

# Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**9:30 AM – NRC Business Meeting**

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*12.	Public Land Management Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
*12.1	Management Agreement, Mile-Long Island WMA-Woodbury Co.-CF Industries Nitrogen, LLC	Decision	Travis Baker

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18.	General Discussion		
<p>Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thursday, April 11, 2024, Des Moines</li> <li>● Thursday, May 9, 2024, Des Moines</li> </ul>			

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**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**February 14, 2024**

**Video Teleconference  
and  
Wallace State Office Building**

**Approved by the Commission **TBD****

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## Meeting Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Natural Resource Commission (Commission or NRC) was called to order by Acting Chairperson Tom Prickett at 9:37am on February 14, 2024, via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees. The meeting was conducted electronically, in part, pursuant to and in compliance with Iowa Code section 21.8. The Commission determined that it would be impractical for the meeting to be conducted in person due to the rescheduling of the meeting date, causing scheduling conflicts which did not allow certain Commissioners to attend in person.

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Laura Foell  
 Tom Prickett (virtual)  
 KR Buck  
 Laura Kudej

### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Marcus Branstad  
 Tammi Kircher

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Name	Topic
Berleen Wobeter	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
John Crabtree	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
Ava Ryan	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
Mike Farley	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
Ben Zachrich	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
Les David	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
LouAnn Milks	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
Jeff Milks	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
Katie Hagemann	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
Tom Mohan	Water permits for CO2 pipeline
Preston Moore, (Iowa Humane Society)	Hunter/Trapping Listening sessions, constituent involvement; DNR staff kudos; Nuisance wildlife legislation

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following agenda items:

- Donations
- Contract with Iowa State University-Bird and Bat Habitat Promotion
- Contract with MIP V Onion Parent LLC-Lake Macbride Waste Management
- Contract with Armodus, LLC-Forest Stand Improvement, Loess Hills State Forest
- Rock Creek State Park, Wayfinding Signage Installation-Jasper County
- Elk Rock State Park, Wayfinding Signage Installation-Marion County
- Public Land Management Projects (17.1-17.3)

*Commissioners requested item number 7, Contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to be removed from the consent agenda. Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by KR Buck.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.*

**AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the January 17, 2024 NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej. The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the agenda by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**DIRECTOR’S REMARKS**

- Director Lyon thanked NRC Commissioners that attended the Capitol with DNR Leadership.
- Director Lyon provided an overview of the budget presentation that she shared with the Ag and Natural Resources House Appropriation committee. Some of the projects she highlighted in the presentation included State Parks dynamic pricing, hazard tree removal, and conservation education efforts.

**DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS**

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth provided updates to the Commissioners regarding the residential tree distribution program.
- Mr. Hildreth provided a brief update on the hunter listening sessions being held throughout the state and mentioned that he would provide a summary of feedback gathered at a future Commission meeting.
- Mr. Hildreth concluded his remarks by sharing about the learn to hunt program offered to adults through the National Wild Turkey Federation.

**CONTRACT WITH DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC.**

Kelly Smith requested Commission approval for a contract with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to support waterfowl habitat projects in the Prairie Pothole Region of Canada.

**Public Comments – None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Uriah Hansen to approve the item as presented. Seconded by KR Buck. The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. Laura Kudej abstained. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY-RATHBUN LAKE WALKER BRANCH WETLAND RESTORATION**

Kelly Smith requested Commission approval for a contract with the Department of the Army to implement the Walker Branch wetland restoration.

**Public Comments – None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as amended. Seconded by Uriah Hansen. The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CHAPTER 23-WILDLIFE HABITAT PROMOTION WITH LOCAL ENTITIES PROGRAM GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Kelsey Fleming requested Commission approval of the grant recommendations pursuant to 571 IAC Chapter 23, Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program Grants. Miss Fleming explained that a portion of the funds

are to be used specifically for habitat development projects. She responded to questions regarding potential unused grant funds and the scoring system used when ranking grant applications.

**Public Comments – None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.*  
*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*  
*Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CHAPTER 35-FISH HABITAT AND PROMOTION FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Randy Schultz requested Commission approval for the grant recommendations pursuant to Chapter 35, Fish Habitat Promotion for County Conservation Board Grants.

**Public Comments – None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.*  
*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*  
*Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**FRIENDS OF VIKING LAKE STATE PARK CAMPGROUND**

Sherry Arntzen requested Commission approval to purchase and install new playground equipment at Viking Lake State Park.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Kudej to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.*  
*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-WATERLOO CREEK WMA, STREAM BANK RESTORATION**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a stream bank restoration project at Waterloo Creek WMA.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.*  
*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-WAUBONSIE STATE PARK, STORM SEWER**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a construction project at Waubonsie State Park for an improved stormwater drainage system.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Kudej to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.*  
*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-PALISADES-KEPLER STATE PARK, PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a pavement maintenance project at Palisades-Kepler State Park.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by KR Buck.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK, BOAT RAMP EXTENSIONS**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to extend two boat ramps at Lake Manawa State Park.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK, BEACH CONCESSION REMODEL**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to remodel the beach concession building at Lake Manawa State Park.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-FORT ATKINSON STATE PRESERVE-EXTERIOR MASONRY AND STRUCTURAL REPAIRS**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to address ongoing water intrusion, deteriorating wood and masonry, and shore up structural deficiencies at the Fort Atkinson State Preserve historic fort.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by KR Buck.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LAND ACQUISITION-BIG MARSH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Butler County adjacent to Big Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.*



*The Acting Chairperson asked for a roll call vote. Tammi Kircher-absent, KR Buck-aye, Laura Foell-nay, Uriah Hansen-aye, Marcus Branstad-absent, Tom Prickett-aye. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LAND ACQUISITION-KIRKE WOODS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Madison County at Kirke Woods Wildlife Management Area.

**Public Comments – None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for a roll call vote. Tammi Kircher-absent, KR Buck-aye, Laura Foell-nay, Uriah Hansen-aye, Marcus Branstad-absent, Tom Prickett-aye. Motion passes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**CHAPTER 30-WATERS COST-SHARE AND GRANTS PROGRAM, WATER TRAILS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Nate Hogeveen requested Commission approval of the grant recommendations pursuant to Chapter 30, Waters Cost-share and Grants Programs.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Uriah Hansen.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY-AMBIENT LAKE MONITORING**

Michelle Balmer requested Commission approval for a contract with Iowa State University to provide statewide lake monitoring for publicly owned lakes in Iowa.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tom Prickett.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**LT LEON ASSOCIATES, INC.-LENON MILL DAM**

Nate Hoogeveen requested Commission approval for a contract for an engineering design for a recreational safety and fish passage for the Lenon Mill Dam.

**Public Comments--None**

**Written Comments – None**

*Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.*

*The Acting Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the motion by saying aye. There were no nay votes.*

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- Commissioners shared a variety of updates about their recent family and personal experiences. Commissioner Kudej mentioned that she enjoyed the time at the Capitol meeting legislators and that she plans to attend one of the upcoming wildlife meetings. Commissioner Hansen asked questions about possible next steps for proposed nuisance wildlife legislation.

**ADJOURN**

*The Acting Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 11:35 am on February 14, 2024.*

**ADJOURNED**

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

**Decision Item**

**\*Item #5** (*\*indicates proposed consent item*)

**Donations**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the following donations:

<b>Donation to:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Donation Provided by:</b>
Lake Macbride State Park	\$150.00	Tree planted in the park to celebrate the birthday of Larry and Mary Ann's son.	Larry and Mary Ann Tann
Parks and Forestry	\$500.00	Donation to support the management of Shimek State Forest.	Joe and Nancy Holland
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Judy Carlson
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Paul Fitzgerald
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Mark Hurley
Wildlife Diversity Fund	\$50.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	Ken and Miriam Saunders
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Mark Brase.	Mark Gelbman
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Kyle Conway
Wildlife Diversity	\$25.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	Brian Moore
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Angela Kamish
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Susan Parriott
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in honor of Gale Lamberson Sr.	Barbara Timmins
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Mike and Connie Palmer
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Pam Post
Wildlife Diversity	\$100.00	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	Loren Flater
Parks and Forestry	\$25.00	Donation to support the Parks and Forestry Fund.	Eric Sorge
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Patrick Niichel
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Ed Thelen

Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$60.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Sonja Hamm
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$150.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Melanie Carmichael
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$50.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Julie Christie
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$25.00	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Kenny McKeen.	Patricia Thomsen

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
NRC Meeting Date: March 14, 2024

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

**Decision Item** (\*indicates proposed consent agenda)

**\*6. Timber Sale Contract with Lansing Forest Products, LLC for Loess Hills State Forest**

Commission approval is requested for a timber sale contract with Lansing Forest Products, LLC, of Lansing, IA, for Loess Hills State Forest.

