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Watershed Protection Fund

Purpose and History

The Watershed Protection Fund (WSPF) is also known as the Flood Water Erosion Control Fund. The purpose of the WSPF is to provide financial assistance for projects that establish permanent soil and water conservation practices. Project practices are integrated into a larger watershed plan and meet multiple objectives. The Fund offers watershed grants to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for locally led watershed projects.

Grants

The Fund awards two different grants for different stages of development. The Watershed Development and Planning Assistance Grants are used to conduct watershed assessments and develop strategies for watershed improvement. The Implementation Grants provide financial assistance during the implementation of local watershed projects. Project examples include: reducing soil erosion, protecting drinking water supplies, providing flood control, restoring wildlife, and protecting other natural resources.

Application Approval

The Watershed Protection Fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality. Grant applications are submitted to the Division by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts requesting funds for projects. Landowner initiatives are required to carry out watershed plans or implement practices.

Funding History

The Watershed Protection Fund receives an annual appropriation from the Environment First Fund (EFF). The annual amount appropriated for the past five years is $900,000.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section 466.7
Iowa Administrative Code 27—21

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More Information

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