

**CHAPTER 168**

**APPROPRIATIONS — AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

*S.F. 510*

**AN ACT** relating to and making appropriations and related statutory changes involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection, and including effective date provisions.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**DIVISION I**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP**

**GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2017-2018**

**Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.**

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 17,640,576  
..... FTEs 372.00

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and technology, to be used for the university’s midwest grape and wine industry institute:

..... \$ 288,000

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department’s administration, regulation, and programs.

**DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS**

**Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS — HORSE AND DOG RACING.** There is appropriated from the moneys available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department’s administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to [section 99D.22](#), including for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 295,516

**Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL INSPECTION.**

1. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 500,000

2. The department shall establish and administer programs for the auditing of motor fuel including biofuel processing and production plants, for screening and testing motor fuel,

including renewable fuel, and for the inspection of motor fuel sold by dealers including retail dealers who sell and dispense motor fuel from motor fuel pumps.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS  
GENERAL FUND

Sec. 4. DAIRY REGULATION.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of performing functions pursuant to [section 192.109](#), including conducting a survey of grade “A” milk and certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

..... \$ 189,196

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 5. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the local food and farm program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):

..... \$ 75,000

2. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement with Iowa state university of science and technology to support the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of the university’s cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 6. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association affiliated with a national organization which promotes agricultural education providing for future farmers:

..... \$ 25,000

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 7. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with disabilities:

..... \$ 130,000

2. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in assisting children and adults with disabilities and special needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated in at least 30 other states, but which is not available through any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home modification consultations, peer support services, services to families, information and referral, and equipment loan services.

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION II  
GENERAL FUND  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2017-2018

Sec. 8. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — GENERAL.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in [section 466B.45](#), for purposes of supporting the water quality initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 3,000,000

2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in watersheds generally, including regional watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds as provided in subsection 2, all of the following shall apply:

a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality practices as described in the latest revision of the document entitled “Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy” initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph “a” by providing for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land located within the same subwatershed.

c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, except for edge-of-field practices, the state’s share of the amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of establishing the practice as determined by the division or 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is less.

d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar water quality practices. The division shall promote field day events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish water quality practices on their agricultural land.

e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period after accumulating information from such evaluations, the division shall create an aggregated database of water quality practices. Any information identifying a person holding a legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for farming to implement water quality practices, including the establishment of

such practices in watersheds generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts provided in this section.

6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts, which may include but are not limited to management practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in [chapter 161A](#).

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to the department from a state or federal source.

8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering and implementing the water quality initiative by the department’s division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

DIVISION III  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2017-2018

Sec. 9. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	11,299,811
.....	FTEs	1,145.95

2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks. This subsection shall not impact park ranger or park manager positions within the department.

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to support the department’s administration, regulation, and programs.

Sec. 10. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game protection fund to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation, restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife, including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....	\$	43,147,993
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2. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation who retire, pursuant to [section 97B.49B](#).

3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department of natural resources may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

Sec. 11. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, from those moneys which are not allocated pursuant to that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department’s protection of the state’s groundwater, including for administration, regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 3,455,832

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 12. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of administering and enforcing the state snowmobile programs:

..... \$ 100,000

Sec. 13. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board established pursuant to [section 455G.4](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the department’s underground storage tanks section:

..... \$ 200,000

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS  
GENERAL FUND

Sec. 14. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

..... \$ 1,885,000

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, up to \$400,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood frequency analysis.

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 15. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of providing for forestry health management programs:

..... \$ 500,000

2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION IV  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2017-2018  
VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

Sec. 16. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 4,000,000

..... FTEs 51.00

2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the appropriation made in this section.

b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a reduction made to support the college of veterinary medicine, if the same percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of science and technology's budget units.

3. If by June 30, 2018, Iowa state university of science and technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

DIVISION V  
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2017-2018

Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:

..... \$ 1,000,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

c. Notwithstanding any other provision in law, the department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection, in combination with other appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States department of agriculture, natural resources conservation service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

a. For continuation of a program that provides multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

..... \$ 900,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

3. FARM MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

a. For continuation of a statewide voluntary farm management demonstration program to demonstrate the effectiveness and adaptability of emerging practices in agronomy that protect water resources and provide other environmental benefits:

..... \$ 375,000

b. The amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, shall be allocated to an organization representing soybean growers to provide for an agriculture and environment performance program.