**Contract Terms**

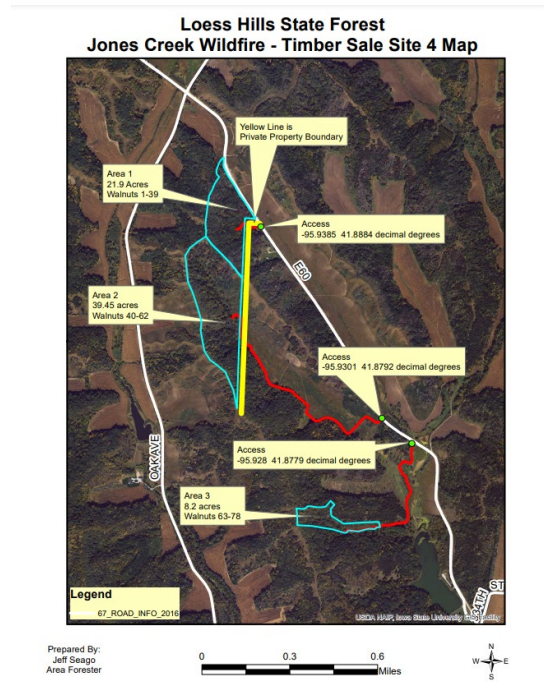
**Income:** \$58,525.00

**Dates:** 3/14/24 to 3/31/24

**Fund Deposited to:** Conservation Fund - Forestry

**Contract Purpose:** A timber sale will be used to salvage trees damaged or killed in the 2023 Jones Creek Wildfire. This contract will facilitate a hardwood timber harvest of an estimated 16,560 board feet in 78 black walnut trees at Loess Hills State Forest in Monona County. Seedlings will be planted following the harvest to supplement natural regeneration of bur oak and walnut. A natural areas inventory was conducted and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest area. Harvesting and regenerating this stand will improve the overall health and vigor of the forest.

Wildlife den trees will not be marked and will be left standing. Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize soil disturbance. Skid trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the Stream Management Areas (within 50 feet of an adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.



**Selection Process Summary:** An informal bid process was completed. To be qualified, a timber buyer must have on file with the State of Iowa a bond meeting the requirements of Section 456A.36 of the Code of Iowa and Chapter 571-72 of the Iowa Administrative Code. The area forester and supervisor reviewed the bid proposals and the highest bid from the most responsive and responsible bidder was selected.

**Date bids received:** 2/5/24

**Number of Bids Received:** 3

**Recommendation:** Lansing Forest Products, L.L.C.

Bidder	City, State	Amount of Bid
Lansing Forest Products, L.L.C.	Lansing, IA	\$58,525.00
Eric Freihage	Pisgah, IA	\$32,500.00
K&K Logging	Ponca, NE	\$20,000.00

Jeff Goerndt, State Forester  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
March 14, 2024

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

**Decision Item**

**#7. Contract with City Data, Inc. (Public Lakes Visitation and Travel Metrics)**

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Commission approval is requested for a contract with City Data, Inc., of San Francisco, CA.

**Contract Terms:**

**Amount:** Not to exceed \$195,000.00

**Dates:** April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2027

**Funding Source(s):** Lake Restoration Program

**Contract Background:** Lake usage and travel information is an essential component to understanding recreational behavior at Iowa’s public lakes and the economic impact of these lakes. Over the past 20 years, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has utilized a series of mailed surveys to quantify visitation to Iowa’s publicly-owned lakes. Previous surveys (conducted through the Center for Rural and Agricultural Development (CARD) at Iowa State University) yielded information on quantity and timing of visits, measures of direct and indirect spending, preferred activities, important factors affecting recreational choices, and visitors’ perception of Iowa’s water quality. For example, DNR has learned through these surveys that about 60% of Iowans visit lakes annually, making an average of eight trips per year and that the average travel distance to visit a lake in Iowa is about 30 miles.

Survey methodology and technology have changed significantly since the first lake visitation survey was completed in 2002, and a declining response rate to mailed surveys has been observed. Therefore, the upcoming 2024 Iowa Lakes Visitation and Travel Metrics survey will rely on newer technologies to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness of data acquisition. Specifically, the survey will derive lake visitation and travel information from anonymous location data (frequently derived from foot and vehicle traffic and cell phone location data). Information garnered from anonymous location is different than that derived from mailed surveys, as it is a more complete census of visitation and minimizes recall error commonly associated with mailed surveys.

**Contract Purpose:**

The DNR is entering into this Contract with City Data, Inc. to provide visitation and travel metrics derived from anonymous location data for publicly-owned waterbodies and their surrounding areas.

**Selection Process Summary:** The department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and published a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

**Proposal Due Date:** 2/15/2024

**Scoring Criteria:** Proposals were scored based on the criteria as described in the RFP, which included their ability to complete the scope of work within the desired timeline, comprehensive work plan, description and quality of previous and applicable work experience, and cost.

**Proposals Received:** 2

**Recommendation:** City Data, Inc.

Consultant	Location (City, State)	Total Score (100 pts)
City Data, Inc.	San Francisco, CA	84
Cobalt Community Research	Charlotte, MI	60

Travis Baker, Engineering, Land and Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
NRC Meeting Date: March 14, 2024

Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resources Commission

Decision (*\*indicates proposed consent agenda*)

**\*8. Contract with Iowa State University (acoustic bat monitoring)**

**Recommendation:**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract with Iowa State University (ISU), of Ames, Iowa.

**Contract Terms:**

**Amount:** Not to exceed \$31,872

**Dates:** March 15, 2024 to December 31, 2024

**Funding Source(s):** Federal US Fish and Wildlife Service Grant

**Contract Purpose:** This contract will provide training and coordination of community scientists conducting acoustic surveys for bats, provide supplies and materials needed to conduct the monitoring, and analyze acoustic data collected by community scientists. Under the competitive grant award agreement, ISU will submit the data collected to the DNR and the federal database for use in long-term monitoring of bats. ISU tasks include:

- **Purchase Supplies for Acoustic Monitoring:** On behalf of DNR, ISU will purchase all the supplies necessary for monitoring. Monitoring units purchased for this project will become the property of the DNR.
- **Training and Monitoring Coordination:** ISU will train and coordinate community scientist volunteers recruited by DNR to conduct acoustic data collection at 47 sites. Following the conclusion of the training process, ISU will continue to coordinate trained volunteers conducting acoustic data collection, and ISU will ensure that the data collection occurs as scheduled and follows standard protocols.
- **Establish Monitoring Locations within Priority Grids:** ISU will locate and ground-truth new mobile routes and fixed-point locations in priority grids in northwest Iowa for monitoring.
- **Data Analysis and Submission:** ISU will analyze data collected by the volunteers to quantify bat activity, identify bat species, and determine differences in relative species abundance across the regions monitored. Data will be submitted to DNR and to the federal database.

The DNR's Wildlife Bureau, under its current Volunteer Wildlife Monitoring Program, will secure the community scientist volunteers for ISU training and coordination; 35-40 volunteers are anticipated to complete this work.

Acoustic bat call data has been collected annually since 2013 and is being used to assess trends in bat activity over time. This project is part of an ongoing national effort to monitor bat populations. ISU was selected because of its expertise in acoustic bat call data analysis and successful completion of similar work with DNR.

**Contractor Selection Process:**

Intergovernmental contracting with Iowa State University is authorized under 11 IAC 118.4.

