



# IOWA REAP BENEFITS

## RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION

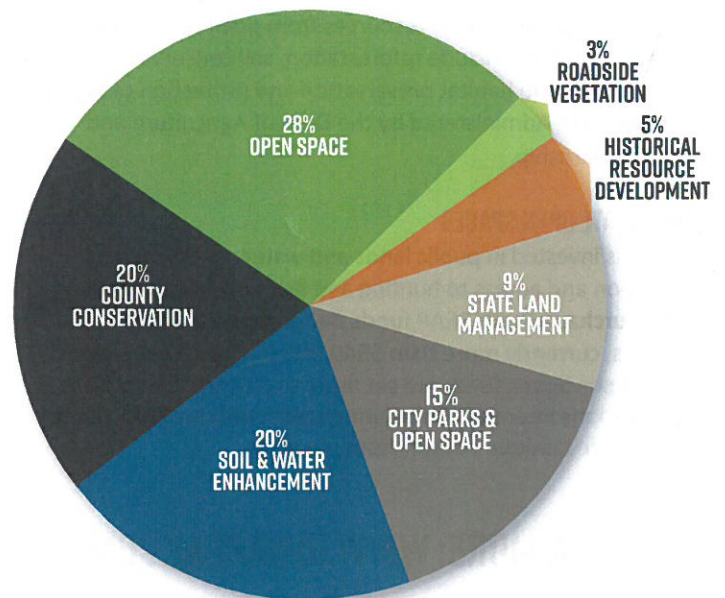
The goal of REAP is to improve Iowa's natural resource and cultural amenities by providing a dedicated funding mechanism for grants and projects. The program encourages public-private partnerships to accomplish results. Since 1989, more than \$330 million has been invested across all of Iowa's 99 counties.

### BENEFITS

- Improve quality of life
- Enhance local economies
- Protect water and land resources
- Expand wildlife habitat
- Create recreational opportunities
- Preserve historic sites
- Beautify landscapes
- Educate Iowans, and much more!

### HOW DOES THE FUNDING WORK?

Each year, the Iowa Legislature appropriates a set dollar amount for REAP, up to \$20 million. This year's amount is \$12 million, which is combined with REAP license and interest income revenue to provide a total funding amount of \$12.5 million to the program. From that amount, the first \$350,000 goes to conservation education and the next 1 percent for DNR administrative costs. From there:



## **DIVERSE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

REAP recognizes the diversity and uniqueness of Iowa's natural resources, allowing flexibility and innovation in Iowa projects. Here is the breakdown of how funds are allocated:

### **15%: CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

Grants available to cities for projects such as parkland expansion and multi-purpose recreation developments.

### **20%: COUNTY CONSERVATION**

Grants available to counties that dedicate a portion of assessed value of taxable property to conservation. Projects include: land easements, capital improvements, stabilization and protection of resources, environmental education and more.

### **9%: PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT**

Funding goes to the DNR to maintain state conservation land, habitat, fish hatcheries, etc. Examples include: trail renovations; shower and restroom replacements; repairs to lodges, shelters and cabins; and minor repairs of dams, spillways, and beaches.

### **5%: HISTORICAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Grants available to private individuals and businesses, as well as nonprofit organizations and agencies for projects that fall under three categories: (1) historic preservation; (2) library and archives; and (3) museums. Administered by the Dept of Cultural Affairs.

### **3%: ROADSIDE VEGETATION**

Funding goes to state, county, and city management of roadside vegetation. Examples of projects include city gateways and demonstration projects. Administered by the Dept of Transportation.

### **20%: SOIL AND WATER ENHANCEMENT**

Funds are available to landowners/farmers for soil and water conservation projects and practices. Projects protect the state's surface and ground water resources from point and non-point pollution. Projects include reforestation, soil conservation practices, wildlife habitat preservation and protection of highly erodible soils. Administered by the Dept of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

### **28%: STATE OPEN SPACES**

Money is invested in public lands and waters to create new recreation and access to hunting and fishing areas. Any public lands purchased with REAP funds pay property taxes to counties, currently more than \$540,000 per year. One-tenth of the Open Space funds are set aside to partner with private organizations interested in creating additional recreation lands or protecting unique natural resource areas.

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