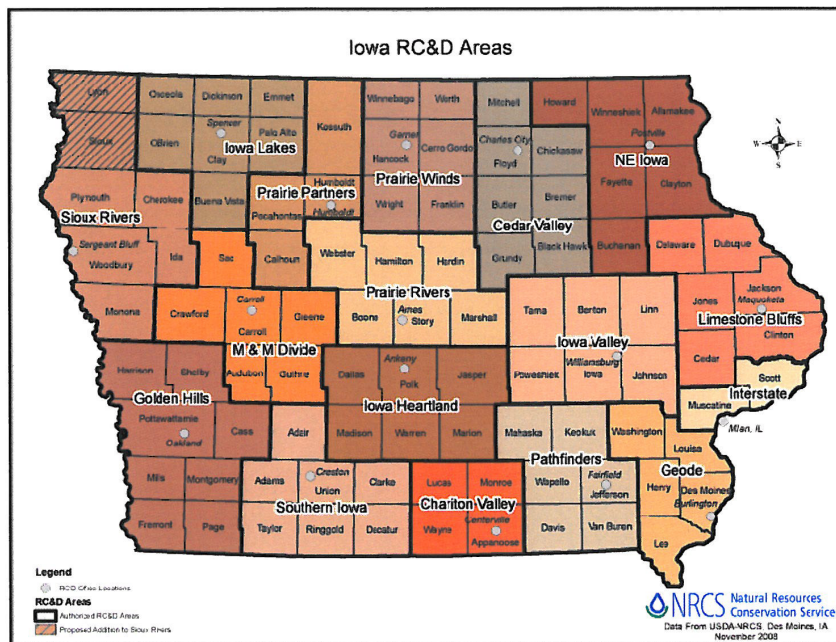


Iowa League of RC&D's

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) councils across Iowa are working to create jobs, protect the environment and improve the quality of life in rural communities. In 2008 the Iowa RC&D's provided assistance on 231 projects resulting in community, economic and environmental benefits. The RC&D's provide assistance in , business incubation, project planning, locating financial assistance, and in delivering a wide variety of state and federal programs at the local level.



RC&Ds are supported in part by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. In 2008, NRCS provided \$1,903,612 to support the RC&D Program in Iowa. That investment resulted in:

- \$26,496,824 of project investment from other federal, state, and local sources.
- 41 businesses created, 96 businesses expanded, and 182 businesses retained.
- 157 jobs created, 172 jobs retained, and 117 seasonal jobs created.
- Over 46,000 citizens served.
- 48,443 acres benefitted by RC&D project assistance.

Future Needs: The RC&D's in Iowa have established a great track record of working with local people to address local needs. Some common needs that the RC&Ds plan to work on across the state include:

- Renewable Energy and Bio-fuels.
- Small Business Start-up and Expansion
- Natural Resource Recreation Development and Marketing.
- Development and Expansion of Local Food Systems.
- Value Added Agriculture.