

Agenda

Natural Resource Commission

Thursday, June 13, 2024

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Business Conf Room

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

NRC Commissioners will be attending an optional tour of Wildcat Den State Park and Lost Grove Lake. Members of the public wishing to attend the tour should register with Alicia Plathe no later than 4:00pm on Monday, June 10, by emailing alicia.plathe@dnr.iowa.gov

Thursday, June 13, 2024

9:00 AM – NRC Business Meeting

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1.	Approval of Agenda Consent Agenda (*within agenda indicates proposed consent agenda item) *5. Donations *9. Contract with Iowa State University-Spring Spotlight Survey *10. Contract with City Industries, Inc.-Printing and Distribution of the Iowa Hunting, Trapping and Migratory Game Bird Regulations *12. Contract Amendment with Poor Boyz LLC-Viking Lake State Park Waste Management Services *16. Public Land Management Projects (17.1-17.2) *17. Contract with Polk County CCB-Easter Lake *18. Contract with Terrain360 LLC-Panoramic Imagery of the Little Sioux River Water Trail *19. Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program-FY 2025	Decision	Commission
2.	Approval of the Minutes	Decision	Commission
3.	Director's Remarks	Information	Kayla Lyon
4.	Division Administrator's Remarks	Information	Pete Hildreth
*5.	Donations	Decision	Pete Hildreth
6.	2024-2025 Deer Management Zone Hunts	Decision	Todd Bishop
7.	Proposed County Antlerless Quota Changes for the 2024-2025 Deer Hunting Season	Information	Todd Bishop
8.	Iowa City Deer Management Plan-2024-2029	Decision	Geoff Fruin
*9.	Contract with Iowa State University-Spring Spotlight Survey	Decision	Todd Bishop
*10.	Contract with City Industries, Inc.-Printing and Distribution of the Iowa Hunting, Trapping and Migratory Game Bird Regulations	Decision	Mick Klemesrud
11.	Contract with Scott County Conservation-Management and Operation of Cody Shooting Range	Decision	Megan Wisecup
*12.	Contract Amendment with Poor Boyz LLC-Viking Lake State Park Waste Management Services	Decision	Sherry Arntzen
13.	Small Construction Projects-Tree and Brush Removal at Lost Grove Lake Wildlife Management Area	Information	Travis Baker
14.	Large Construction Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
14.1	Red Haw State Park-Campground Improvements	Decision	Travis Baker
14.2	Yellow River State Forest-Paint Creek Streambank Improvements	Decision	Travis Baker
15.	Land Acquisition Projects	Decision	Travis Baker

15.1	DeKalb Wildlife Management Area, Decatur County-Duff	Decision	Travis Baker
15.2	Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area, Tama County-Turner	Decision	Travis Baker
15.3	Shell Rock Bend Wildlife Management Area, Butler County-Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	Travis Baker
15.4	McCoy Wildlife Management Area, Boone County-Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	Travis Baker
15.5	Big Marsh Wildlife Management Area, Butler County- Paul G. Manley Estate	Decision	Travis Baker
15.6	Palisades-Kepler State Park, Linn County-Linn County Board of Supervisors	Decision	Travis Baker
15.7	Falcon Springs Wildlife Management Area, Winneshiek County-Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	Travis Baker
15.8	Grannis Wildlife Management Area, Fayette County-Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Decision	Travis Baker
*16.	Public Land Management Projects	Decision	Travis Baker
*16.1	Chapter 18 Lease, Dickinson County-Fidelity Properties Ltd.	Decision	Travis Baker
*16.2	Easement Conveyance, Pottawattamie County-MidAmerican Energy Company	Decision	Travis Baker
*17.	Contract with Polk County CCB-Easter Lake	Decision	Travis Baker
*18.	Contract with Terrain360 LLC-Panoramic Imagery of the Little Sioux River Water Trail	Decision	Travis Baker
*19.	Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program-FY 2025	Decision	Travis Baker
20.	General Discussion		
<p>Upcoming NRC Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, July 11, 2024, Des Moines • Thursday, August 8, 2024, Des Moines 			

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**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
MEETING**

May 9, 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 Chairperson Marcus Branstad at 9:34am on May 9, 2024, via a combination of in-person and video/teleconference attendees.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Laura Foell
- Tom Prickett (virtual)
- KR Buck
- Laura Kudej
- Marcus Branstad
- Tammi Kircher
- Uriah Hansen (virtual)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- David Downing, Lakeside Corporation of Southern Iowa-DNR Law Enforcement Realignment
- Jason Reber of Elston, Iowa-Sun Valley Lake regulations

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the following agenda items:

- Donations
- Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
- Public Land Management Projects (13.1-13.6)
- Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Motion was made by Laura Foell to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

The 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 PRESENTED

ANNUAL ELECTION OF NRC OFFICERS

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the slate of current NRC officers for another term (Marcus Branstad-chair, Tom Prickett-vice chair, Laura Foell-secretary). Seconded by Laura Foell.

The Chairperson asked for the Commissioners to approve the 2024-2025 NRC officers by saying aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the April 11, 2024, NRC minutes as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

DIRECTOR’S REMARKS

- Director Kayla Lyon gave an overview of the DNR budget that was passed during the 2024 legislative session. In her overview, Director Lyon shared a largely status quo budget and highlighted a few line items including a one-time funding increase in the Department’s Infrastructure fund to be used for accessibility in State Parks, and funding provided to purchase new Law Enforcement radios in fiscal year 2025.
- Director Lyon also provided an overview of various bills that were signed that may interest the Commissioners, including a bill related to rule review, a bill related to motorized vehicle passage in State Parks, and a bill related to accessibility in State Parks.
- Director Lyon concluded her remarks by discussing the state re-branding process and how it affects the Department.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

- Division Administrator Pete Hildreth provided updates to the Commissioners regarding Spring Turkey season, and park renovations that will be underway during the 2024 camping season. A few projects he highlighted include improvements at the Clear Lake State Park campground, lodge and shelter renovations at Lake Ahquabi State Park, the Ft. Atkinson building restoration project, and campground renovations at Brushy Creek State Park and Pleasant Creek State Park.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TREES FOREVER, INC.

Jeff Goerndt requested Commission approval for a contract amendment with Trees Forever, Inc. to hire and employ up to four Community Forest Health Technicians.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by KR Buck to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY-IOWA WOMEN’S WOODLAND STEWARDSHIP NETWORK

Katy Fullen requested Commission approval for an agreement with ISU for the enhancement of the Iowa Women’s Woodland Stewardship network.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Laura Kudej to approve the item as amended. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.

Kelsey Fleming requested Commission approval for a contract with Pheasants Forever, Inc. for Wildlife Management Specialists to carry out habitat improvement and wildlife management activities on private land. Commissioners held a robust discussion on the terms of the contract and how the experience could be used as a recruitment tool for future DNR employees.

Public Comments – None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Foell.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Travis Baker presented three small constructions projects to the Commission which included the reseeding a levee at the Odessa Wildlife Unit, roadway maintenance at Cedar Rock State Park, and concrete joint repair at Union Grove State Park.

INFORMATION

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-BLACK HAWK MARSH WMA DIKE REPAIR

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a dike repair project at the Black Hawk Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-ROCK CREEK STATE PARK SHORELINE STABILIZATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a shoreline stabilization project at Rock Creek State Park.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-RATHBUN WMU ROAD MAINTENANCE

Travis Baker requested Commission approval for a road maintenance project at the Rathbun Wildlife Management Unit.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Laura Kudej to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Tammi Kircher.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

MUSKRAT SLOUGH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, JONES COUNTY-EASTERN IOWA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Jones County adjacent to Muskrat Slough 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 Chairperson asked for a roll call vote. Tammi Kircher-aye, Laura Kudej-aye, KR Buck-aye, Laura Foell-nay, Uriah Hansen-aye, Tom Prickett-aye, Marcus Branstad-aye. Motion passes.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

WAPELLO BOTTOMS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, LOUISA COUNTY-LOREN W. HUMPHREY

Travis Baker requested Commission approval to purchase a tract of land located in Louisa County adjacent to Wapello Bottoms Wildlife Management Area.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

Motion was made by Tammi Kircher to approve the item as presented. Seconded by Laura Kudej.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

CONTRACT WITH HOUSTON ENGINEERING, INC.-LAKE MANAWA PIPE OUTLET

George Antinou requested Commission approval for a contract with Houston Engineering, Inc. for the design for the replacement of an outlet pipe at Lake Manawa.