Travis Baker, Lands & Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
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**9. Construction - Small Projects**

The following Engineering managed projects have been let utilizing the Competitive Quotation process for projects \$100,000 or less:

<b>Bid Date</b>	<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Bids</b>
2/22/24	23-03-12-01	Big Marsh WMA	Butler	This project consists of minor excavation to restore wetland hydrology.	\$25,000	<b>\$14,820.00</b> \$17,720.00 \$18,540.00 \$19,338.00 \$19,714.80 \$19,960.80 \$21,370.00 \$23,090.00 \$24,534.00 \$24,644.00 \$24,980.00 \$26,420.00 \$44,600.00 \$54,060.00
2/22/24	23-03-17-07	McIntosh Woods	Cerro Gordo	This project consists of replacing the existing asphalt shingles with metal roofing at two shelters and two fish cleaning stations.	\$49,000	<b>\$38,800.00</b> \$41,227.80

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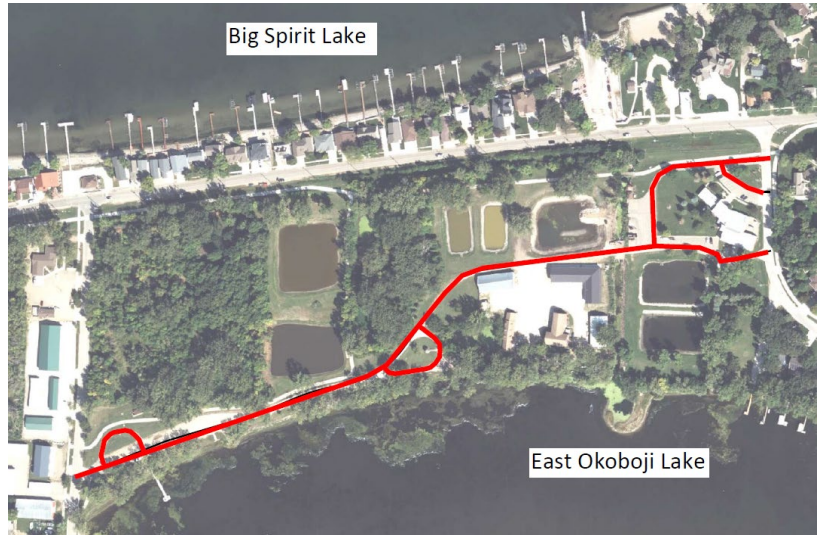
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**10.1 Spirit Lake Hatchery, Road Maintenance - Dickinson County**

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** The Spirit Lake Hatchery is located between Big Spirit Lake and East Okoboji Lake and is a cool water hatchery that produces over 75 million walleye fry, 100,000 six-inch walleye fingerlings, 25,000 seven-inch walleye fingerlings, and 2 million northern pike fry annually. The hatchery complex also houses the northwest district office.

This project consists of patching, cleaning and filling cracks, and fog sealing approximately 1,600 feet of asphalt pavement roadway and associated parking lots. Additionally, approximately 1,800 feet of gravel roads and their associated parking lots will be graded and will receive new rock.



**Engineering Project #:** 22-01-30-06

**Cost Estimate:** \$81,000

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 73% Park and Institutional Roads Fund, 27% REAP Land Management

**Bid Letting Date:** 2/22/2024

**Construction Completion Date:** 09/15/2024

**Number of Bids Received:** 1

**Bidders**

Beck Excavating, Inc.

Spirit Lake, IA

\$89,265.90

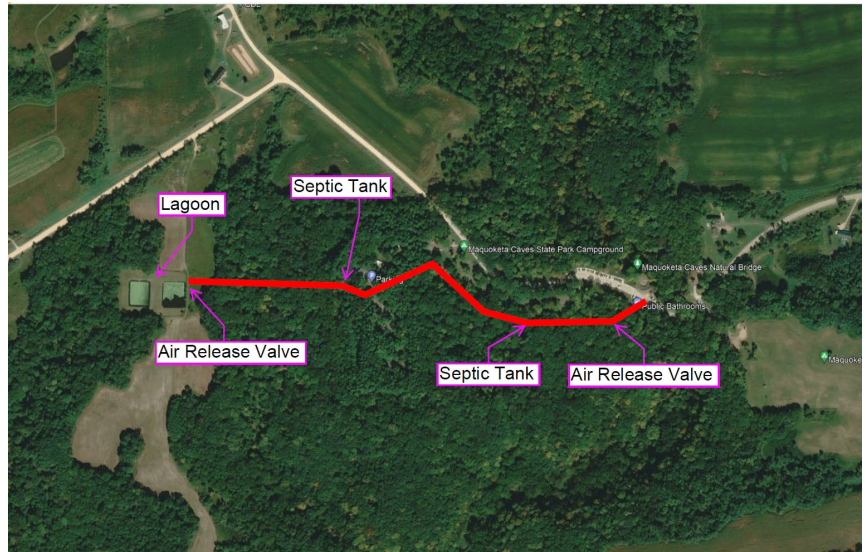
Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Beck Excavating, Inc.

## 10.2 Maquoketa Caves State Park, Sewer Improvements – Jackson County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

**Project Summary:** Maquoketa Caves State Park is located in Jackson County, northwest of Maquoketa, Iowa. The 370-acre park was opened to the public in the 1930's when the CCC built a lodge and walkways through the cave system. In addition to the caves and the lodge, the park has hiking trails, a museum, two picnic shelters, and a modern campground.

The sanitary sewer system at Maquoketa Caves State Park consists of three lift stations, 2,200 feet of force main and 600 feet of gravity sewer that lead to a discharge lagoon for treatment. The lift station grinder pumps are needing constant maintenance due to excessive amount of debris getting into the sewer system. There are two old air release valves that are currently malfunctioning and the sewer lines are in need of jetting and cleaning.



This project will install two septic tanks to help remove the debris and solids prior to reaching the lift station pumps, the two air relief valves will be replaced and the sewer lines are to be jetted and cleaned. All of this is planned to be completed prior to when the park goes to full capacity in the spring.

**Engineering Project #:** 24-06-49-02

**Cost Estimate:** \$45,000

**Operating Bureau:** Parks

**Funding Source:** 100% Infrastructure

**Bid Letting Date:** 2/22/2024

**Construction Completion Date:** 5/1/2024

**Number of Bids Received:** 8

### **Bidders**

Offset Construction LLC	Farley, IA	\$45,667.50
Connolly Construction Inc	Peosta, IA	\$51,352.50
Connolly Excavating Inc	Cascade, IA	\$57,790.00
Tschiggfrie Excavating Co	Dubuque, IA	\$66,074.00
F. L. Krapfl, Inc	Dyersville, IA	\$68,610.00
Boomerang Corp of Iowa	Anamosa, IA	\$73,127.50
Top Grade Excavating Inc	Farley, IA	\$73,591.50
Miller Trucking & Excavating Co	Silvis, IL	\$115,260.00

Upon Engineering's review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Offset Construction LLC.

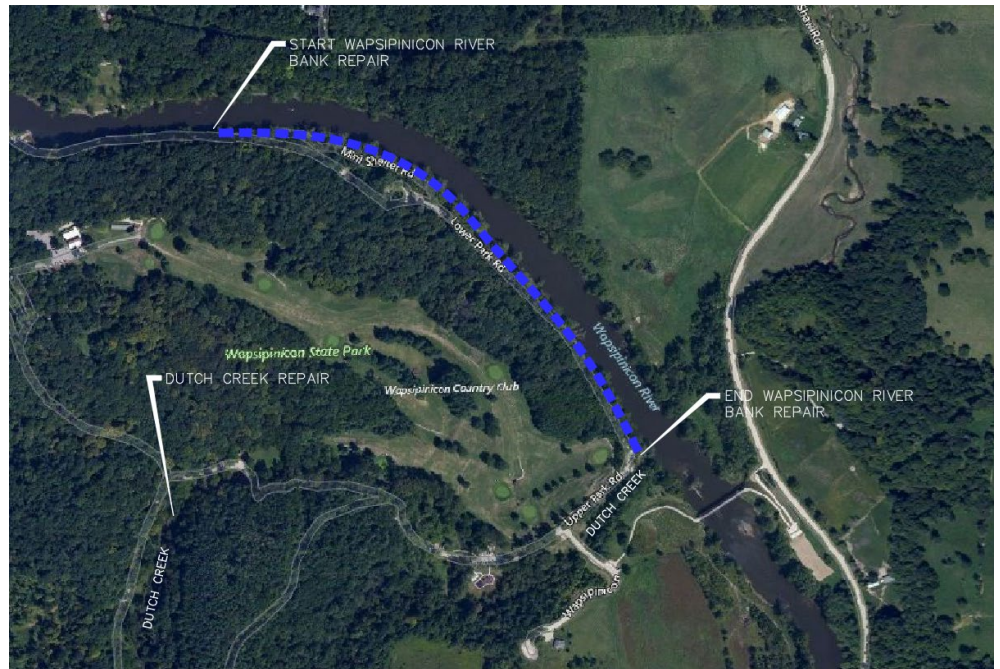
## 10.3 Wapsipinicon State Park, FEMA Flood Repairs – Jones County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:



