned Revenue Fund.*

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program -- The Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program provides financial assistance to owners or operators of a retail motor fuel site or a biodiesel terminal that wish to convert their equipment to dispense and or store renewable fuels. The grants are reviewed and approved by the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Board that has 11 voting members appointed by the Governor. The DALs provides administrative support to the Board. The Program has been receiving a total of \$3.0 million per year from the Statutory Allocation Fund of the Road Use Tax Fund. *The Governor is recommending funding of \$2,400,000 from the RIIF.*

Agriculture Drainage Wells Program – This Program provides cost-share funding to landowners to close agriculture drainage wells. By closing the wells and developing alternative drainage, drinking water aquifers are protected. Funding levels have varied over the years; however, there was no funding for FY 2015. Currently, there is a project in Humboldt County that will close 12 drainage wells, leaving 36 open wells that are registered with the DNR. The plan for the remainder includes:

- FY 2016 – There was an appropriation of \$1.9 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to close eight wells.
- FY 2017 – The Department is requesting \$1.9 million from the General Fund to close nine more wells.
- The estimated expense for the remaining 19 wells has not been finalized; however, the Department estimates the closure costs at \$7.0 million.

The Governor is recommending funding of \$1,920,000 for FY 2017 from the RIIF. This is no change in funding compared to estimated FY 2016 and is included in the Other Funds tracking document for the Transportation, Capitals, and Infrastructure Subcommittee.

Water Quality Initiative (WQI) – The Department received a General Fund appropriation of \$4,400,000 for FY 2016 and a RIIF appropriation of \$5.2 million for a total appropriation of \$9.6 million. Funding is allocated for statewide practices available to all operations and for demonstration projects. Currently, there are 32 demonstration projects that include:

- 16 projects in targeted watersheds with \$7.4 million in funding and \$11.7 million additional funding.
- 7 innovative projects with \$3.1 million in funding and \$2.6 million additional funding.
- 9 urban conservation projects with \$655,000 in funding and \$2.4 million additional funding.

The [2016 Legislative Report](#) is available on the DALs website and provides detailed information related to the WQI.

The Governor is recommending funding of \$3,100,000 for FY 2017 from the RIIF. This is no change in funding compared to estimated FY 2016 and is included in the Other Funds tracking document for the Transportation, Capitals, and Infrastructure Subcommittee.

Avian Influenza – In the spring of 2015, there was an outbreak of Avian Influenza on 77 farm operations in 18 Iowa counties. The disease was spread from migratory birds and 31.5 million birds were infected. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has continued to test birds for the disease and began sampling in July 2015. Over 40,000 birds have been sampled in commercial poultry operations, live bird markets, and in migratory wild bird populations. Although there was no outbreak this past fall, the USDA did confirm that Eurasian H5 avian influenza was found in genetic material from a wild duck, however, testing was unable to determine the exact strain of the virus or if it was high pathogenic or low pathogenic. The duck was harvested by a hunter in Morrow County, Oregon in November 2015. In addition, the USDA reported to the World Organization for Animal Health on November 18, 2015, that no avian flu has been identified in any commercial or backyard poultry since June 17, 2015. The Department requested \$500,000 for responding to Foreign Animal Disease. *The Governor is not recommending funding.*

Watershed Improvement Review Board – The Watershed Improvement Review Program was established during the 2005 Legislative Session. The legislation created a Watershed Improvement Review Board and a Watershed Improvement Review Fund. The purpose of the Board is to review applications and award grants for projects that will provide for the following:

- Enhance the State's water quality by implementing locally-controlled projects to improve impaired watersheds.
- Improve the State's water resources for the purposes of drinking, agriculture, recreation, sport, and economic development.
- Encourage public participation and input for determining priorities to improve water quality. This includes projects related to agricultural runoff and drainage, stream bank erosion, municipal discharge, stormwater runoff, unsewered communities, industrial discharge, and livestock runoff.

No funding has been appropriated for the Program for the past two years, and the unobligated balance as of December 31, 2015, is \$283,000. Without additional funding the Program will not award any new grants. *The Governor is not recommending funding.*

Department of Natural Resources - General Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2015 (1)	Estimated FY 2016 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2017 (3)	2017 Gov Rec vs 2016 Estimated (4)
<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>				
Natural Resources				
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 12,862,307	\$ 0
Floodplain Management Program	2,000,000	1,950,000	1,950,000	0
Forestry Health Management	450,000	500,000	500,000	0
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	\$ 15,312,307	\$ 15,312,307	\$ 15,312,307	\$ 0