4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

a. For use by the department for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices:

..... \$ 3,800,000

b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$150,000 is allocated to support field staff providing technical assistance.

5. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve water quality and habitat:

..... \$ 900,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

6. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water conservation:

..... \$ 8,325,000

b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, for transfer to the loess hills development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):

..... \$ 490,000

(2) (a) Of the amount transferred to the loess hills development and conservation fund in subparagraph (1), \$450,000 shall be allocated to the fund’s hungry canyons account.

(b) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the fund’s hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph division (a) may be used for administrative costs.

(3) (a) Of the amount transferred to the loess hills development and conservation fund in subparagraph (1), \$40,000 shall be allocated to the fund’s loess hills alliance account.

(b) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the fund’s loess hills alliance account as provided in subparagraph division (a) may be used for administrative costs.

c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, for use by the department in providing for soil and water conservation administration, the conservation of soil and water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation districts:

..... \$ 7,835,000

d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “c” that the department allocates to a soil and water conservation district, the first \$15,000 may be expended by the district for the purpose of providing financial incentives under [section 161A.73](#) to establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be expended by the district for that same purpose.

e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “c” may be allocated for cost sharing to address complaints filed under [section 161A.47](#).

f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “c”, 5 percent shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in [section 161A.73](#).

g. The state soil conservation committee established by [section 161A.4](#) may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph “c” to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as provided in [section 161A.73](#) may be used in combination with moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “c” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

j. In lieu of moneys appropriated in [section 466A.5](#), not more than \$25,000 of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “c” shall be used by the division of soil conservation and water quality of the department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide administrative support to the watershed improvement review board established in [section 466A.3](#).

Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

a. For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and staff time associated with these activities:

..... \$ 6,235,000

b. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, up to \$100,000 shall be allocated for statewide coordination of volunteer efforts under the water quality and keepers of the land programs.

2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

To provide local watershed managers with geographic information system data for their use in developing, monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

..... \$ 195,000

3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

For continuing the establishment and operation of water quality monitoring stations:

..... \$ 2,955,000

4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

For deposit in the public water supply system account of the water quality protection fund created in [section 455B.183A](#):

..... \$ 500,000

5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as provided for in [chapters 459 through 459B](#):

..... \$ 1,320,000

6. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality standards from particulate matter:

..... \$ 425,000

7. WATER QUANTITY REGULATION

For regulating water quantity from surface and subsurface sources by providing for the allocation and use of water resources, the protection and management of water resources, and the preclusion of conflicts among users of water resources, including as provided in [chapter 455B, division III, part 4](#):

..... \$ 495,000

8. GEOLOGICAL AND WATER SURVEY

For continuing the operations of the department’s geological and water survey including but not limited to providing analysis, data collection, investigative programs, and information for water supply development and protection:

..... \$ 200,000

Sec. 19. REVERSION.

1. a. Except as provided in paragraph “b”, and notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, in this division of this Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but instead shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding



fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, in this division of this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but instead shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred pursuant to this division to the loess hills development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#) which shall not revert as provided in that section.

DIVISION VI  
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2017-2018

Sec. 20. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in [section 466B.45](#), for purposes of supporting the water quality initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 2,375,000

2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in watersheds generally, including regional watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds as provided in subsection 2, all of the following shall apply:

a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality practices as described in the latest revision of the document entitled “Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy” initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph “a” by providing for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land located within the same subwatershed.

c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, except for edge-of-field practices, the state’s share of the amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of establishing the practice as determined by the division or 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is less.

d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar water quality practices. The division shall promote field day events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish water quality practices on their agricultural land.

e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period after accumulating information from such evaluations, the

division shall create an aggregated database of water quality practices. Any information identifying a person holding a legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for farming to implement water quality practices, including the establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts provided in this section.

6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts, which may include but are not limited to management practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in [chapter 161A](#).

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to the department from a state or federal source.

