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Foreign Animal Disease – The Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Strategy was established in [SF 510](#) (FY 2018 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act). The General Fund appropriation is deposited into the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Fund administered by the DALs with input from various livestock organizations. The goal of the Strategy is to develop a practical and cost-effective plan that will be implemented to control and/or eradicate foreign animal diseases. Funding to the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Fund began in FY 2018 with a \$100,000 General Fund appropriation from the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. *The Governor is recommending funding of \$250,000 for FY 2019 from the General Fund. This is an increase of \$150,000 compared to estimated FY 2018.*

Water Quality Initiative (WQI) – The Department received three appropriations for FY 2018 totaling \$10,575,000. This included a General Fund appropriation of \$3,000,000, a Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) appropriation of \$5,200,000 and an Environment First Fund (EFF) appropriation of \$2,375,000. Funding is allocated for statewide practices available to all operations and for demonstration projects. Currently, there are 56 existing demonstration projects in Iowa that include 15 targeted watershed projects, seven innovative practices projects, and 34 urban water quality projects. There are over 220 participating organizations. The [Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy Progress Report](#), released in December 2017, provided updates on these various activities. *The Governor is recommending total funding of \$10,575,000 for FY 2019. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2018. This includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3,000,000, a RIIF appropriation of \$5,200,000 and an EFF appropriation of \$2,375,000. The RIIF appropriation is included in the Other Funds tracking document for the Transportation, Capitals, and Infrastructure Subcommittee.*

Agricultural Drainage Wells Program – This Program provides cost-share funding to landowners to close agricultural drainage wells. By closing the wells and developing alternative drainage plans for fields, landowners protect drinking water aquifers. The Department was appropriated \$1,875,000 for FY 2018 from the RIIF to close five wells. There are 16 wells that remain open, and the Department estimates these can be closed prior to FY 2021. The wells are located in Floyd, Grundy, Butler, and Humboldt counties. *The Governor is recommending funding of \$1,875,000 for FY 2019 from the RIIF. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2018 and is included in the Other Funds tracking document for the Transportation, Capitals, and Infrastructure Subcommittee.*

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 who wish to convert their equipment to dispense or store renewable fuels. The grants are reviewed and approved by the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Board, which has 11 voting members appointed by the Governor. The DALs provide administrative support to the Board. *The Department received an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the Program from the RIIF for FY 2018. The Governor is recommending funding of \$3,000,000 for FY 2019 from the RIIF. This is included in the Other Funds tracking document for the Transportation, Capitals, and Infrastructure Subcommittee.*

General Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2017 (1)	Estimated FY 2018 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2019 (3)	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2018 (4)
Natural Resources, Department of				
Natural Resources				
Natural Resources Operations	\$ 11,507,811	\$ 11,299,811	\$ 11,176,438	\$ -123,373
Floodplain Management Program	1,885,000	1,885,000	1,885,000	0
Forestry Health Management	470,000	500,000	500,000	0
Total Natural Resources, Department of	\$ 13,862,811	\$ 13,684,811	\$ 13,561,438	\$ -123,373

Other Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2017 (1)	Estimated FY 2018 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2019 (3)	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2018 (4)
Natural Resources, Department of				
Natural Resources				
Fish & Game - DNR Admin Expenses	\$ 43,147,993	\$ 43,768,530	\$ 43,768,530	\$ 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	200,000	0
Park Operations & Maintenance - EFF	6,235,000	6,235,000	6,235,000	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
REAP - EFF	16,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	0
Total Natural Resources, Department of	\$ 75,428,825	\$ 72,049,362	\$ 72,049,362	\$ 0

Governor's Recommendations FY 2019 – Significant Changes

Department Operations – A decrease to revise the FY 2019 appropriation to match the FY 2018 base after the Governor's recommended FY 2018 reductions.	\$-123,373
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Discussion Items

FY 2018 Governor's Budget Adjustment – The Governor's budget adjustment for the DNR is a decrease of \$123,373 (1.09%). The Governor is allowing the Department discretion as to how the reduction is

attained. More information on how the Department will achieve these reductions will be provided when it becomes available.

State Park Operations – As the General Fund appropriation for State parks decreases and the expenditures increase, the DNR finds it difficult to maintain operations at 68 State parks. The decrease in funding has in turn decreased the number of full-time employees that manage the operations at State parks.

Fish and Game Trust Fund – Revenues to the Trust Fund remain stable, but expenditures for staff, equipment, boats, and vehicles continue to increase, causing concern for the future solvency of the Trust Fund. The majority of the revenue is generated from the sales of hunting and fishing licenses. Other sources of revenue include boat registration, grants, rent, and donations. *The Governor is recommending funding of \$43,768,530 from the Fish and Game Trust Fund for FY 2019. This is no change in funding compared to estimated FY 2018.*

Conservation Lands – The DNR owns 374,500 acres of land, less than 1.0% of all land in Iowa. This is marginal land in terms of agriculture production and is used for habitat development. The Department must pay property taxes on land purchased by the DNR through the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund or through funds from the sale of habitat stamps. The DNR paid over \$903,000 in property taxes in FY 2017.

General Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2017 (1)	Estimated FY 2018 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2019 (3)	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2018 (4)
Regents, Board of				
Regents, Board of				
ISU - Iowa Nutrient Research Center	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
ISU - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	4,000,000	4,000,000	3,954,962	-45,038
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 5,325,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 3,954,962	\$ -45,038

Governor's Recommendations FY 2019 – Significant Changes

Department Operations – A decrease to revise the FY 2019 appropriation to match the FY 2018 base after the Governor's recommended FY 2018 reductions.	\$-45,038
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Discussion Items

FY 2018 Governor's Budget Adjustment – The Governor's budget adjustment for the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is a decrease of \$45,038 (1.13%). The Governor is allowing the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory discretion as to how the reduction is attained. More information on how the Board of Regents will achieve these reductions will be provided when it becomes available.

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory – An *Issue Review* was published on the operations of the [ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory](#). This includes an overview of operations, services provided, funding sources, and a discussion on constructing a new building.

Iowa Nutrient Research Center – The Iowa Nutrient Research Center was created to pursue science-based approaches to evaluating the performance of current and emerging nutrient management practices, providing recommendations on implementing the practices, and developing new practices. The Center announced that 11 new [water quality projects](#) were being funded in FY 2018.