**Project Summary:** Wapsipinicon State Park is located in Jones County, immediately south of Anamosa. The 400-acre park was acquired in 1921. Park amenities include a campground, reservable lodges, picnic shelters, river accesses, and a nine-hole golf course.

In 2019, the Wapsipinicon River had record floods and high water that extended throughout the spring and summer. This caused significant erosion and washouts of the westerly river bank through the park. This project will repair approximately 2,560 linear feet of bank, by installing eighteen Bendway Weirs, which are 90-foot long rock structures that are positioned from the outside bank of the riverbend, angled upstream toward the flow. This diverts the river channel over, slowing the flow along the banks allowing sediment to naturally deposit. These weirs had the least disturbance to the river bank compared to traditional bank armoring methods. Also included is a small bank repair at Dutch Creek within the park.



**Engineering Project #:** 23-06-53-01  
**Cost Estimate:** \$380,000  
**Operating Bureau:** Parks  
**Funding Source:** 75% FEMA, 25% Executive Council  
**Bid Letting Date:** 2/22/2024  
**Construction Completion Date:** 9/30/2024  
**Number of Bids Received:** 10

**Bidders**

Top Grade Excavating Inc	Farley, IA	\$357,296.25
Shift Companies	Cedar Rapids, IA	\$389,515.00
Aaron Crane Construction LLC	Manchester, IA	\$401,714.00
Connolly Construction Inc	Peosta, IA	\$511,239.80
Miller Trucking & Excavating Co	Silvis, IL	\$545,374.50
B & J Hauling & Excavating Inc	Monticello, IA	\$592,685.00
RW Excavating Solutions LC	Prairie City, IA	\$614,808.00
Boomerang Corp of Iowa	Anamosa, IA	\$617,936.00
Newt Marine Services	Dubuque, IA	\$687,860.00
Legacy Corporation of IL	East Moline, IL	\$770,359.50

Upon Engineering’s review of bids, DNR recommends awarding the contract to Top Grade Excavating Inc.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief  
 Conservation and Recreation Division  
 March 14, 2024

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**11. Public Land Acquisition Project**

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**11.1 Trout Run Access (Bowstring Bridge), Winneshiek County – Dahlen**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a tract of land located in Winneshiek County adjacent to Trout Run Access (Bowstring Bridge).

**Donor:** Allan J. Dahlen, Helen Wise, Roger Dahlen, Arnold Dahlen Jr, Howard Dahlen, and Wand Dahlen Lurken

**Acreage:** 0.25 acres

**Property Description:** This irregular-shaped property is located adjacent to Trout Run Access (Bowstring Bridge) in Winneshiek County. The property is located east of the public access area and is contained mostly to the bed of the Upper Iowa River. This property is predominately a sand bar with a small area of shoreline.

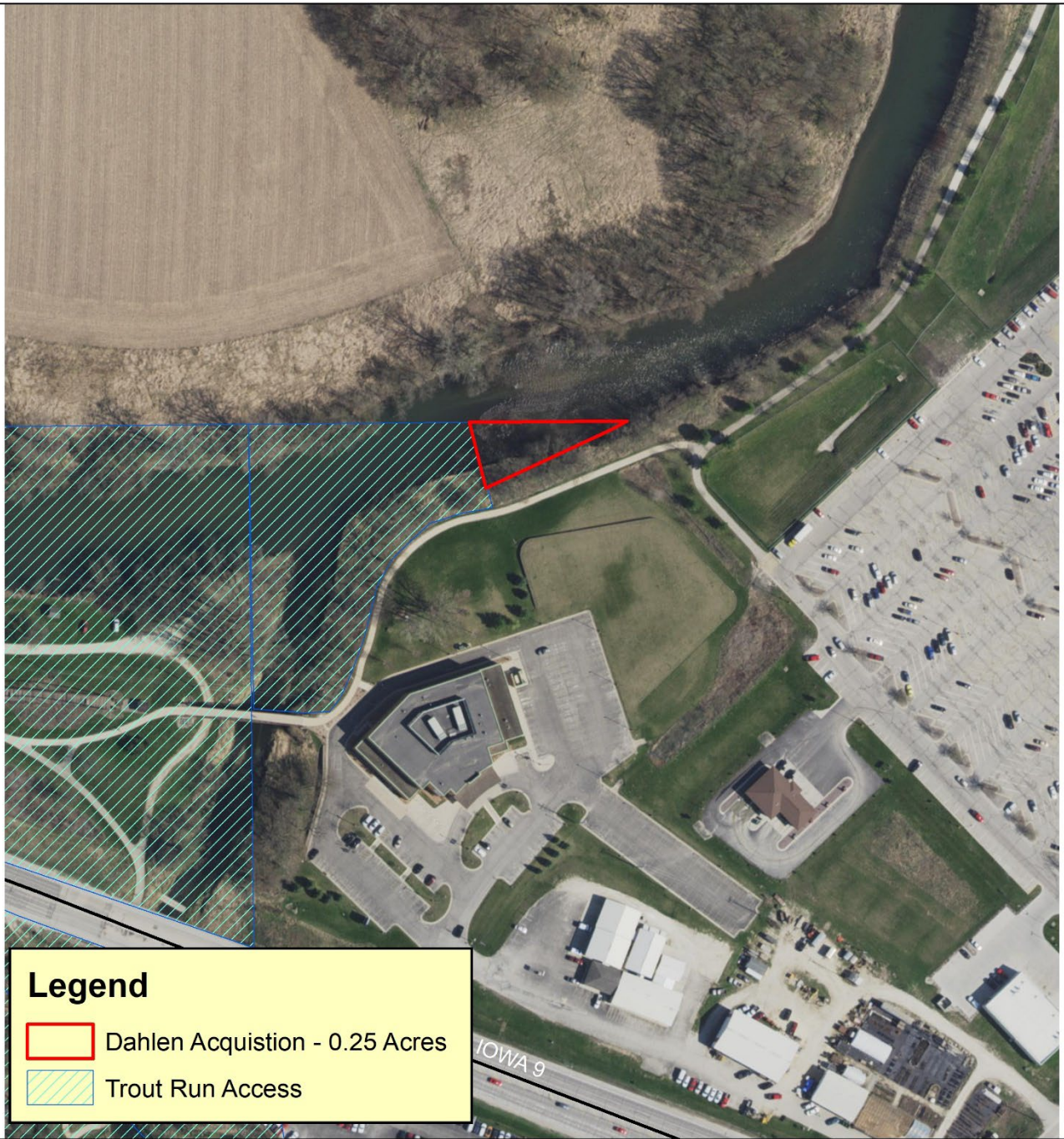
**Purpose:** This acquisition will provide additional river access to Trout Run Access (Bowstring Bridge). There is a public sidewalk on the south side of the property that provides excellent access to this parcel.

**DNR Property Manager:** Wildlife Bureau



**Incidental Costs:** Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

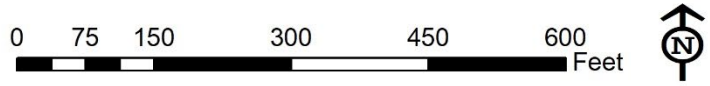


Realty Services / Trout Run Access / Winneshiek County/ Dahlen



**Legend**

-  Dahlen Acquisition - 0.25 Acres
-  Trout Run Access



## **11.2 Shimek State Forest and Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, Van Buren County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Van Buren County adjacent to Shimek State Forest and Lacey-Keosauqua State Park.