Public Comments--None

Written Comments – None

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

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Alicia Plathe provided a brief outline for the June NRC tour.
- Commissioners shared a variety of updates about their recent outdoor experiences.
- Commissioners held a brief discussion regarding the drought status in Iowa.

ADJOURN

The Chairperson adjourned the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 11:16 am on May 9, 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:

Donation to:	Amount	Description	Donation Provided by:
Ledges State Park	\$7,688	Four days of Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa crew time - removing invasive species - Feb 26-29, 2024.	Friends of the Ledges
Ledges State Park	\$4,960	Four days of Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa crew time - removing invasive species - Mar 18-21, 2024.	Friends of the Ledges
Ledges State Park	\$552	Materials and supplies to construct edging around planter bed at the Henning Shelter in Ledges State Park.	Neal Giese
Ledges State Park	\$3,730	35 trees, planted in the Ledges campground.	Friends of the Ledges
Lake Macbride State Park	\$500	Donation for improvements at Lake Macbride State Park.	Jeanin Beranek
Maquoketa Caves State Park	\$12,500	2017 Kubota RTV-X1140	Friends of Maquoketa Caves State Park
Big Creek State Park	\$50	Quick Links for securing swing chains for the Big Creek State Park playground.	Anna Happ
Big Creek State Park	\$125	Swing Chain for the Big Creek State Park playground.	Brian Speicher
Big Creek State Park	\$160	Clear Acrylic finish for tire swing & tire bridges for the Big Creek State Park playground.	Pam Campbell
Big Creek State Park	\$22	Miscellaneous Hardware for the Big Creek State Park playground.	Nick Otis
Big Creek State Park	\$400	Tires for tire swing & tire bridge for the Big Creek State Park playground.	April Pelzer, Marketing Coordinator
Big Creek State Park	\$968	Lumber for Playground repairs at the Big Creek State Park playground.	David Ling, President
Wildlife Diversity and Parks, Forests and Preserves	\$25	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity Fund and the Parks, Forestry and Preserves Fund.	C. Hanway
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$20	Donation to support the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.	Lydia Thayer
Wildlife Diversity	\$10	Donation to support the Wildlife Diversity Fund.	Sharon Depew
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$40	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Ron Marvelli.	Mike and Jane Coneghey

Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Ron Marvelli.	Curtis and Stephany Brandhorst
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$100	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Ron Marvelli.	Ronald and Diane Marvelli
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$120	Donation to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in memory of Harold Roberts.	Allan and Nancy Jacobsen
Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund	\$500	Donation to Big Creek State Park disc golf course for signage.	Aaron Crabb, John Deere

Pete Hildreth, Division Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

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

Decision Item

6. 2024-2025 Deer Management Zone Hunts

The Commission is requested to approve the Deer Management Zone Hunts for the upcoming season as required by 571 Iowa Administrative Code 105.3. The list includes zones to be open to hunting, season dates, legal weapons, license types and quotas, and other information required by rule. Representatives for all of the cities on the list have indicated they want to be included in the list of special hunts. There will be 65 different locations, although several will have multiple hunts on them.

2024-2025 DEER MANAGEMENT ZONES
Cancelled or new hunts, as well as quota changes from last year, are highlighted.

Zone Name	Zone #	Season Name	Season Number	Season Begin	Season End	License Quota	Any Deer
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	900	
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Allamakee County (CWD Perimeter)	102	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	100	
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Amana Colonies Zone	1	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Ames (City)	2	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	75	2
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024	50	
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Ames (Perimeter)	3	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	500	
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Appanoose County (CWD Perimeter)	120	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025		
Atlantic	80	Archery	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	50	

Backbone State Park	4	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/8/2024	200	
Bellevue State Park	5	Cancelled	3	Cancelled		50	
Bettendorf & Riverdale (City)	7	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	125	10
Bobwhite State Park - WCCB	91	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	100	
Burlington (City)	97	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	200	12
Cedar Rapids (City)	8	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	400	14
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024	500	
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Cedar Rapids (Perimeter)	40	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	750	
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Clayton/Fayette (CWD Perimeter)	103	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Clinton (City)	9	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	75	
Coralville (City)	10	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	200	10
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	600	
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Coralville (Perimeter)	25	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Corydon (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	89	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025	350	30
Council Bluffs (City)	69	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/19/2025	300	4
Davenport (City)	11	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	250	13
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Youth	1	Cancelled			
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Disabled	2	Cancelled			
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Bow	3	Cancelled			
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Early Muzzle	4	Cancelled			
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Reg Gun 1	5	Cancelled			
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Reg Gun 2	6	Cancelled			
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	Late Muzzle	7	Cancelled			
Decatur County (CWD Perimeter)	104	January	8	Cancelled			
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	500	

Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Decatur-East County (CWD Perimeter)	117	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025		
Denison (City)	12	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	50	
DeSoto NWR	13	Late Muzzle	7	12/27/2024	12/30/2024	30	
Dubuque (City)	16	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	225	31
Dubuque (CWD Perimeter)	17	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
		Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
		Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	350	
		Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024		
		Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
		Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
		Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Dubuque (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	115	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025	150	5
Eldora (City)	42	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	50	
Elkader (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	87	Cancelled	8				12
Elk Rock State Park	18	Late Muzzle	7	1/6/2024	1/7/2024	25	
Fort Dodge	113	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	100	25
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Youth	1	Cancelled			
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Disabled	2	Cancelled			
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Bow	3	Cancelled			
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Early Muzzle	4	Cancelled			
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Reg Gun 1	5	Cancelled			
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Reg Gun 2	6	Cancelled			
Fremont/Mills (CWD Perimeter)	111	Late Muzzle	7	Cancelled			
Green Valley State Park	20	Early Muzzle	4	11/9/2024	11/10/2024	35	
Harpers Ferry (CWD Incentive Perimeter)	88	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025	300	25
Honey Creek State Park	85	Reg Gun 1	5	11/16/2024	11/17/2024	75	
IAAP	21	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
IAAP	21	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
IAAP	21	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
IAAP	21	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	1200	
IAAP	21	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
IAAP	21	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
IAAP	21	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
IAAP	22	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	40	
Iowa City (City)	101	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	200	7
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024		
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024	30	
Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		

Iowa Falls (Perimeter)	23	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Iowa Falls (City)	24	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	80	1
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	300	
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Jackson (CWD Perimeter)	105	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Kent Park	26	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	100	
Lake Aquahbi State Park	19	Bow	3	10/12/2024	1/10/2025	30	
Lake Darling State Park	30	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/8/2024	100	
Lake Macbride State Park	32	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	50	
Lake Wapello State Park	38	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/8/2024	50	
Ledges State Park	39	Bow	3	10/1/2024	12/31/2024	40	
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	500	
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Lucas County (CWD Perimeter)	118	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025		
Marshalltown (City)	78	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	60	2
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	40	
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Marshalltown (Perimeter)	79	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Mason City (City)	92	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	175	8
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024	500	
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Monroe County (CWD Perimeter)	119	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025		
Mount Pleasant (City)	41	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	50	
Muscatine (City)	43	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	150	5
Oskaloosa (City)	6	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	100	1

Ottumwa (City)	44	Bow	3	9/21/2024	1/10/2025	175	17
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024	200	
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Panorama (Perimeter)	112	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Pike's Peak S Park/McGregor/Marquette	46	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	100	5
Pine Lake State Park	47	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	30	1
Polk/Dallas Archery Only Zone	48	Bow	3	9/21/2024*	1/19/2025*	1000	44
<i>Licenses valid within Polk/Dallas Urban deer Management zone in urban areas, Polk CCB Properties and certain Saylorville Federal lands.</i>							
<i>Local ordinances or rules apply.</i>							
Polk/Dallas (Perimeter)	61	Youth	1	Cancelled			
	61	Disabled	2	Cancelled			
<i>Licenses valid within Polk/Dallas deer management zone, outside controlled/permit-only areas.</i>	61	Bow	3	Cancelled			
	61	Early Muzzle	4	Cancelled			
	61	Reg Gun 1	5	Cancelled			
	61	Reg Gun 2	6	Cancelled			
	61	Late Muzzle	7	Cancelled			
Scott County Park	50	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	50	
Smith Wildlife Area	110	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	10	
Smith Wildlife Area	66	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024	3	
Smith Wildlife Area	67	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024	3	
Smith Wildlife Area	68	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025	3	
Springbrook State Park	51	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	10	
Stone State Park	82	Bow	3	9/21/2024	11/30/2024	75	
Wanatee Park (formerly Squaw Creek)	53	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025	100	7
Waterloo/Cedar Falls Metro	56	Bow	3	10/7/2024	1/10/2025	300	29
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024	50	
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Wayne County (CWD Perimeter)	107	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025		
Wildcat Den State Park	63	Cancelled	3			50	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		

Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024	400	
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		
Winneshiek County (CWD Perimeter)	108	January	8	1/11/2025	1/19/2025		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Youth	1	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Disabled	2	9/21/2024	10/6/2024		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Bow	3	10/1/2024	1/10/2025		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Early Muzzle	4	10/12/2024	10/20/2024		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 1	5	12/7/2024	12/11/2024	200	
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Reg Gun 2	6	12/14/2024	12/22/2024		
Woodbury County (CWD Perimeter)	109	Late Muzzle	7	12/23/2024	1/10/2025		

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: 06/13/2024

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7. Proposed County Antlerless Quota Changes for the 2024-25 Seasons

The following county antlerless quota changes are proposed for the 2024-25 deer hunting seasons. Changes are proposed where population indices, wildlife bureau staff and hunter observations indicate the population is above or below goal.

County	Quota	County	Quota	County	Quota
Adair	1200	Floyd	150 <u>250</u>	Monona	250 <u>0</u>
Adams	1000 <u>750</u>	Franklin	100	Monroe	2500
Allamakee	3800	Fremont	0	Montgomery	300 <u>150</u>
Appanoose	2800	Greene	100	Muscatine	900
Audubon	0	Grundy	0	O'Brien	0
Benton	325	Guthrie	2350	Osceola	0
Black Hawk	0	Hamilton	100	Page	150 <u>0</u>
Boone	500 <u>600</u>	Hancock	100	Palo Alto	0
Bremer	300	Hardin	100 <u>200</u>	Plymouth	0
Buchanan	400	Harrison	250 <u>0</u>	Pocahontas	0
Buena Vista	0	Henry	1050	Polk	1350
Butler	200 <u>300</u>	Howard	450	Pottawattamie	250 <u>0</u>
Calhoun	0	Humboldt	0	Poweshiek	200
Carroll	0	Ida	0	Ringgold	1600
Cass	200 <u>0</u>	Iowa	450	Sac	0
Cedar	775	Jackson	1100	Scott	200
Cerro Gordo	100	Jasper	400	Shelby	0
Cherokee	0	Jefferson	1500	Sioux	0
Chickasaw	375	Johnson	950	Story	150
Clarke	2400	Jones	1100	Tama	300
Clay	0	Keokuk	500	Taylor	1500
Clayton	4000	Kossuth	0	Union	1400
Clinton	400	Lee	1800	Van Buren	2400
Crawford	0	Linn	850	Wapello	1600
Dallas	1900	Louisa	775	Warren	3000
Davis	2000	Lucas	2500	Washington	1200

County	Quota	County	Quota	County	Quota
Decatur	2500	Lyon	0	Wayne	2700
Delaware	1100	Madison	3300	Webster	400 <u>200</u>
Des Moines	1000	Mahaska	475	Winnebago	0
Dickinson	0	Marion	2050	Winneshiek	2700
Dubuque	1200	Marshall	150	Woodbury	0
Emmet	0	Mills	0	Worth	0
Fayette	2500	Mitchell	100	Wright	100

Additional Buck-only for Gun 1

1. Monona
2. Shelby
3. Harrison
4. Pottawattamie
5. Mills
6. Fremont

Proposed quotas were published on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Deer-Hunting on June 03, 2024 as required by IAC 571-106.10(5).

Todd Bishop, Wildlife Bureau Chief
 Conservation and Recreation Division
 NRC Meeting Date: 6/13/2024

**IOWA CITY DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS 2024 TO 2029**

(Approved by City Council in Resolution No. 24-122 _____ on May 7, 2024)

The City of Iowa City reinstated its deer management program in 2019 with the adoption of a Deer Management Plan for the Years 2019 to 2024. That plan was developed utilizing local public input and in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To learn more about the City's deer management program and its history, visit www.icgov.org/deer.

With the upcoming expiration of that plan, the City adopts the following Deer Management Plan for the Years 2024 to 2029. This plan incorporates additional public input and DNR feedback collected throughout the 2019 to 2024 plan period. An essential component to this plan is the ongoing use of non-lethal deer management strategies. However, the City also requests that the NRC approve an urban deer management zone during the fall and winter months of 2024 to 2029 pursuant to 571 Iowa Administrative Code 105.5. The urban deer management zone will allow for urban bow hunting each year of the plan, in addition to limited professional special harvest activities, i.e., sharpshooting. The final component of this plan provides for regular reporting and evaluation of the City's deer management program.

I. Non-Lethal Deer Management Strategies

Iowa City will continue to implement a range of non-lethal strategies to help manage the deer population. These activities are based on best practices and successful non-lethal interventions in other jurisdictions. Efforts shall include:

1. Using deermanagement@iowa-city.org as a primary email point of contact to accept complaints and suggestions regarding deer management efforts.
2. Maintaining the public webpage at www.icgov.org/deer to publish informational materials, post all plans and reports, and provide links to resources on deer management such as Iowa State University Extension, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Humane Society. Informational materials may include but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Information on deer-proof fences for gardens and other landscaping material;
 - b. Information on deer feeding patterns, deer-resistant perennials, netting, "scare based" devices, repellants, and decoy plants;
 - c. Information on vegetative barriers that can discourage the trespassing of deer (such as hedges and thorny bushes); and
 - d. Educational information for drivers to help prevent deer-vehicle collisions.
3. Continuing efforts by the City to coordinate deer management activities and assist with the dissemination of information, such as using mailed utility bill inserts for deer-related education.
4. Maintaining the Iowa City Code provision that prohibits the intentional feeding of deer and enforcing when appropriate.
5. Providing maps showing deer vehicle accidents so residents know where to be alert to the presence of deer and where and when drivers are more likely to encounter deer.
6. Continuing to promote the planting of species which are less likely to be browsed by deer and to avoid planting species which would attract deer in City rights of way.

7. Continuing to consider vehicular safety when designing roadways and streetscapes by incorporating measures that aim to limit collisions, including deer-vehicle collisions, such as reducing speed limits in high deer traffic areas.
8. Considering expansion of natural areas in the community that may also serve as safe environments for wildlife.
9. Continuing to consider development of partnerships that assist in implementing the plan including Iowa City Master Naturalists, Project GREEN, Iowa City Gardeners Facebook group, Iowa City Deer Friends, local landscaping companies, local fence companies, the University of Iowa, and others.

II. Urban Bow Hunting

With NRC approval of its urban deer management zone, the City shall continue to hold an annual urban bow hunt during the fall/winters of 2024 to 2029. Throughout the duration of this plan, the City will actively work to expand on the number of properties, both private and public, that are available for eligible hunters wishing to participate in the urban bow hunting program. These hunts shall be conducted under the following conditions:

1. A request for an urban deer bow hunt shall be submitted to the NRC by May of the years 2024 to 2029 for the following fall/winters.
2. The duration of the bow hunt shall be a minimum of 60 days.
3. The parameters of the bow hunt shall be reviewed annually and shall be posted to the City's website at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the hunting season.

The City will explore expanded partnerships with local businesses, hunting and wildlife organizations, and existing urban bow hunt participants with a goal of expanding safe, hunting opportunities and growing the overall number of program participants in the community.

III. Special Harvest (Sharpshooting)

With NRC approval of its urban deer management zone, the City shall conduct at least one professional special harvest, i.e., sharpshooting. In the event that the City's deer predation strategies are not adequate to reach target deer population thresholds, the City may conduct an additional special harvest following consultation with DNR staff. A special harvest event shall be conducted under the following conditions:

1. The deer management area is defined as all public and private land within the corporate limits as designated by the City Council. Property owners must provide explicit permission for use of land.
2. The target of the special harvest is to reduce the number of deer to a density of less than 25 deer per square mile.
3. Deer sharpshooting activities shall occur during at least one of the fall/winter hunting seasons and may occur on two separate occasions within that season.
4. Targeted deer sharpshooting activities may occur during a second fall/winter hunting season within the five-year period following consultation with DNR staff if the City does not see an adequate reduction in the deer population.
5. The special harvest will be conducted solely by professional wildlife biologists trained as sharpshooters.