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Other Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2015 (1)	Estimated FY 2016 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2017 (3)	2017 Gov Rec vs 2016 Estimated (4)
Natural Resources, Dept. of				
Natural Resources				
Fish & Game- DNR Admin Expenses	\$ 41,223,225	\$ 42,044,573	\$ 42,044,573	\$ 0
GWF - Storage Tanks Study	100,303	100,303	100,303	0
GWF - Household Hazardous Waste	447,324	447,324	447,324	0
GWF - Well Testing Admin 2%	62,461	62,461	62,461	0
GWF - Groundwater Monitoring	1,686,751	1,686,751	1,686,751	0
GWF - Landfill Alternatives	618,993	618,993	618,993	0
GWF - Waste Reduction and Assistance	192,500	192,500	192,500	0
GWF - Solid Waste Authorization	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
GWF - Geographic Information System	297,500	297,500	297,500	0
Snowmobile Registration Fees	100,000	100,000	100,000	0
Administration Match - UST	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Technical Tank Review - UST	200,000	200,000	0	-200,000
Volunteers and Keepers of Land - EFF	100,000	0	0	0
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	6,135,000	6,135,000	6,135,000	0
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF	195,000	195,000	195,000	0
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	0
Water Quality Protection - EFF	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
Animal Feeding Operations - EFF	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	0
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring - EFF	425,000	425,000	425,000	0
Water Quantity - EFF	495,000	495,000	495,000	0
Geological and Water Survey - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Keep Iowa Beautiful - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
REAP - EFF	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	0
Forestry Health Management - EFF	50,000	0	0	0
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	\$ 73,754,057	\$ 74,425,405	\$ 74,225,405	\$ -200,000

Governor's Recommendations – Significant Changes

Technical Tank Review -- UST: Eliminates funding for the Program.

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Discussion Items

Technical Tank Review of Underground Storage Tanks – The Iowa Comprehensive Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund (referred to as the UST Program) was created in 1989 to provide funding for the cleanup of any petroleum products that are released and a remedial fund to investigate and clean up any past petroleum contamination resulting from leaking underground storage tanks. The UST Program is administered by the DNR and the UST Fund is administered by the UST Board. Beginning in FY 2011, the DNR receives an annual standing appropriation of \$200,000 for technical review of UST sites. *The Governor is not recommending funding for FY 2017.*

State Park Operations – Additional staff is needed at 20 of the State Parks. Many of the Parks have 1.00 FTE position or less assigned. With the number of activities at State Parks, the concern is there is not enough staff available. *The Governor is not recommending funding.*

Floodplain Maps – The DNR receives over 4,000 requests each year for technical assistance related to flood plain mapping. For FY 2016, funding was reduced by \$50,000 and the Department eliminated 1.00 FTE position that worked in the floodplain field staff and also eliminated two operational stream gages. The reduction in staff has caused longer turnaround times for construction projects in floodplain areas. *The Governor is not recommending funding.*

Keepers of the Land Volunteer Program – The Program coordinates the numerous volunteers that work for the DNR. This includes AmeriCorps volunteers, a federal program that is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Funding of \$100,000 from the Environment First Fund was eliminated for FY 2016, and the Department has used money from the General Fund for this Program. *The Governor is not recommending funding.*

Board of Regents - General Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2015 (1)	Estimated FY 2016 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2017 (3)	2017 Gov Rec vs 2016 Estimated (4)
<u>Regents, Board of</u>				
Regents, Board of				
ISU - Iowa Nutrient Research Center	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 0
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 0

Other Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2015 (1)	Estimated FY 2016 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2017 (3)	2017 Gov Rec vs 2016 Estimated (4)
<u>Regents, Board of</u>				
Regents, Board of				
ISU - Data Collection - GWF	\$ 0	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 0
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 0	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 0

Environment First Fund

The Environment First Fund was created by the 2000 General Assembly to provide funding for environmental programs and received a standing appropriation of \$35,000,000 in FY 2001 from the RIIF; however, funding has varied over the years and the current standing appropriation is \$42,000,000.

The Governor is recommending funding of \$42,000,000 from the Environment First Fund (EFF). This is no change in funding compared to estimated FY 2016.

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<u>Agriculture and Land Stewardship</u>				
Agriculture and Land Stewardship				
Conservation Reserve Enhance - EFF	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0
Watershed Protection Fund - EFF	900,000	900,000	900,000	0
Farm Management Demo - EFF	625,000	625,000	625,000	0
Soil & Water Conservation - EFF	2,550,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	0
Conservation Reserve Prog - EFF	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Cost Share - EFF	6,750,000	6,750,000	6,750,000	0
Loess Hills - EFF	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 0
Total Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 13,425,000	\$ 13,575,000	\$ 13,575,000	\$ 0
<u>Natural Resources, Dept. of</u>				
Natural Resources				
Volunteers and Keepers of Land - EFF	\$ 100,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	6,135,000	6,135,000	6,135,000	0
GIS Information for Watershed - EFF	195,000	195,000	195,000	0
Water Quality Monitoring - EFF	2,955,000	2,955,000	2,955,000	0
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Animal Feeding Operations - EFF	1,320,000	1,320,000	1,320,000	0
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Water Quantity - EFF	495,000	495,000	495,000	0
Geological and Water Survey - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Keep Iowa Beautiful - EFF	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
REAP - EFF	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	0
Forestry Health Management - EFF	50,000	0	0	0
Total Natural Resources, Dept. of	\$ 28,575,000	\$ 28,425,000	\$ 28,425,000	\$ 0
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 0

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