**Seller:** Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF)

**Acreage:** 62.21 acres

**DNR Purchase Price:** \$253,000

**Appraised Value:** \$253,000

**Property Description:** This irregular-shaped parcel is made up of two parcels that meet at a central point. The north parcel (8 acres) will become part of Lacey-Keosauqua State Park and the south 54 acres will be added to the Shimek State Forest and will be open to public hunting. This is a rugged property with large elevation changes. The north parcel drops ~100 feet in elevation from the north boundary to the south boundary. The south parcel is dissected from the Northeast to the Southwest by two large drainages. The side slopes of these drainages range from 25' to 40' slope. The majority of the property is timber with a few small areas of upland grasses. This timber is considered a very good Oak/Hickory stand, which is a priority habitat type for the DNR.

**Purpose:** This acquisition will allow the state to maintain and protect this high quality habitat. The parcel added to Shimek State Forest will be open to public hunting. The parcel added to Lacey-Keosauqua will not be open to public hunting. There are not building sites on this acquisition.

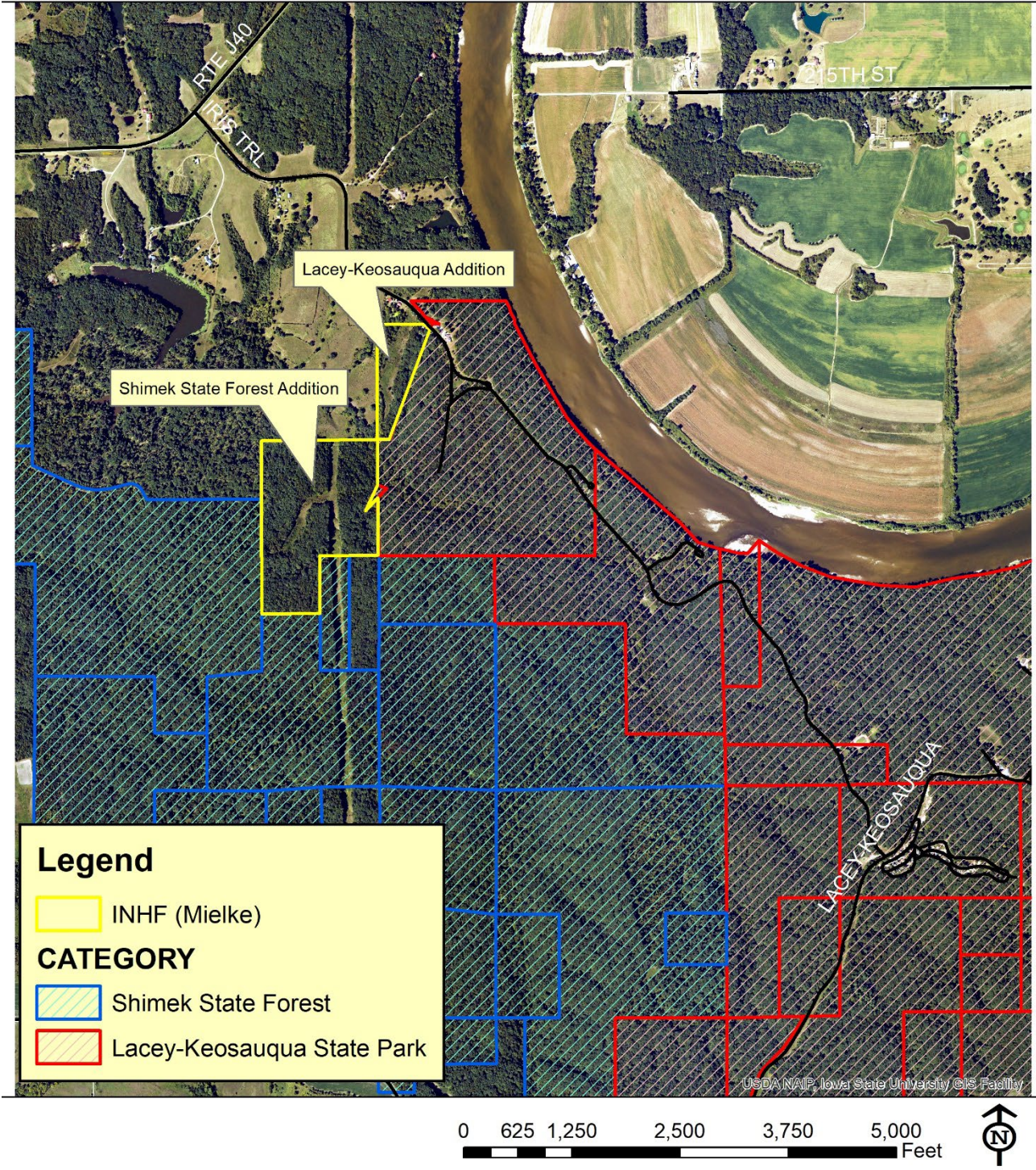
**DNR Property Manager:** Parks, Forest and Preserves Bureau

**Funding Source(s):** \$125,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund, \$128,000 REAP Open Spaces

**Incidental Costs:** Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. The property will remain on Van Buren County property tax rolls.



Realty Services / Shimek S.F. / Lacey-Keosauqua S.P  
Van Buren County/ INHF





### **11.3 Luton WMA, Woodbury County – Robert E. Walters, Inc.**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Woodbury County adjacent to Luton Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

**Seller:** Robert E. Walters, Inc.

**Acreage:** 24.29 acres

**DNR Purchase Price:** \$49,800

**Appraised Value:** \$49,800

**Property Description:** This rectangular-shaped property is located adjacent to Luton Wildlife Management Area in Woodbury County. It is enrolled in a permanent USDA-WRP conservation easement. During the restoration, this near flat parcel had shallow basins constructed in the south and eastern portions of the property. There are no building improvements and access is from 240<sup>th</sup> Street on the north side of the property.

**Purpose:** This acquisition, reflecting close proximity to the Sioux City Area, being 5 miles Southeast, will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation.