6. Bait may be used to attract deer to select sharpshooting locations. All baiting will be discontinued immediately, and all remaining bait shall be removed if a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) positive test result is confirmed. If no CWD positive test result is confirmed, all bait will be removed at the end of the sharpshooting effort.
7. Deer carcasses will be individually identified (i.e., tagged) and transported whole (i.e., not field dressed) to a locker. All deer ages 1 year and older will be frozen and tested for CWD and held in individual containers until CWD test results are known. The City will enter into a contract with the DNR for CWD testing and all costs will be borne by the City. The contract will contain further testing details.
8. After receiving a "not detected" CWD test result, all deer meat will be distributed free of charge at local food banks. If there is a positive CWD test, the carcass will be properly disposed of in accordance with State regulation and DNR guidance.
9. All antlers will be sawed off above the pedicle and turned over to the DNR. The locker will keep the hides.

IV. Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluating the City's deer management efforts shall occur on a continuing basis and shall include:

1. Conducting an annual aerial survey if conditions allow in conjunction with the DNR to determine the density level of deer per acre and providing the result to the NRC.
2. Exploring alternative methods of survey in collaboration with the DNR to provide additional data points regarding trends in the deer population.
3. Monitoring trends over time and providing a publicly accessible annual report to City Council and the NRC which will contain an evaluation of the following:
 - a. An estimate of the minimal number of deer and their distribution based on winter helicopter aerial deer surveys through the DNR, if available;
 - b. An estimate of deer abundance based on the total deer harvest, including the number of licenses sold and percent harvest success; and
 - c. The number of deer/vehicle collisions and property damage complaints.
4. Completing an annual staff review of this deer management plan and generally evaluating the success of the City's deer management program.
5. Completing a staff review of whether a target deer density of less than 25 deer per square mile remains appropriate.
6. Regularly soliciting input from members of the public regarding the City's deer management efforts, including this plan.
7. Providing an annual update to City Council and the public on deer management efforts and allowing members of the public to directly address City Council.

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Resolution No. 24-122

Resolution approving the Deer Management Plan for Years 2024 to 2029 and authorizing the City Manager to implement the plan.

Whereas, the Iowa Natural Resource Commission is authorized to approve deer management in urban areas; and

Whereas, the Iowa Natural Resource Commission previously requested that the City adopt a deer management plan (i.e., a planning horizon of five years); and

Whereas, City Council adopted its current Deer Management Plan on August 6, 2019 in Resolution No. 19-216; and

Whereas, the current plan has reached the end of its planning horizon and must be updated; and


Whereas, the attached Deer Management Plan for the Years 2024 to 2029 will help the City manage its deer population over the next five years with a continuation of five years of non-lethal activities and bow hunting, in addition to at least one year of sharpshooting; and

Whereas, the City Manager should be authorized to enter into agreements as needed to implement the attached plan; and


Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Iowa City, Iowa that:

1. The attached Deer Management Plan for the Years 2024 to 2029 is approved.
2. The City Manager is authorized to submit the Deer Management Plan for the Years 2024 to 2029 to the Iowa Natural Resource Commission for approval.
3. The City Manager is authorized to execute, terminate, or amend agreements as needed to implement the attached plan.


Passed and approved this 7th day of May, 2024.



 Mayor

Attest: 

 City Clerk

Approved by


 City Attorney's Office
 (Sue Dulek - 04/25/2024)

It was moved by Moe and seconded by Dunn the Resolution be adopted,
and upon roll call there were:

Ayes:

 X
 X
 X
 X
 X
 X
 X
 X

Nays:

Absent:

 Alter
 Bergus
 Dunn
 Harmsen
 Moe
 Salih
 Teague

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Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***9. Contract Amendment-23CRDWBTHARM-0001 with Iowa State University**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Iowa State University, of Ames, Iowa

Amendment--1

Terms:

Amendment Amount: \$ 100,000

Amendment Dates: 6/29/2024-6/30/2025

Funding Source(s): Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

Amendment Purpose: To continue research and analysis using the DNR's annual spring spotlight survey to estimate county-specific deer densities of white-tailed deer, investigate the potential influence of design modifications to the spotlight survey on the accuracy and precision of deer density estimates, and investigate different data integration approaches for estimating long-term population trends of white-tailed deer. Additionally, Iowa State University will conduct a study investigating availability of white-tailed deer to be detected by observers along spotlight survey routes and initiate other studies / analyses as needed in partnership with the DNR.

Original Contract Purpose: The purpose of this Contract is to conduct a study to estimate county-specific densities of white-tailed deer in Iowa and investigate the ecological and economic impacts of white-tailed deer on various stakeholder interests. Using historical data from the spring spotlight survey, ISU will determine an approach for estimating white-tailed deer density for each county in Iowa. ISU will also investigate the influence of potential design modifications for the spring spotlight survey on the accuracy and precision of county deer density estimates. ISU will investigate different data integration approaches for estimating long-term deer population trends in Iowa using various longitudinal data sets collected by the Iowa DNR and other state agency partners. ISU will evaluate the economic and environmental impact of white-tailed deer on various stakeholder interests in Iowa including but not limited to impacts to crops and nut, fruit, Christmas, and lumber trees. Additionally, ISU will include an investigation of property loss, medical costs, and fatalities due to deer-vehicle collisions and incidents of airport runway incursions. ISU will contrast these costs with benefits realized by Iowa hotels, restaurants, sporting goods retailers, guides and outfitters, and any other stakeholders directly benefitting from Iowa's white-tailed deer population.

Original Selection Process: The Department was legislatively directed to contract with Iowa State University for this study.

Contract History:

Original Contract Terms: Amount \$ 188,153; Timeframe: 10/1/2022-6/30/2024

Amendment 1 Terms: Amount \$100,000; Timeframe: 6/29/2024-6/30/2025; Purpose: Continue original work and complete study investigating deer availability to be detected along spotlight survey routes.

Todd Bishop, Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
NRC Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

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Decision Item (**indicates proposed consent item*)

***10. Contract with** City Industries, Inc.

Commission approval is requested for a contract with City Industries, Inc., Des Moines.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$32,665

Dates: May 30, 2024 to May 29, 2025

DNR shall have the option to extend this Contract for up to six years from the beginning date of the original contract by executing a signed amendment prior to the expiration of this contract.

Funding Source: Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

Contract Purpose: To print and distribute 115,000 copies of the 2024-25 Iowa Hunting, Trapping and Migratory Game Bird Regulations to an estimated 800 different locations in and around Iowa. The Department produces this rules and regulations booklet annually.

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

- Proposal Due Date: Feb. 28, 2024
- Proposals Received: 3
- Recommendation: City Industries, Inc.

Vendor	City, State	Alternative 1 Paper: 30# Supercalendar SCB Grade	Alternative 2 Paper: 35# Supercalendar SCB Grade
City Industries, Inc.	Des Moines, IA	\$32,664.51	No Bid
Liberty Press LLC	Springville, UT	\$35,446	\$35,446
Advance Color Graphics	Anaheim, CA	\$52,491.72	\$51,814.30

Mick Klemesrud, Information Specialist
Communications Outreach and Marketing Bureau
June 13, 2024

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11. Cooperative Agreement with Scott County Conservation Board (SCCB)

Commission approval is requested for an agreement with Scott County Conservation Board (SCCB), of Davenport, Iowa.

Cooperative Agreement Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$225,000

Dates: July 1, 2024 to August 31, 2029

Funding Source(s): Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund

Cooperative Agreement Purpose: This agreement allows the SCCB to undertake the care, operation, and maintenance of the new Cody Shooting Complex, formerly known as the DLS Gun Club, for the duration of this Agreement. The intent of the Agreement is to allow SCCB to collect and utilize range revenues for the operation and maintenance of the Cody Shooting Complex. If public range revenues are insufficient to cover authorized operational expenses and maintenance, SCCB may seek reimbursement from the DNR per the mutually agreed-upon annual schedule listed below.

- End of FY25, not to exceed \$125,000.
- End of FY26, not to exceed \$75,000.
- End of FY27, not to exceed \$25,000.

The parties intend to enter this Agreement while the DNR completes construction of the facilities and to re-visit operating under a longer-term Agreement when construction is completed and range operations have stabilized.