8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering and implementing the water quality initiative by the department’s division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

Sec. 21. REAP — IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. Notwithstanding the standing appropriation in [section 455A.18](#), there is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund, in lieu of the appropriation made in [section 455A.18](#), for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, to be allocated as provided in [section 455A.19](#):  
..... \$ 12,000,000

DIVISION VII  
ELIMINATION OF WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD  
SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2017-2018  
RELATED STATUTORY CHANGES

Sec. 22. MANAGEMENT OF MONEYS IN THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT FUND — APPROPRIATION.

1. Notwithstanding [section 466A.2](#), and the repeal of [chapter 466A](#) as provided in this division of this Act, on and after December 31, 2017, the department of agriculture and land stewardship shall manage <sup>1</sup> the watershed improvement fund in the same manner as required in [2016 Acts, chapter 1134, section 35](#), including by making necessary payments to satisfy any outstanding obligations incurred by the watershed improvement review board prior to December 31, 2017.

2. Any unobligated and unencumbered moneys remaining in the watershed improvement fund on December 31, 2017, are appropriated to the department for use by the department in providing for soil and water conservation administration, the conservation of soil and water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation districts in the same manner as provided in the section of this Act appropriating moneys to the department from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#).

Sec. 23. Section 461.33, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

a. Soil conservation and watershed protection, including by supporting the division of soil conservation and water quality within the department of agriculture and land stewardship

<sup>1</sup> See chapter 170, §42 herein

and soil and water conservation district commissioners. The department may provide for the installation of conservation practices and watershed protection improvements as provided in [chapters 161A, 161C, 461A, and 466](#), and ~~466A~~.

Sec. 24. REPEAL. Chapter 466A, Code 2017, is repealed.

Sec. 25. EFFECTIVE DATES.

1. The section of this division of this Act repealing [chapter 466A](#) takes effect January 1, 2018.
2. The remainder of the provisions in this division of this Act take effect July 1, 2017.

DIVISION VIII  
IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION FUND  
SPECIAL USE OF MONEYS FOR FY 2017-2018

Sec. 26. OPEN SPACES ACCOUNT — PARK MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. Notwithstanding [section 455A.19, subsection 1](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (1), of the moneys allocated to the open spaces account of the Iowa resources enhancement and protection fund, \$288,000 shall be used by the department of natural resources for state park maintenance and repair for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2018.

DIVISION IX  
LIVESTOCK HEALTH SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2017-2018  
GENERAL FUND — RELATED STATUTORY CHANGES

Sec. 27. FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES AFFLICTING LIVESTOCK — APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. For deposit in the foreign animal disease preparedness and response fund created in [section 163.3B](#) as enacted in this division of this Act:

	\$ 100,000
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2. In developing a foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy as required in [section 163.3C](#) as enacted in this division of this Act, the department shall prepare an interim report to be submitted to the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources not later than January 10, 2018. The interim report shall include preliminary findings and recommendations together with plans for completing the strategy. The department shall prepare a final report to be submitted to the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources not later than January 10, 2019. The report shall include final findings and recommendations for establishing the strategy, and may include any proposed notice of intended action for consideration by the department or proposed legislation for consideration by the general assembly.

Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. **163.3B Foreign animal disease preparedness and response fund.**

1. A foreign animal disease preparedness and response fund is created in the state treasury under the control and management of the department.
2. The fund shall include moneys appropriated by the general assembly credited to the fund. The fund may include other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the department as provided in [section 159.6A](#), including but not limited to the federal government, other public sources, or private sources.
3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department and shall be used exclusively to develop, establish, and implement a foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy as described in [section 163.3C](#), and shall not require further special authorization by the general assembly.

4. *a.* Notwithstanding [section 12C.7](#), interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

*b.* Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys credited to the fund that remain unexpended or unobligated at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to any other fund.

Sec. 29. NEW SECTION. **163.3C Foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy.**

1. As used in [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

*a.* “*Foreign animal disease*” means a disease introduced into this state that negatively affects the health of livestock and is transmittable between the same or different species of livestock.

*b.* “*Livestock*” means an animal belonging to the bovine, caprine, equine, ovine, or porcine species, ostriches, rheas, emus; farm deer as defined in [section 170.1](#); or turkeys, chickens, or other poultry.