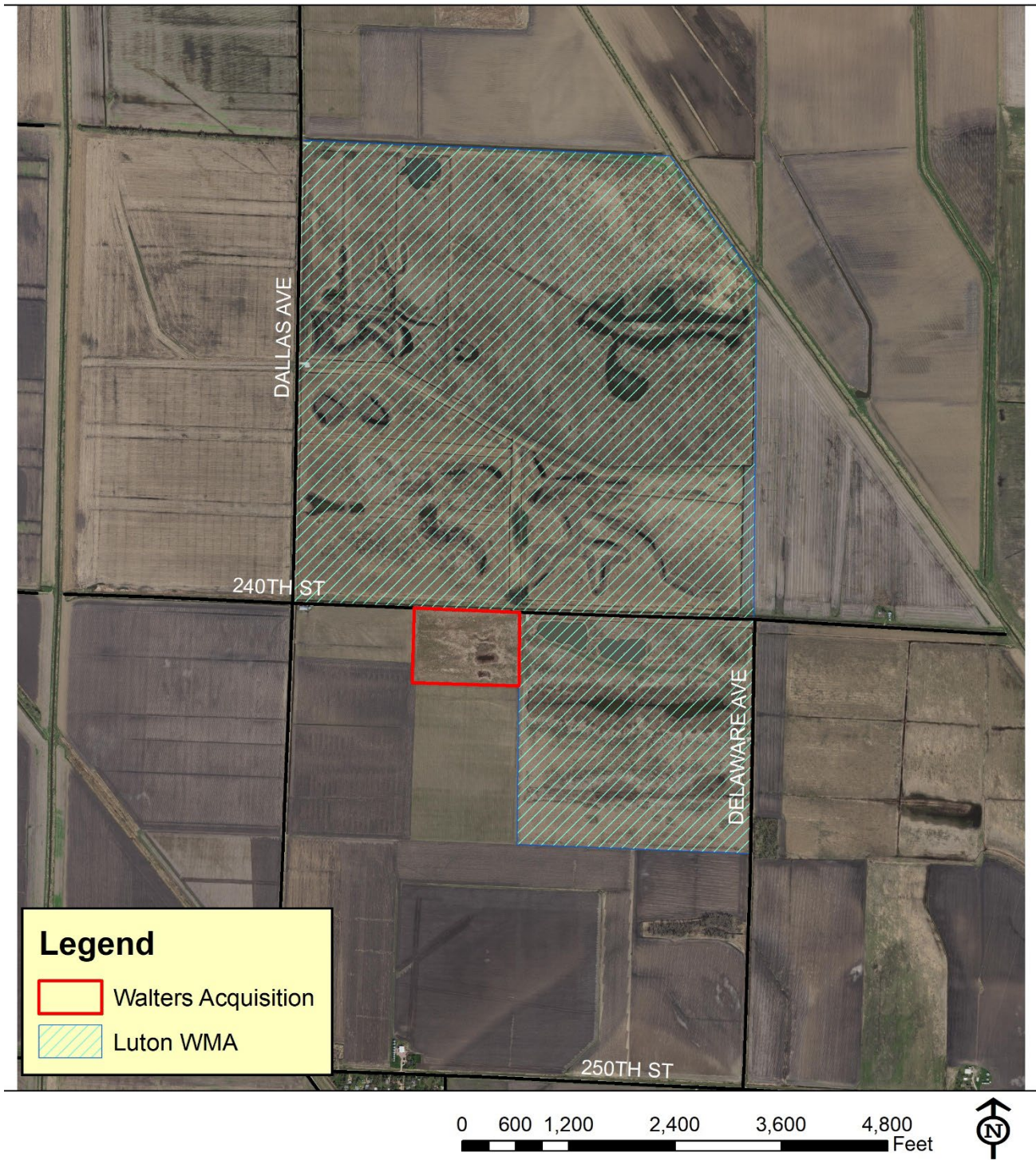
**DNR Property Manager:** Wildlife Bureau

**Funding Source(s):** Wildlife Habitat Stamp

**Incidental Costs:** Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. The property will remain on property tax rolls in Woodbury County.



Realty Services / Luton WMA  
Woodbury County/ Robert E Walters Inc.



#### **11.4 Bell's Branch WMA, Davis County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Davis County. This tract will become Bell's Branch WMA, a new Wildlife Management Area.

**Seller:** Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF)

**Acreage:** 514.42 acres

**DNR Purchase Price:** \$1,900,000

**Appraised Value:** \$2,310,000

**Property Description:** This irregular-shaped property is located seven miles northwest of Bloomfield in Davis County. The property transitions from steep drainages on the north half to near level on the south end of the tract. Land use includes 357 acres of high-quality oak timber, 85 acres of CRP, and the remaining in pasture. There are no building improvements. Legal and physical access is available from Lilly Avenue, a county gravel road.

**Purpose:** This acquisition will allow for an excellent opportunity for enhancement of Oak Habitat and grassland restoration for the benefit of Indiana Bats and Northern Long-Eared Bats, both Federally Endangered Species. The majority of the funding comes from a Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act Grant for Bat Habitat Restoration. This area will be open for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities. A Forest Wildlife Stewardship Plan and prairie reconstruction will be completed as the Wildlife Bureau will oversee management of the property.

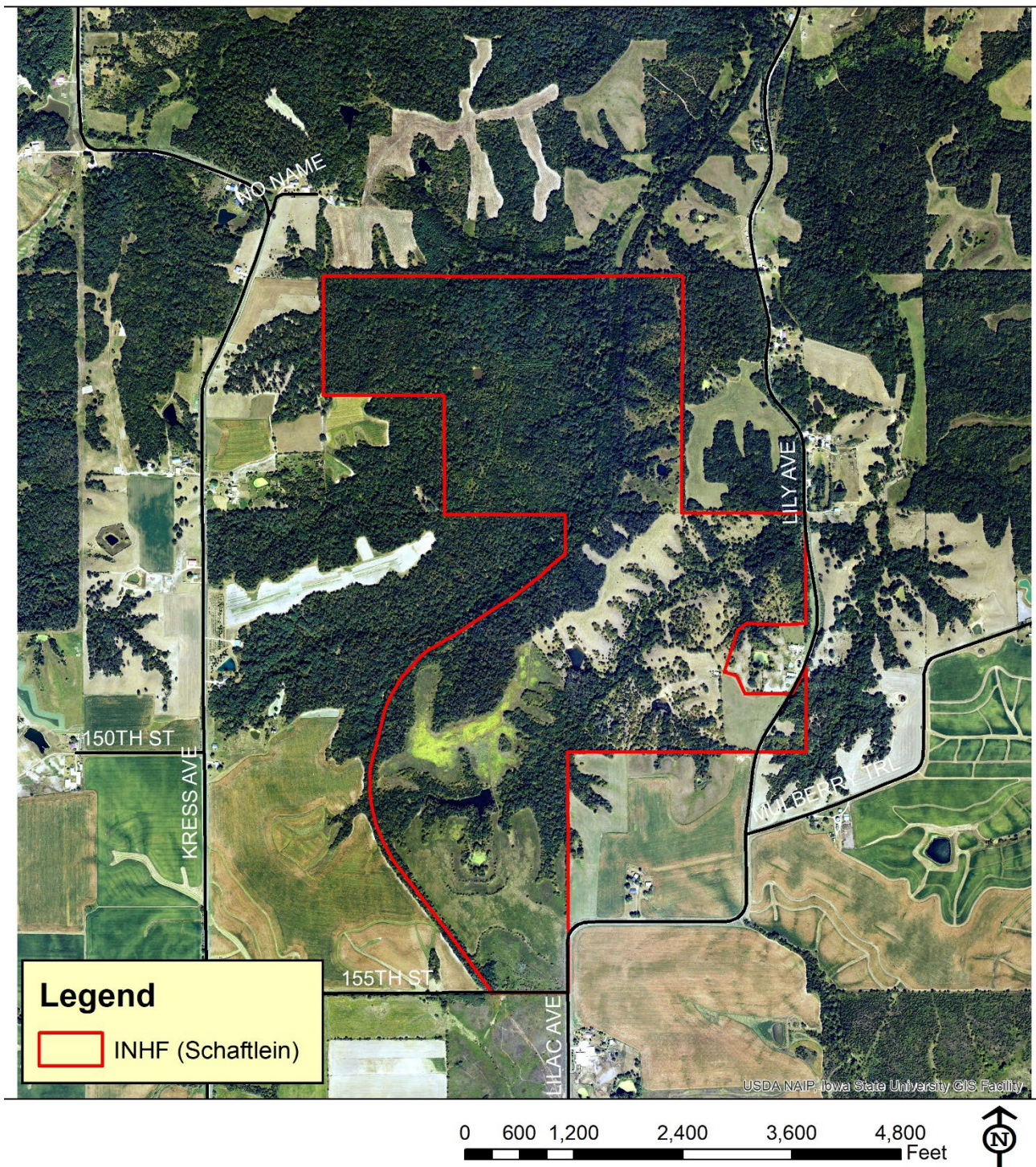
**DNR Property Manager:** Wildlife Bureau

**Funding Source(s):** \$1,721,250 Section 6 HCP Grant, \$150,000 REAP License Plate, \$28,750 Wildlife Habitat Stamp, \$410,000 Donated Value

**Incidental Costs:** Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. The property will remain on property tax roll in Davis County.



# Realty Services / Bells' Branch WMA / Davis County/ INHF



**11.5 Templar Park State Recreation Area, Dickinson County – North Templar Park Property Owners Inc.**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a title transfer to the North Templar Park Property Owners Inc.

**Receiver:** North Templar Park Property Owners Inc.

**Acreage:** 0.02 acres m/l

**Consideration:** \$10,000

**Description:** North Templar Park Property Owners Inc. (Development) have requested the State / DNR to transfer title of land currently used as Templar Park State Recreation Area, located in Dickinson County, to the Development for the placement of a sewage lift station.