The existing Princeton Shooting Range is an unstaffed, primitive range located on wildlife management grounds in northeastern Scott County. Current usage exceeds the capacity available, and several safety concerns continue to exist due to the lack of shooting range infrastructure and on-site supervision. Upon completing the DLS Gun Club renovation, the current Princeton Shooting Range will be closed and returned to a Wildlife Management Area.

Selection Process Summary: The DNR enters into this Cooperative Agreement based on statutory authority provided in Iowa Code section 484A.4.

Recommendation: Request that the commission approve the Scott County Conservation Board agreement for the Cody Shooting Complex's care, operation, and maintenance.

Tammie Krausman, (Communication, Outreach, and Marketing) Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***12. Contract Amendment- A02 with Poor Boyz, LLC.**

Commission approval is requested for a service contract amendment with Poor Boyz, LLC.

Amendment- 22CRDPBDJACO-0001 A02

Amendment Amount: \$6,225.00 (9 months)

Amendment Dates: July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Funding Source(s): General Fund

Amendment Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to extend the end date of the contract for nine months for the performance of the tasks set out in the original contract. The contract end date was modified to end prior to the commencement of peak season. The original contract provides services for year-round collection, hauling, and disposal of garbage from Viking Lake 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 2022, 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 \$10,425.00; Timeframe: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; Purpose: Trash Removal

Amendment 1 Terms: Amount: \$10,425.00/year; Timeframe: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Purpose: To extend the contract for one year with commensurate compensation.

Amendment 2 Terms: Amount: \$6,225.00/year; Timeframe: July 1, 2024 through March 31, 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

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13. Construction - Small Projects

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

Bid Date	Project No.	Location	County	Summary	Cost Estimate	Bids
5/16/24	24-06-82-01	Brush Removal	Lost Grove WMA	Project includes the removal of brush and trees, ranging from woody saplings to downed trees, along the shoreline and other areas.	\$40,000	\$30,957.50 \$31,341.00 \$32,046.94 \$43,305.91 \$50,835.00 \$55,335.00 \$62,482.00

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief
 Conservation and Recreation Division
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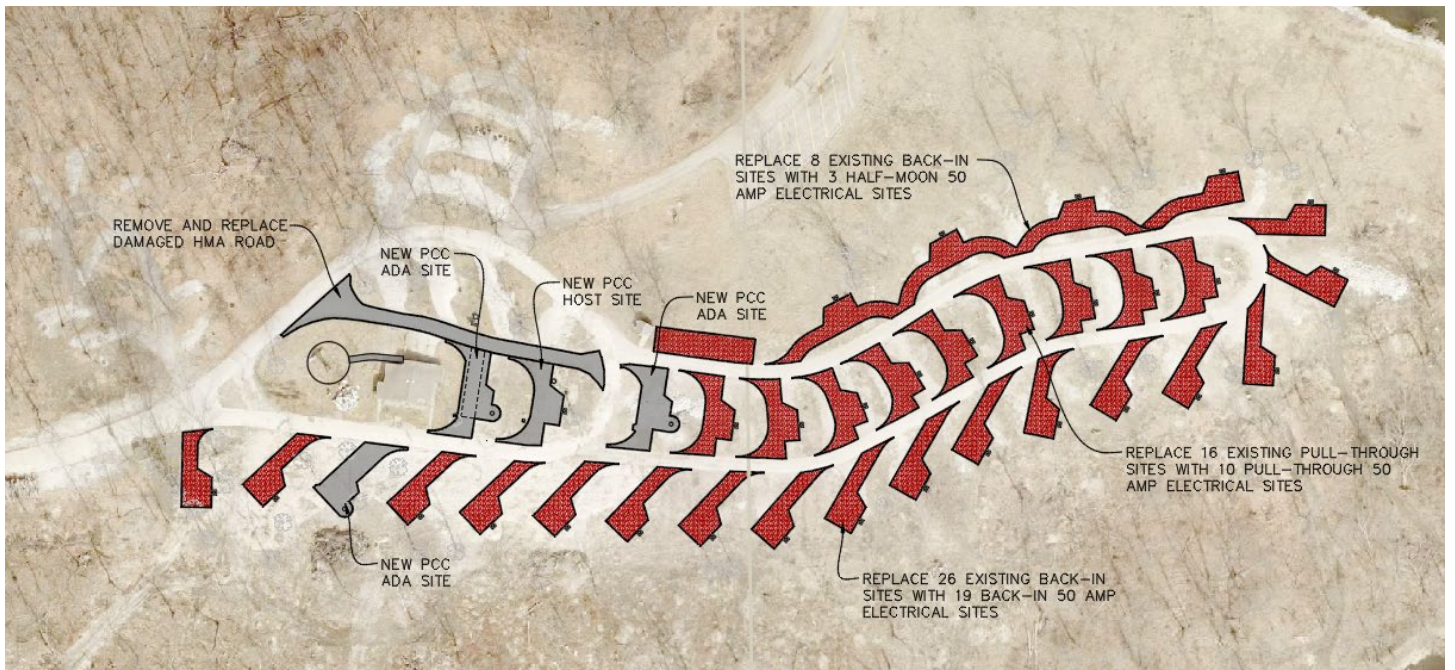
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14.1 Red Haw State Park, Campground Improvements – Lucas County

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Red Haw State Park is located in south central Iowa near Chariton. This 649-acre park was first opened to the public in 1939. Amenities include a 70-acre lake, modern campground with electric sites, hiking trail, a beach, and a CCC stone picnic shelter.

On March 5, 2022 a large tornado leveled a good portion of the campground. As part of the rebuild, the Iowa DNR has reconfigured 34 campground sites to meet current design standards including reconstructing a road along the shower building damaged by clean up efforts, paving three ADA accessible sites and installing 34 new 50-amp electric outlets.



Engineering Project #: 23-05-59-02

Cost Estimate: \$440,000

Operating Bureau: Parks

Funding Source: 100% Executive Council

Bid Letting Date: 05/23/2024

Construction Completion Date: 04/25/2025

Number of Bids Received: 10

Bidders

Nagel Construction LLC	Allerton IA	\$409,152.50
Joiner Construction Co Inc	Plano IA	\$418,578.75
Vicker Drilling LLC	Creston IA	\$420,080.05
TK Concrete, Inc	Pella IA	\$464,860.00
Denny Construction	Osceola IA	\$530,746.60
Western Iowa Utilities Inc	Council Bluffs IA	\$546,435.70
Concrete Technologies Inc	Grimes IA	\$547,643.70
Berkley Homebuilders Inc dba Concrete	Altoona IA	\$589,224.85
Vieco Development & Construction Co	St Joseph MO	\$641,964.00
Cushman Excavation LLC	Knoxville IA	\$657,912.64

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

14.2 Yellow River State Forest, Paint Creek Streambank Improvements – Allamakee Co. IA

The Department requests Commission approval of the following construction project:

Project Summary: Yellow River State Forest is in the Northeast corner of Iowa in Allamakee County. It includes 8,990 acres of forest, streams and prairies. It is in the Driftless Area landform region with steep and hilly topography. It has two cold water streams regularly stocked with trout. The area is popular with hunters, anglers, hikers, backpackers, bird watchers, horseback riders, mountain bikers and campers.



Due to erosion on the streambanks, Paint Creek has lost its floodplain and it has become difficult for anglers to access this popular trout stream. This project will create a floodplain bench, stabilize the streambank by armoring with revetment and reshaping the steep slopes to a flatter 4:1 slope. A native prairie mix will be planted on the newly created floodplain bench and all the reshaped streambanks. The floodplain bench will provide anglers easier access to fishing locations along the stream and also provide a serviceable floodplain during high flow seasons.

Engineering Project #: 24-03-03-01

Cost Estimate: \$180,000

Operating Bureau: Fisheries

Funding Source: 66% EPA 319 funds, 34% Private Funds

Bid Letting Date: 5/23/2024

Construction Completion Date: 9/27/2024

Number of Bids Received: 8

Bidders

Tschiggfrie Excavating Co	Dubuque IA	\$106,939.00
Cornwell Construction	Hapers Ferry IA	\$117,232.00
Szabo Construction Co Inc	Postville IA	\$123,069.50
Riehm Construction Co	Waukon IA	\$132,521.50
Bacon Concrete LLC	Postville IA	\$146,812.00
Nick Jones Earthmoving	Waukon IA	\$155,500.00

Connolly Construction Inc	Peosta IA	\$156,721.50
Shift Companies	Cedar Rapids IA	\$174,636.50

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

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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15. Public Land Acquisition Project

15.1 DeKalb Wildlife Management Area, Decatur County – Duff

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

Seller: Hubert Duff Revocable Trust

Acreage: 55 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$311,000 (\$5,655/ac pending survey)

Appraised Value: \$311,000

Property Description: This property is located five (5) miles west of Van Wert in northwestern Decatur County. The tract topography varies greatly, reflecting low, depressional draws along Short Creek, and moderately to strongly sloping grassland and timber. There are 28 acres of high-quality native prairie remnant, 19 acres of timber, and 8 acres of hayland. The Corn Suitability Rating (CSR) of the property is 32.4. There are no building improvements. Access is available across adjacent DNR land along the east boundary.