2. The department shall develop and establish a foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy for use by the department in order to prevent, control, or eradicate the transmission of foreign animal diseases among populations of livestock. The strategy may be part of the department’s veterinary emergency preparedness and response services as provided in [section 163.3A](#). The strategy shall provide additional expertise and resources to increase biosecurity efforts that assist in the prevention of a foreign animal disease outbreak in this state. In developing and establishing the strategy, the department shall consult with interested persons including but not limited to the following:

*a.* The Iowa cattlemen’s association.

*b.* The Iowa state dairy association.

*c.* The Iowa pork producers association.

*d.* The Iowa sheep producers industry association.

*e.* The Iowa turkey federation.

*f.* The Iowa poultry association.

*g.* The college of veterinary medicine at Iowa state university.

*h.* The livestock health advisory council created in [section 267.2](#).

3. The department shall implement the foreign animal disease preparedness and response strategy if necessary to prevent, control, or eradicate the transmission and incidence of foreign animal diseases that may threaten or actually threaten livestock in this state. In implementing the strategy, the department may utilize emergency response measures as otherwise required under [section 163.3A](#). The department may but is not required to consult with interested persons when implementing the strategy.

DIVISION X  
APPROPRIATION AND STATUTORY CHANGES — ELIMINATION  
OF LEOPOLD CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Sec. 30. Section 266.39A, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

**266.39A Agricultural research.**

Iowa state university of science and technology shall conduct continuing agricultural research to provide information about environmental and social impacts of agricultural research on the small or family farm and information about population trends and impact of the trends on Iowa agriculture, ~~in addition to research that may include the categories specified in [section 266.39B, subsection 2](#).~~ The research shall include an agricultural land tenure study conducted every five years to determine the ownership of farmland, and to analyze ownership trends, using the categories of land ownership defined in [chapter 9H](#). The study shall be conducted on the basis of regions established by the university. A region shall be composed of not more than twenty-three contiguous counties.

Sec. 31. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph b, subparagraph (3), subparagraph division (a), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Thirty-five percent is appropriated annually ~~for the Leopold center for sustainable agriculture at Iowa state university of science and technology~~ to the Iowa nutrient research fund created in [section 466B.46](#).

Sec. 32. Section 466B.46, subsection 2, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

**NEW PARAGRAPH.** *0b.* Moneys appropriated from the agriculture management account of the groundwater protection fund pursuant to [section 455E.11, subsection 2](#), paragraph “b”, subparagraph (3), subparagraph division (a).

Sec. 33. ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND EXPENSES.

1. Until July 1, 2017, the Leopold center for sustainable agriculture established in [section 266.39](#) shall not initiate any new activity that otherwise could be conducted under [section 266.39](#) or [266.39B](#), including but not limited to research grants and projects. The Leopold center for sustainable agriculture shall not incur any obligation or expense unless approved by the college of agriculture and life sciences at Iowa state university of science and technology. The Leopold center for sustainable agriculture shall cancel any existing grant or project that is not in the process of being immediately completed. However, the Leopold center for sustainable agriculture shall not cancel a grant or project that would result in a default of a legal or equitable obligation, including breach of contract.

2. On and after July 1, 2017, the college of agriculture and life sciences at Iowa state university of science and technology shall administer any ongoing activity that the Leopold center for sustainable agriculture had administered under [section 266.39](#) or [266.39B](#) prior to that date. The college may expend moneys appropriated from the Iowa nutrient research fund created in [section 466B.46](#) in order to pay for any necessary expenses associated with the Leopold center for sustainable agriculture and for completing any ongoing activity. The college shall cancel any existing grant or project that is not in the process of being completed. However, the college shall not cancel a grant or project that would result in a default of a legal or equitable obligation, including breach of contract. The college shall submit a report to the general assembly by January 10, 2018, which shall include a summary of the ongoing activities and expenses described in this section and the expected completion date of those activities and expenses.

*\*Sec. 34. REPEAL. Sections 266.39 and 266.39B, Code 2017, are repealed.\**

Sec. 35. EFFECTIVE DATES.

1. The section of this division of this Act providing for ongoing activities and expenses, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

*\*2. The remaining sections of this division of this Act, including the section of this division of this Act repealing sections 266.39 and 266.39B take effect on July 1, 2017.\**

DIVISION XI  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
GENERAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2018-2019

Sec. 36. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	8,820,288
.....	FTEs	372.00

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, the following amount is transferred to Iowa state university of science and technology, to be used for the university’s midwest grape and wine industry institute:

.....	\$	144,000
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3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations

\* Item veto; see message at end of the Act

subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department’s administration, regulation, and programs.