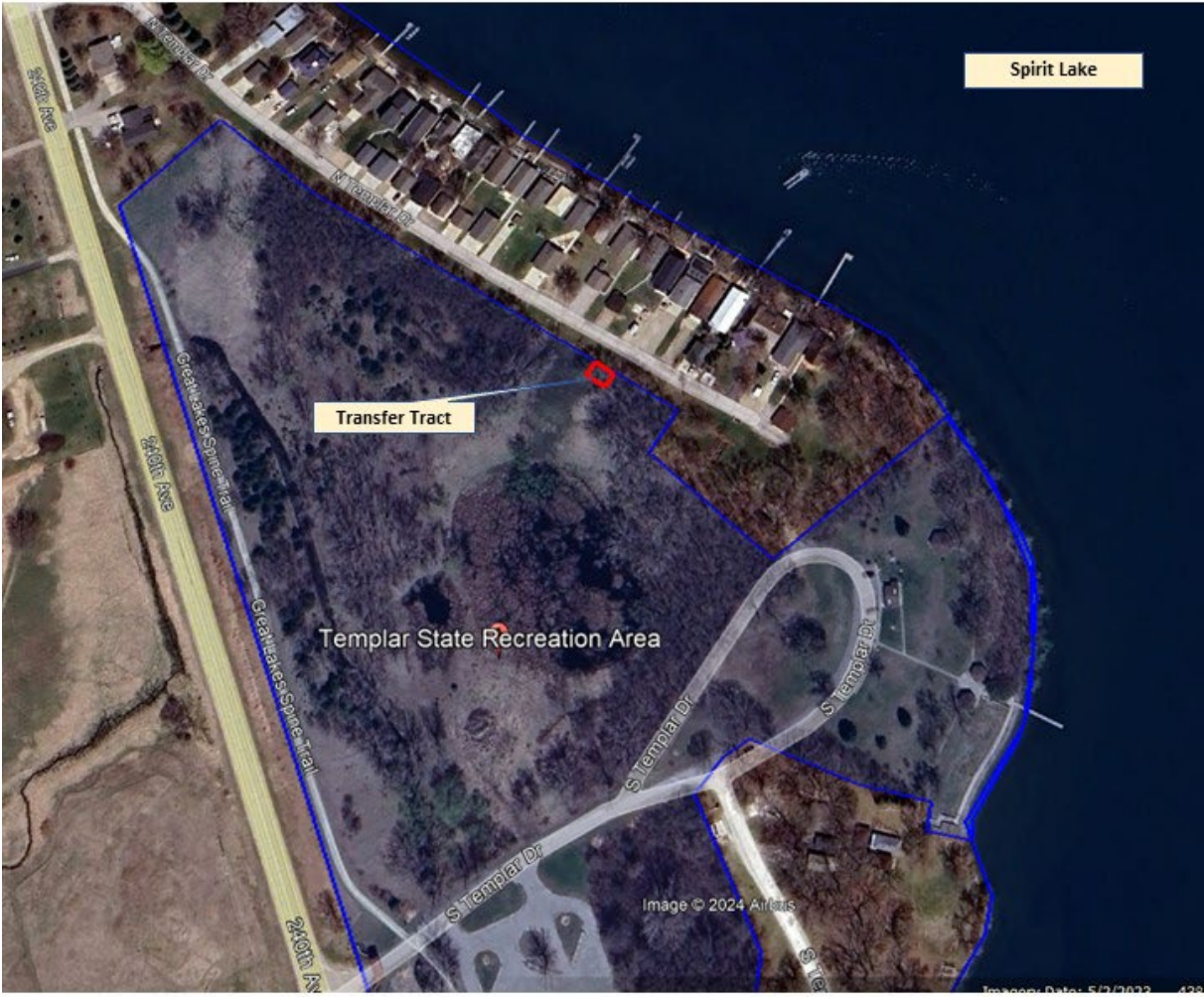
Currently, the sewer for the Development runs through the south portion of Templar Park State Recreation Area. The current location of the sewer line would create additional cost for the DNR (by 3 times the amount) for the construction of the future, updated sewage system, as capacity for the Development will need to be built in. The state seeks to convey 0.02 acres (20' by 37.50') adjacent to the Development, for the placement of a lift station that will allow the Development to facilitate the transfer of their sewer off state property, thus relieving this burden from the state.

**Purpose:** Department staff have reviewed the proposal, found the parcel to be undesirable for conservation purposes and recommends the transfer of land to North Templar Park Property Owners, Inc. The transfer will alleviate the burden of the sewage infrastructure. This patent will be completed under the authority of Iowa Code 461A.32.

**Incidental Costs:** Closing costs will be the responsibility of the North Templar Park Property Owners, Inc.



Realty Services / Templar State Park/ Dickinson Co. /  
North Templar Park Property Owners



Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
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Decision Item (\* indicates proposed consent item)

**\*12. Public Land Management Projects**

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**\*12.1 Management Agreement, Mile-Long Island WMA – Woodbury Co. – CF Industries Nitrogen, LLC**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a Management Agreement Renewal with CF Industries Nitrogen, LLC for property owned by CF Industries Nitrogen located adjacent to Mile-Long WMA in Woodbury County.

**Location:** The 8-acre Parcel is located about 5 miles southwest of Sergeant Bluff.

**Site Purpose:** The property is 8 acres of upland habitat owned by CF Industries adjacent to the Mile-Long Island Wildlife Management Area owned and managed by the DNR. The DNR and CF Industries have jointly determined that it is in the public's interest to transfer the care and maintenance of the property to the DNR as a condition of their Chapter 18 Lease. The area will be maintained and managed as part of the Mile-Long Island Wildlife Management Area and will be open to public hunting.

**Management History:** This site has been under agreement since 2018.

**Management Agreement Term:** This Management Agreement with CF Industries Nitrogen, LLC is for 5 years.

**\*12.2 Management Agreement, Storm Lake Marina – Buena Vista CCB**

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve a Management Agreement with Buena Vista County Conservation Board for Storm Lake Marina in Buena Vista County.

**Location:** The 16-acre Parcel is located on the south shore of Storm Lake.

**Site Purpose:** The property includes the marina concession building and shoreline, courtesy docks in front of the marina concession building, large parking lot, the land surrounding the large parking lot, the two marina entrance roads, gas storage tank, the boat ramps, the two fishing piers, the 84-slip docking system, the roadway and parking alongside the docking system, and the turnaround located close to the fisheries building.

**Management History:** This property was previously managed by the City of Storm Lake. The Department is currently in the process of transferring the fee title ownership to the County.

**Management Agreement Term:** This Management Agreement with Buena Vista CCB will expire on December 31, 2024 or upon transfer of the property to the County, whichever occurs first.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
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**Decision Item** (*\*indicates proposed consent agenda*)

**\*13. Contract Amendment 1 with Absolute Cleaning Systems, LLC**

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Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Absolute Cleaning Systems, LLC of Albia, IA.

**Amendment-1 Terms:**

**Amendment Amount:** Not to exceed \$16,000

**Amendment Dates:** 03/18/2024 to 03/17/2026

**Funding Source(s):** Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund

**Amendment Purpose:** The purpose of the amendment is to continue to allow weekly or bi-weekly cleaning of the Visitor Center (lobby) and offices and common areas of Rathbun Fish Hatchery. Continuing to have a contract with Absolute Cleaning Services, LLC through this amendment protects the Department against sudden price increases. The Department is agreeable to a 10% increase in the per unit cleaning fee as proposed by the vendor.

**Original Contract Purpose:** The Rathbun Fish Hatchery is a state facility that supplies fish for Iowa's anglers. There are 13 employees at the hatchery within three fisheries divisions and Law Enforcement. The hatchery sees hundreds of visitors annually. These visitors come to view the lobby aquarium, obtain permits and licenses, as well as view hatchery fish production through the year. This service will allow current staff at the hatchery to concentrate on fish culture duties while still providing the public with a clean facility with interpretive displays showcasing how the facility improves the quality of life in Iowa for this and future generations. The tasks set forth in the contract include the cleaning of 7 restrooms, trash collection from various areas throughout Rathbun Fish Hatchery, cleaning the Visitor Center (lobby), dust and wet mopping, and other miscellaneous cleaning.