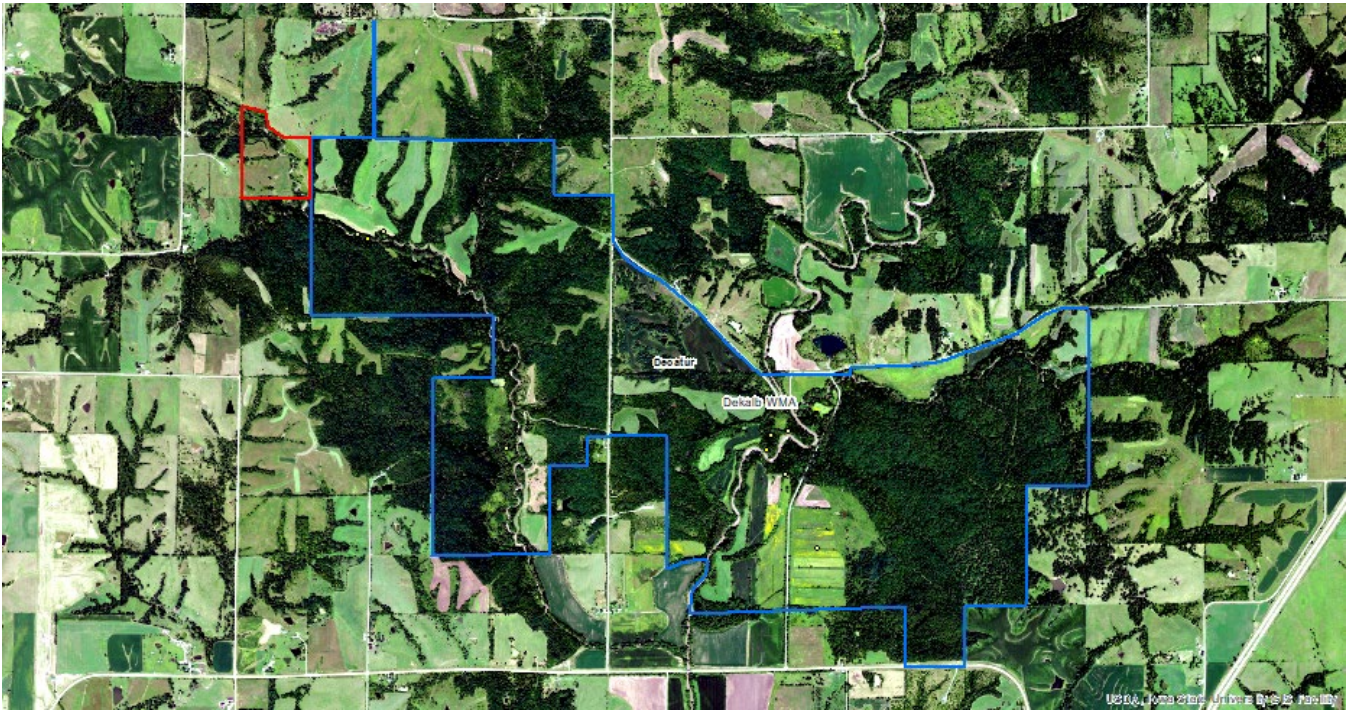
Purpose: This acquisition will provide for additional public access to the existing complex, open to public hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities, and managed as a diverse grassland component to the existing WMA.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$233,250 Pittman-Robertson, \$77,750 Wildlife Habitat Stamp

Incidental Costs: The seller will retain agricultural use of land through December 31, 2024. A land survey, fencing of the right-hand of the north boundary and other incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. The property will remain on property tax rolls in Decatur County.

Realty Services / DeKalb Wildlife Management Area, Decatur County – Duff



15.2 Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area, Tama County – Turner

The Natural Resource Commission’s approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Tama County adjacent Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: Gerald and Katheryn Turner

Acreage: 9 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$12,000

Property Description: This property is located 2 miles west of Chelsea in southeastern Tama County. The rectangular-shaped, level tract is bottomland forest in the Iowa River floodplain. The Iowa River runs along the south boundary a distance of approximately 300 feet. There are no building improvements. Access to the property is through adjacent state-owned land.

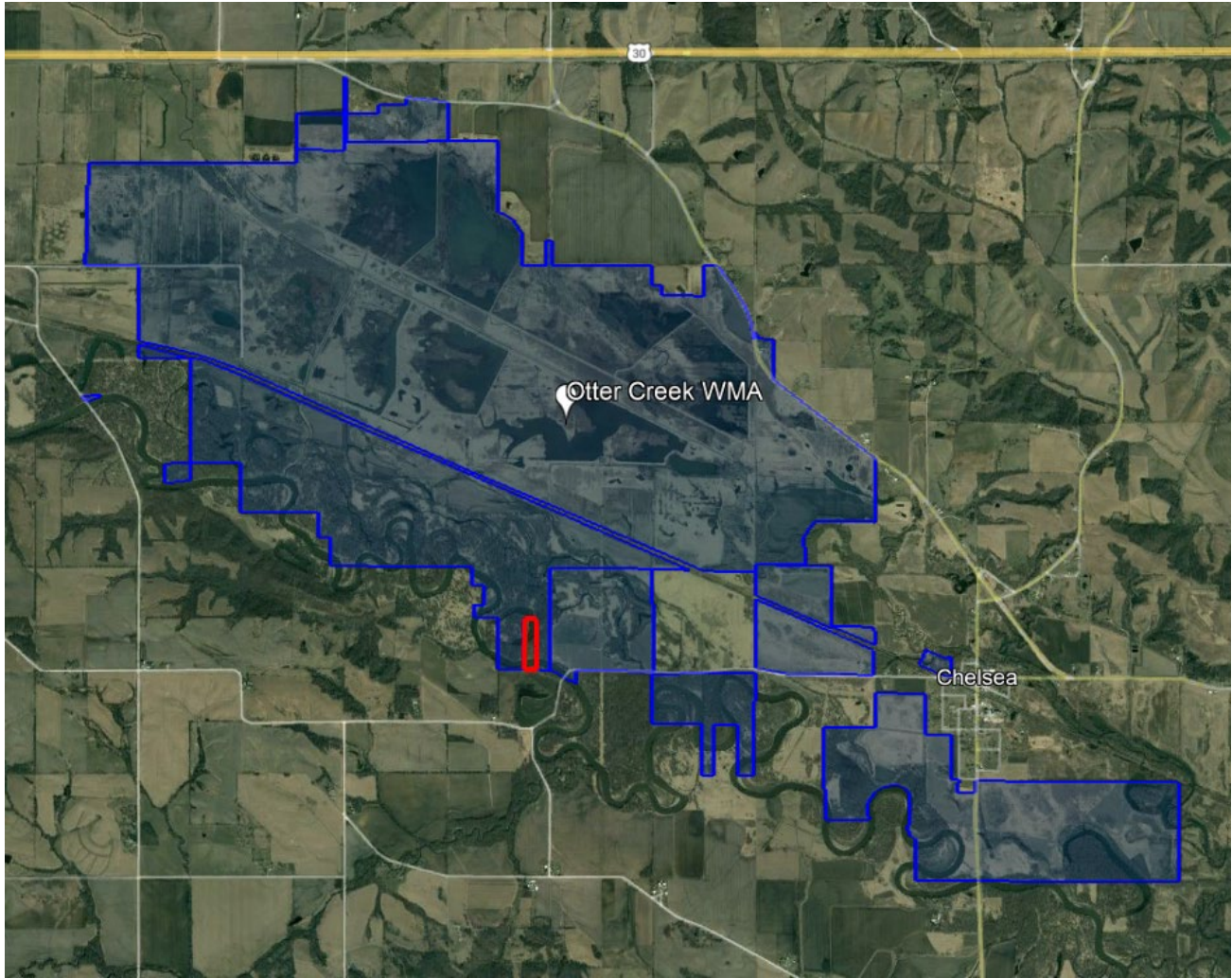
Purpose: This acquisition will allow for improved management of the Otter Creek WMA, as state-owned land borders the property on three sides. The tract will provide public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

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 Tama County.