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Sec. 37. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS — HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys available under [section 99D.13](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department’s administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to [section 99D.22](#), including for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 147,758

Sec. 38. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR FUEL INSPECTION.

1. There is appropriated from the renewable fuel infrastructure fund created in [section 159A.16](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 250,000

2. The department shall establish and administer programs for the auditing of motor fuel including biofuel processing and production plants, for screening and testing motor fuel, including renewable fuel, and for the inspection of motor fuel sold by dealers including retail dealers who sell and dispense motor fuel from motor fuel pumps.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS  
GENERAL FUND

Sec. 39. DAIRY REGULATION.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of performing functions pursuant to [section 192.109](#), including conducting a survey of grade “A” milk and certifying the results to the secretary of agriculture:

..... \$ 94,598

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 40. LOCAL FOOD AND FARM PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the local food and farm program pursuant to [chapter 267A](#):

..... \$ 37,500

2. The department shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement with Iowa state university of science and technology to support the local food and farm program coordinator position as part of the university’s cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics pursuant to [chapter 267A](#).

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 41. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of allocating moneys to an Iowa association affiliated with a national organization which promotes agricultural education providing for future farmers:

..... \$ 12,500

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 42. FARMERS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting a program for farmers with disabilities:

..... \$ 65,000

2. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used for the public purpose of providing a grant to a national nonprofit organization with over 80 years of experience in assisting children and adults with disabilities and special needs. The moneys shall be used to support a nationally recognized program that began in 1986 and has been replicated in at least 30 other states, but which is not available through any other entity in this state, and that provides assistance to farmers with disabilities in all 99 counties to allow the farmers to remain in their own homes and be gainfully engaged in farming through provision of agricultural worksite and home modification consultations, peer support services, services to families, information and referral, and equipment loan services.

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION XII  
GENERAL FUND  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018-2019

Sec. 43. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — GENERAL.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in [section 466B.45](#), for purposes of supporting the water quality initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 1,500,000

2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in watersheds generally, including regional watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds as provided in subsection 2, all of the following shall apply:

a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality practices as described in the latest revision of the document entitled “Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy” initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph “a” by providing for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land located within the same subwatershed.

c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, except for edge-of-field practices, the state’s share of the amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of establishing the practice as determined by the division or 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is less.

d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar water quality practices. The division shall promote field day events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish water quality practices on their agricultural land.

e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period after accumulating information from such evaluations, the division shall create an aggregated database of water quality practices. Any information identifying a person holding a legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for farming to implement water quality practices, including the establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts provided in this section.

6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts, which may include but are not limited to management practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in [chapter 161A](#).

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to the department from a state or federal source.

8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering and implementing the water quality initiative by the department’s division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

DIVISION XIII  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018-2019

Sec. 44. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:



..... \$ 5,649,905.50  
 ..... FTEs 1,145.95

2. Of the number of full-time equivalent positions authorized to the department pursuant to subsection 1, 50 full-time equivalent positions shall be allocated by the department for seasonal employees for purposes of providing maintenance, upkeep, and sanitary services at state parks. This subsection shall not impact park ranger or park manager positions within the department.

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to support the department’s administration, regulation, and programs.

**Sec. 45. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — REGULATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.**

1. There is appropriated from the state fish and game protection fund to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the regulation or advancement of hunting, fishing, or trapping, or the protection, propagation, restoration, management, or harvest of fish or wildlife, including for administration, regulation, law enforcement, and programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 21,573,996.50

2. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation who retire, pursuant to [section 97B.49B](#).

3. Notwithstanding [section 455A.10](#), the department of natural resources may use the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, as is necessary to fund salary adjustments for departmental employees for which the general assembly has made an operating budget appropriation in subsection 1.