**Original Selection Process:** The Department published a Request for Quote (RFQ) and reviewed quotes for services requested. Absolute Cleaning Services, LLC was awarded the contract due to their ability to competently perform deliverables as stated in the RFQ as well as being the most cost effective bid submitted.

**Contract History:**

**Original Contract Terms:** Amount \$14,000; Timeframe: 03/21/2022 to 03/17/2024

Joe Larscheid, Fisheries Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
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Decision Item (*\*indicates proposed consent agenda*)

**\*14. Contract Amendment 2 with Keo Fish Farms, Inc.**

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Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Keo Fish Farms, Inc. of Keo, AR.

**Amendment-2 Terms:**

**Amendment Amount:** Not to exceed \$27,500

**Amendment Dates:** 03/01/2024 to 02/28/2025

**Funding Source(s):** Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund

**Amendment Purpose:** The purpose of the amendment is to continue to allow for the purchase of Hybrid Striped Bass (HSB) fry at the contract price to create new or maintain existing HSB fisheries. Having a contract with Keo Fish Farms, Inc. protects the Department against sudden price increases.

**Original Contract Purpose:** Hybrid Striped Bass fisheries in Iowa's lakes and reservoirs are an extremely popular sportfish among anglers. Two sizes of HSB are stocked in Iowa: fry, or newly hatched fish, and 2-inch fingerlings. Populations of HSB must be maintained by annual stockings. The Iowa DNR system doesn't have the facilities or capacity to start its own HSB propagation program, so fish must be purchased to create and maintain these fisheries. The Iowa DNR purchases approximately 4.55 million HSB fry per year. Some fry are stocked directly into lakes while the remaining fry are stocked into earthen ponds at the Mount Ayr Fish Hatchery for growout to a 2-inch fingerling size.

**Original Selection Process:** The Department solicited bids from Targeted Small Businesses, but no bids were received. The solicitation for bids was posted on [bidopportunities.iowa.gov](http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov) for a minimum of 14 days. All known HSB producers in the United States were informed of the opportunity to bid. When the posting for the solicitation for bids had expired, only one vendor submitted a bid. The contract was awarded to Keo Fish Farms, Inc.

**Contract History:**

**Original Contract Terms:** Amount \$23,250; Timeframe: 04/29/2022 to 02/28/2023

**Amendment-1 Terms:** Amount: \$32,000; Timeframe: 03/01/2023 to 02/29/2024

Joe Larscheid, Fisheries Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
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**Decision Item** (*\*indicates proposed consent agenda*)

**\*15. Contract Amendment 2 with Reed Mariculture, Inc.**

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Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Reed Mariculture, Inc. of Campbell, CA.

**Amendment-2 Terms:**

**Amendment Amount:** Not to exceed \$30,000

**Amendment Dates:** 03/24/2024 to 03/23/2025

**Funding Source(s):** Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund

**Amendment Purpose:** The purpose of the amendment is to continue to allow for the purchase of larval and small fingerling fish diets for use on coolwater fish species such as Walleyes and Muskellunge at the contract price. Having a contract with Reed Mariculture, Inc. protects the Department against sudden price increases should the world economic climate change.

**Original Contract Purpose:** Walleyes and Muskellunge are two species of extremely popular sportfish among Iowa anglers. Many fish licenses are sold annually because of the great fishing we have for Walleyes and Muskellunge in Iowa. All populations of Walleye and Muskellunge in lakes and reservoirs exist because of the Iowa DNR's stocking program. The Otohime line of fish feeds is high-quality and an extremely palatable fish feed for larval Walleyes and Muskellunge and small fingerling Walleyes. This line of fish feeds is instrumental to the success of fish culture of the aforementioned species of fish and is integral to meeting the stocking requests of Iowa DNR Fisheries Managers. The Fish Culture Research team, located at Rathbun Research Facility in Moravia, IA, has tested a multitude of diets over the years and the Otohime line of fish feed consistently sees higher survival and growth rates compared to other diets. Otohime fish feed has been used at Rathbun Fish Culture Research Facility, Rathbun Fish Hatchery, and Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery for many years with consistent results.

**Original Selection Process:** The Department solicited bids from Targeted Small Businesses, but no bids were received. The solicitation for bids was posted on [bidopportunities.iowa.gov](http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov) for a minimum of 14 days. All known vendors of this line of fish food were informed of the opportunity to bid. When the posting for the solicitation for bids had expired, Reed Mariculture, Inc. was awarded the contract due to their demonstrated ability to import the product into the United States as well as submitting the most cost effective bid. The contract was awarded to Reed Mariculture, Inc.

**Contract History:**

**Original Contract Terms:** Amount \$26,573.74; Timeframe: 03/24/2021 to 03/28/2022

**Amendment-1 Terms:** Amount: \$5,842.79; Timeframe: 03/04/2022 to 03/29/2023

**Amendment-2 Terms:** Amount: \$16,416.11; Timeframe: 03/04/2023 to 03/29/2023

Joe Larscheid, Fisheries Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
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**\*16. Contract with DeRocher Heating and Cooling**

**Commission approval is requested for a contract with DeRocher Heating and Cooling, of Onawa, Iowa.**

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**Contract Terms**

**Amount:** Not to exceed \$28,550

**Dates:** 03/15/2024 to 06/15/2024

**Funding Source(s):** REAP Open Spaces

**Contract Purpose:** The Visitor Center located at Lewis and Clark State Park has a Geothermal system that helps to heat and cool the building which includes several office spaces and a large room for the keelboat exhibit. The building construction was finished in 2005 and needs some crucial repairs to bring the system back to fully functional. The geothermal system consists of 30 compressors spread throughout the building that help to push the coolant through the lines while recycling through the system. Five compressors are no longer functional and need to be replaced. The geothermal system will also need coolant added to the system.

The contract will call for the successful bidder to replace these 5 compressors and add glycol coolant to the system to bring it back to fully functional. The replacement of these compressors will be essential in maintaining a reasonable temperature through the building during the warm summer months when visitors frequently tour the facility.

**Selection Process Summary:** The Department solicited proposals from targeted small businesses and also published a request of proposals (RFP) on the Department of Administrative Services website.

**Criteria Reviewed:** Criteria reviewed for this work required services from an HVAC certified technician.

**Proposal Due Date:** 02/16/2024

**# of Proposals Received:** 1

**Recommendation:** DeRocher Heating and Cooling

Sherry Arntzen, Parks, Forests, Preserves Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

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**\*17. Contract Amendment- A01 with Iowa Waste Services Holdings, Inc, dba Waste Connections of Iowa.**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Iowa Waste Services Holdings, Inc, dba Waste Connections of Iowa.

**Amendment- 23CRDPBETHACK-0007 A01**

**Amendment Amount:** \$16,197.00/year

**Amendment Dates:** April 1, 2024, to February 28, 2025

**Funding Source(s):** General Fund

**Amendment Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to extend the end date of the contract for one year for the performance of the tasks in the original contract. The original contract provides services for year-round collection, hauling, and disposal of garbage from Lake Manawa State Park.

**Original Contract Purpose:**

Throughout the year, and even more so during peak season, trash removal service is essential for general park users, renters of our day-use facilities, and campers. This service is vital for continuing to provide the quality and standards that park users have come to expect from Iowa State Parks while also allowing park staff to maintain their facilities and grounds.

**Original Selection Process:** In 2023, the criteria reviewed for this work included adhering to the tasks as laid out in the Request for Quote (RFQ) Solicitation, completion and timely submission of the RFQ Cost Proposal, as well as demonstrating responsiveness and responsibility as a bidder.

**Contract History:**

**Original Contract Terms:** Amount \$17,712.26; Timeframe: April 15, 2023, to April 14, 2024; Purpose: Trash Removal

**Amendment 1 Terms:** Amount: \$16,197.00/year; Timeframe: April 1, 2024, to February 28, 2025; Purpose: To extend the contract for one year with commensurate compensation.

Sherry L. Arntzen, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau Chief

**Conservation and Recreation Division**

**NRC Meeting Date:** March 14, 2024