Realty Services / Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area, Tama County – Turner



15.3 Shell Rock Bend Wildlife Management Area, Butler County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

The Natural Resource Commission’s approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Butler County adjacent Shell Rock Bend Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: INHF

Acreage: 15 acres

DNR Purchase Price: 73,500

Appraised Value: \$73,500

Property Description: This rectangular-shaped property is located one (1) mile southeast of Shell Rock in east central Butler County. The tract is entirely Shell Rock River floodplain timber, positioned just south and west of the river. There are no building improvements. The property is an inholding, surrounded by DNR land.

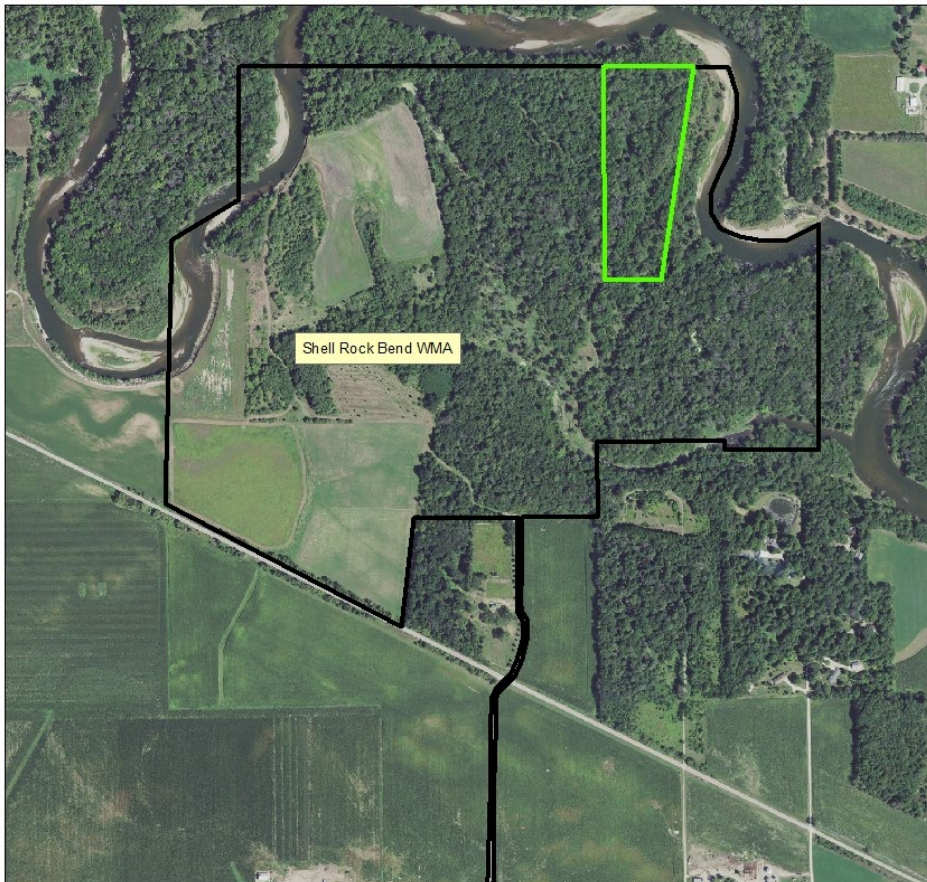
Purpose: This acquisition will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities and managed for quality forest wildlife habitat. The property will be added to the existing Shell Rock Bend Forest Wildlife Stewardship Plan, and managed by the Wildlife Bureau.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$55,125 Pittman-Robertson, \$18,375 Wildlife Habitat Stamp

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

Realty Services / Shell Rock Bend Wildlife Management Area, Butler County – INHF



15.4 McCoy Wildlife Management Area, Boone County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

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

Seller: INHF

Acreage: 31.7 acres

DNR Purchase Price: 240,000

Appraised Value: \$379,000

Property Description: This property is located four (4) miles south of Boone in central Boone County. The irregular-shaped tract is gently to moderately sloping pastureland and woodland, with an aesthetic pond. The average CSR of the property is 71.8. There are no building improvements. Access to the property is provided by county roads along the north and east boundaries.

Purpose: This acquisition will provide for additional public access to the existing complex, open to public hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities, and managed as a diverse grassland community and benefiting all grassland birds.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): REAP Private/Public grant

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

Realty Services / McCoy Wildlife Management Area, Boone County – INHF



15.5 Big Marsh WMA, Butler County – Paul G. Manley Estate

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

Seller: Paul G. Manley Estate

Acreage: 20 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$98,000

Appraised Value: \$98,000

Property Description: This rectangular-shaped property is located three miles southeast of Dumont in west central Butler County. This landlocked parcel is dominated by dense timber and is only accessible through public land or by boat. The West Fork of the Cedar bisects the property from west to east. This tract is adjacent on the east and the west by Big Marsh WMA and to the north by a Butler County Conservation Board tract. There are no building improvements.

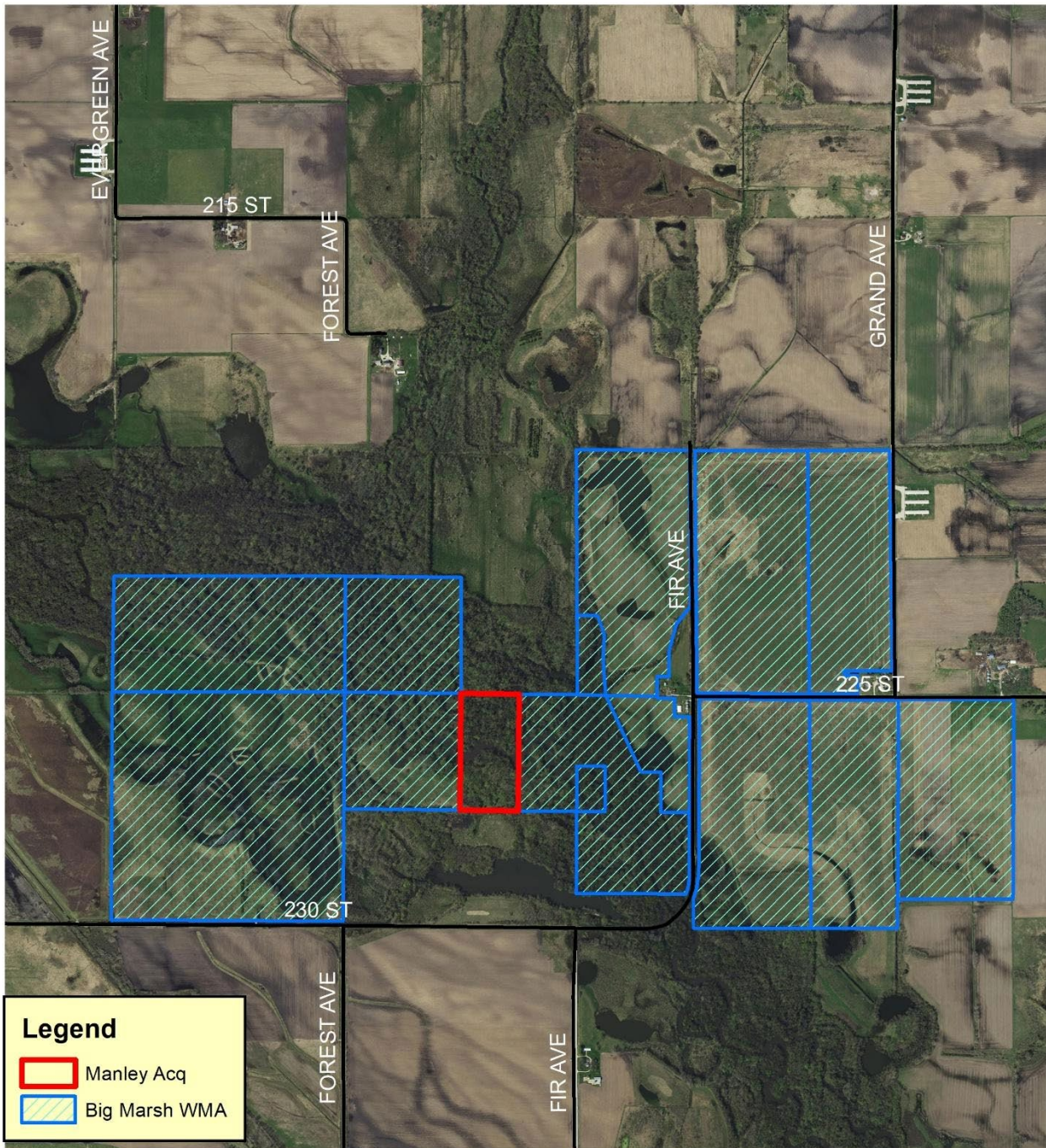
Purpose: This tract falls within the range of the state-listed wood turtle and Blanding's turtle. This acquisition will connect two separate parcels of Big Marsh WMA, which will eliminate boundary issues and ease management issues for local staff. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$68,000 Wildlife restoration Land Grant, \$5,000 North Butler Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 Butler Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 Floyd Pheasants Forever, \$2,500 Franklin Pheasants Forever, \$2,500 Grundy County Pheasants Forever, \$5,000 Bremer County Pheasants Forever, \$2,500 Waverly Whitetails Unlimited, \$2,500 National Whitetails Unlimited