**Sec. 46. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY.** There is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in [section 455E.11](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, from those moneys which are not allocated pursuant to that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department’s protection of the state’s groundwater, including for administration, regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

..... \$ 1,727,916

**DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS  
 MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS**

**Sec. 47. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM.** There is appropriated from the special snowmobile fund created under [section 321G.7](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of administering and enforcing the state snowmobile programs:

..... \$ 50,000

**Sec. 48. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS SECTION EXPENSES.** There is appropriated from the unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board

established pursuant to [section 455G.4](#) to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the department’s underground storage tanks section:

..... \$ 100,000

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS  
GENERAL FUND

Sec. 49. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND DAM SAFETY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

For purposes of supporting floodplain management and dam safety:

..... \$ 942,500

2. Of the amount appropriated in subsection 1, up to \$200,000 may be used by the department to acquire or install stream gages for purposes of tracking and predicting flood events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood frequency analysis.

3. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in subsection 1 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

Sec. 50. FORESTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of providing for forestry health management programs:

..... \$ 250,000

2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

DIVISION XIV  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPECIAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018-2019  
VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

Sec. 51. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to Iowa state university of science and technology for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

..... \$ 2,000,000  
..... FTEs 51.00

2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the appropriation made in this section.

b. Paragraph “a” does not apply to a reduction made to support the college of veterinary medicine, if the same percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university of science and technology’s budget units.

3. If by June 30, 2019, Iowa state university of science and technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance with

this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.

DIVISION XV  
ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018-2019

Sec. 52. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:

..... \$ 500,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

c. Notwithstanding any other provision in law, the department may use moneys appropriated in this subsection, in combination with other appropriate environment first fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States department of agriculture, natural resources conservation service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding available to Iowa.

2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

a. For continuation of a program that provides multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:

..... \$ 450,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

3. FARM MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

a. For continuation of a statewide voluntary farm management demonstration program to demonstrate the effectiveness and adaptability of emerging practices in agronomy that protect water resources and provide other environmental benefits:

..... \$ 187,500

b. The amount appropriated in paragraph “a” shall be allocated to an organization representing soybean growers to provide for an agriculture and environment performance program.

4. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

a. For use by the department for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices:

..... \$ 1,900,000

b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a”, \$75,000 is allocated to support field staff providing technical assistance.

5. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the implementation of the federal conservation reserve program and to work with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve water quality and habitat:

..... \$ 450,000

b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “a” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

6. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

a. For use by the department in providing for soil and water conservation:

..... \$ 4,162,500

b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, for transfer to the loess hills development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#):

..... \$ 245,000

(2) (a) Of the amount transferred to the loess hills development and conservation fund in subparagraph (1), \$225,000 shall be allocated to the fund’s hungry canyons account.

(b) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the fund’s hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph division (a) may be used for administrative costs.

(3) (a) Of the amount transferred to the loess hills development and conservation fund in subparagraph (1), \$20,000 shall be allocated to the fund’s loess hills alliance account.

(b) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the fund’s loess hills alliance account as provided in subparagraph division (a) may be used for administrative costs.

c. Of the remaining amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, for use by the department in providing for soil and water conservation administration, the conservation of soil and water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation districts:

..... \$ 3,917,500

d. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “c” that the department allocates to a soil and water conservation district, the first \$7,500 may be expended by the district for the purpose of providing financial incentives under section 161A.73 to establish management practices for the control of soil erosion on land that is row-cropped, including but not limited to nontill planting, ridge-till planting, and contouring strip-cropping. Of any remaining amount of that appropriation allocated by the department to a district, 30 percent may be expended by the district for that same purpose.

e. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “c” may be allocated for cost sharing to address complaints filed under section 161A.47.

f. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “c”, 5 percent shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section 161A.73.

g. The state soil conservation committee established by section 161A.4 may allocate moneys appropriated in paragraph “c” to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control practices.

h. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as provided in section 161A.73 may be used in combination with moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

i. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated in paragraph “c” may be used for costs of administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

Sec. 53. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in section 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

a. For regular maintenance and operations of state parks and staff time associated with these activities:

..... \$ 3,117,500

b. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph “a”, up to \$50,000 shall be allocated for statewide coordination of volunteer efforts under the water quality and keepers of the land programs.

2. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

To provide local watershed managers with geographic information system data for their use in developing, monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

..... \$ 97,500

3. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

For continuing the establishment and operation of water quality monitoring stations:

..... \$ 1,477,500

4. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

For deposit in the public water supply system account of the water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:

..... \$ 250,000

5. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including as provided for in chapters 459 through 459B:

.....	\$	660,000
6. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY		
For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality standards from particulate matter:		
.....	\$	212,500
7. WATER QUANTITY REGULATION		
For regulating water quantity from surface and subsurface sources by providing for the allocation and use of water resources, the protection and management of water resources, and the preclusion of conflicts among users of water resources, including as provided in <a href="#">chapter 455B, division III, part 4</a> :		
.....	\$	247,500
8. GEOLOGICAL AND WATER SURVEY		
For continuing the operations of the department’s geological and water survey including but not limited to providing analysis, data collection, investigative programs, and information for water supply development and protection:		
.....	\$	100,000

Sec. 54. REVERSION.

1. a. Except as provided in paragraph “b”, and notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, in this division of this Act that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but instead shall remain available to be used for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year, or until the project for which the appropriation was made is completed, whichever is earlier.

b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, in this division of this Act to the department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide financial assistance for the establishment of permanent soil and water conservation practices that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but instead shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

2. Subsection 1 does not apply to moneys transferred pursuant to this division to the loess hills development and conservation fund created in [section 161D.2](#) which shall not revert as provided in that section.

DIVISION XVI  
 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND  
 SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2018-2019

Sec. 55. WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

1. There is appropriated from the environment first fund created in [section 8.57A](#) to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For deposit in the water quality initiative fund created in [section 466B.45](#), for purposes of supporting the water quality initiative administered by the division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#), including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

.....	\$	1,187,500
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2. a. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in subwatersheds as designated by the division that are part of high-priority watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

b. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support projects in watersheds generally, including regional watersheds, as designated by the division and high-priority

watersheds identified by the water resources coordinating council established pursuant to [section 466B.3](#).

3. In supporting projects in subwatersheds and watersheds as provided in subsection 2, all of the following shall apply:

a. The demonstration projects shall utilize water quality practices as described in the latest revision of the document entitled “Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy” initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

b. The division shall implement demonstration projects as provided in paragraph “a” by providing for participation by persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used in farming. To every extent practical, the division shall provide for collaborative participation by such persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land located within the same subwatershed.

c. The division shall implement a demonstration project on a cost-share basis as determined by the division. However, except for edge-of-field practices, the state’s share of the amount shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of establishing the practice as determined by the division or 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the practice, whichever is less.

d. The demonstration projects shall be used to educate other persons about the feasibility and value of establishing similar water quality practices. The division shall promote field day events for purposes of allowing interested persons to establish water quality practices on their agricultural land.

e. The division shall conduct water quality evaluations within supported subwatersheds. Within a reasonable period after accumulating information from such evaluations, the division shall create an aggregated database of water quality practices. Any information identifying a person holding a legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a confidential record under [section 22.7](#).

4. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be used to support education and outreach in a manner that encourages persons who hold a legal interest in agricultural land used for farming to implement water quality practices, including the establishment of such practices in watersheds generally, and not limited to subwatersheds or high-priority watersheds.

5. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used to contract with persons to coordinate the implementation of efforts provided in this section.

6. The moneys appropriated in subsection 1 may be used by the department to support urban soil and water conservation efforts, which may include but are not limited to management practices related to bioretention, landscaping, the use of permeable or pervious pavement, and soil quality restoration. The moneys shall be allocated on a cost-share basis as provided in [chapter 161A](#).

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department may use moneys appropriated in subsection 1 to carry out the provisions of this section on a cost-share basis in combination with other moneys available to the department from a state or federal source.

8. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in this section may be used to pay for the costs of administering and implementing the water quality initiative by the department’s division of soil conservation and water quality as provided in [section 466B.42](#) and this section.

*Approved May 12, 2017, with exceptions noted.*

TERRY E. BRANSTAD, *Governor*

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 510, an Act relating to and making appropriations and related statutory changes involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection, and including effective date provisions.

Senate File 510 is approved on this date with the following exceptions, of which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the items designated as Section 34, and Subsection 2 of Section 35, in their entirety. The veto of these particularly specified items will preserve the existence of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture while also maintaining the sections transferring funding to Iowa State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to continue valuable research into environmental and water quality issues.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully disapprove the above-designated items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 510 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD, *Governor*