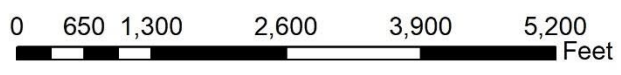
Incidental Costs: Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Realty Services / Big Marsh WMA
Butler County/ Paul Manley Estate



Legend

-  Manley Acq
-  Big Marsh WMA



15.6 Palisades-Kepler State Park, Linn County – Linn County Board of Supervisors

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept a donation of two parcels of land located in Linn County in Palisades-Kepler State Park.

Donor: Linn County Board of Supervisors

Acreage: Two parcels of .05 acres each

Property Description: These two 50' x 50' lots are located in Palisades-Kepler State Park in Linn County. These inholdings are un-developed lots and have historically been managed as a part of the State Park. These lots were under county ownership at the time the adjoining lots were purchased by the State.

Purpose: This donation will remove two inholdings from the State Park and eliminate potential management issues.

DNR Property Manager: Parks Bureau

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

Realty Services / Palisades-Kepler State Park
Linn County/ Linn County



15.7 Falcon Springs WMA, Winneshiek County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

The Natural Resource Commission’s approval is requested to purchase a tract of land located in Winneshiek County adjacent to Falcon Springs Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 9.8 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$89,000

Appraised Value: \$89,000

Property Description: This Triangular-shaped property is located five miles northwest of Decorah in central Winneshiek County. 7.28 acres of this parcel is currently enrolled in CRP until September 31, 2027. The remaining acres are timbered. The property slopes down from the road to the northeast corner. There is a stable sinkhole located on this parcel. No buildings are located on the parcel. Access is provided by Pole Link Road on the south boundary.

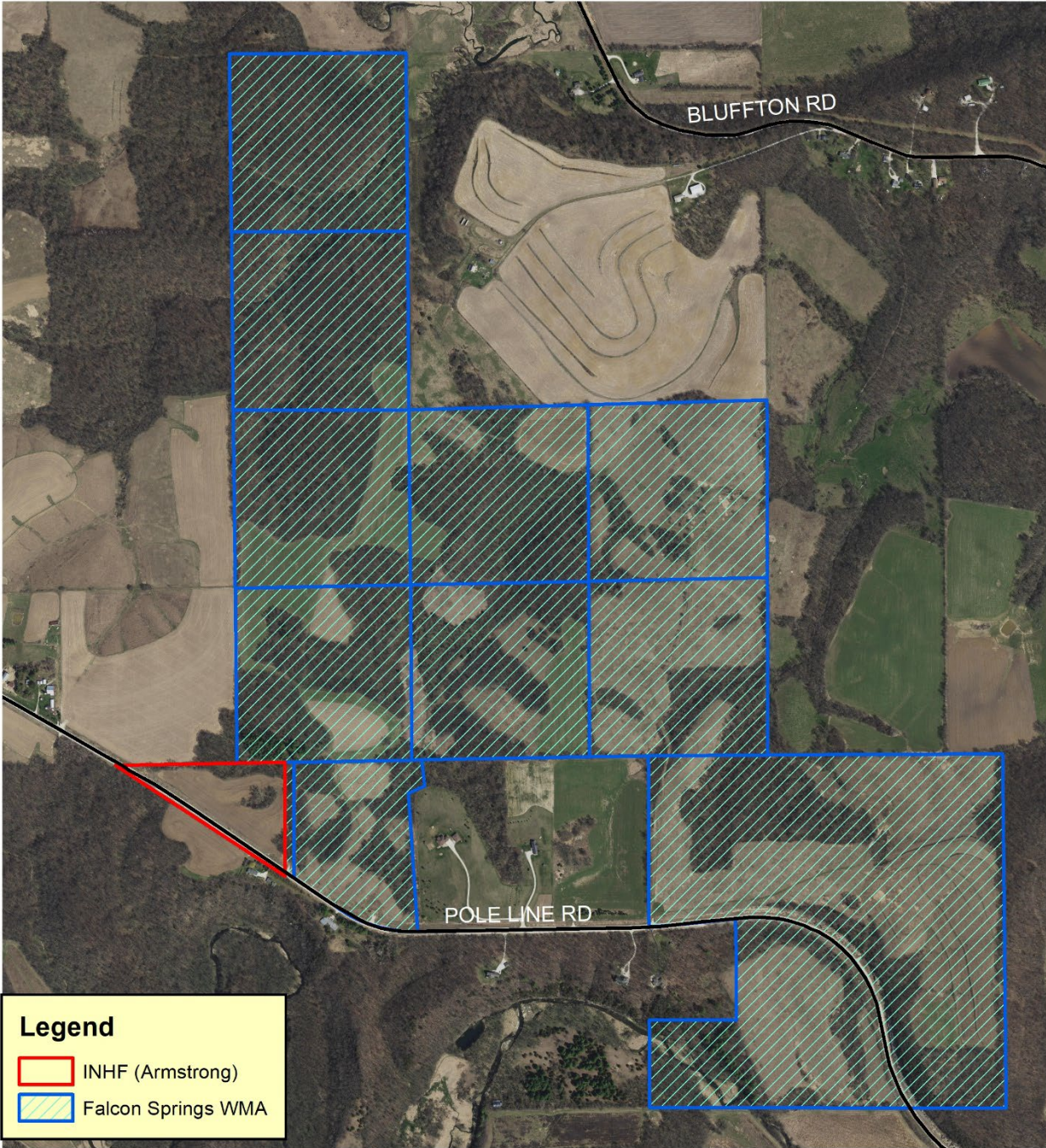
Purpose: Rusty Patch Bumblebee (Federally Endangered) was recently found on the Falcon Springs WMA. This acquisition would increase the amount of habitat being managed for the Rusty Patch bumblebees in the area. This acquisition will also permanently protect a sink hole by placing a permanent continuous buffer around the sinkhole. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau



Funding Source(s): \$66,750 Wildlife Restoration Land Grant, \$22,250 Wildlife Habitat Stamp

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

Realty Services / Falcon Springs WMA
Winneshiek County/ INHF (Armstrong)



Legend

-  INHF (Armstrong)
-  Falcon Springs WMA

0 425 850 1,700 2,550 3,400 Feet



15.8 Grannis WMA, Fayette County – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

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

Seller: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Acreage: 57 acres

DNR Purchase Price: \$371,500

Appraised Value: \$371,500

Property Description: This irregularly-shaped property is located five miles east of Fayette in eastern Fayette County. This parcel has a large upland forest component that would tie in nicely to the oak/hickory management on Grannis WMA. Additionally, there would be some opportunity for some early successional habitat management. There is the potential for the Dwarf Red Raspberry and Showy Lady’s Slipper (State Threatened Species) which have been found on adjacent properties. No buildings are located on the parcel. Access is provided by Fox Road, a gravel road.

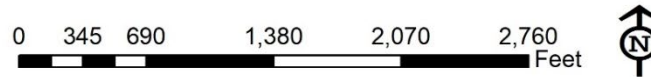
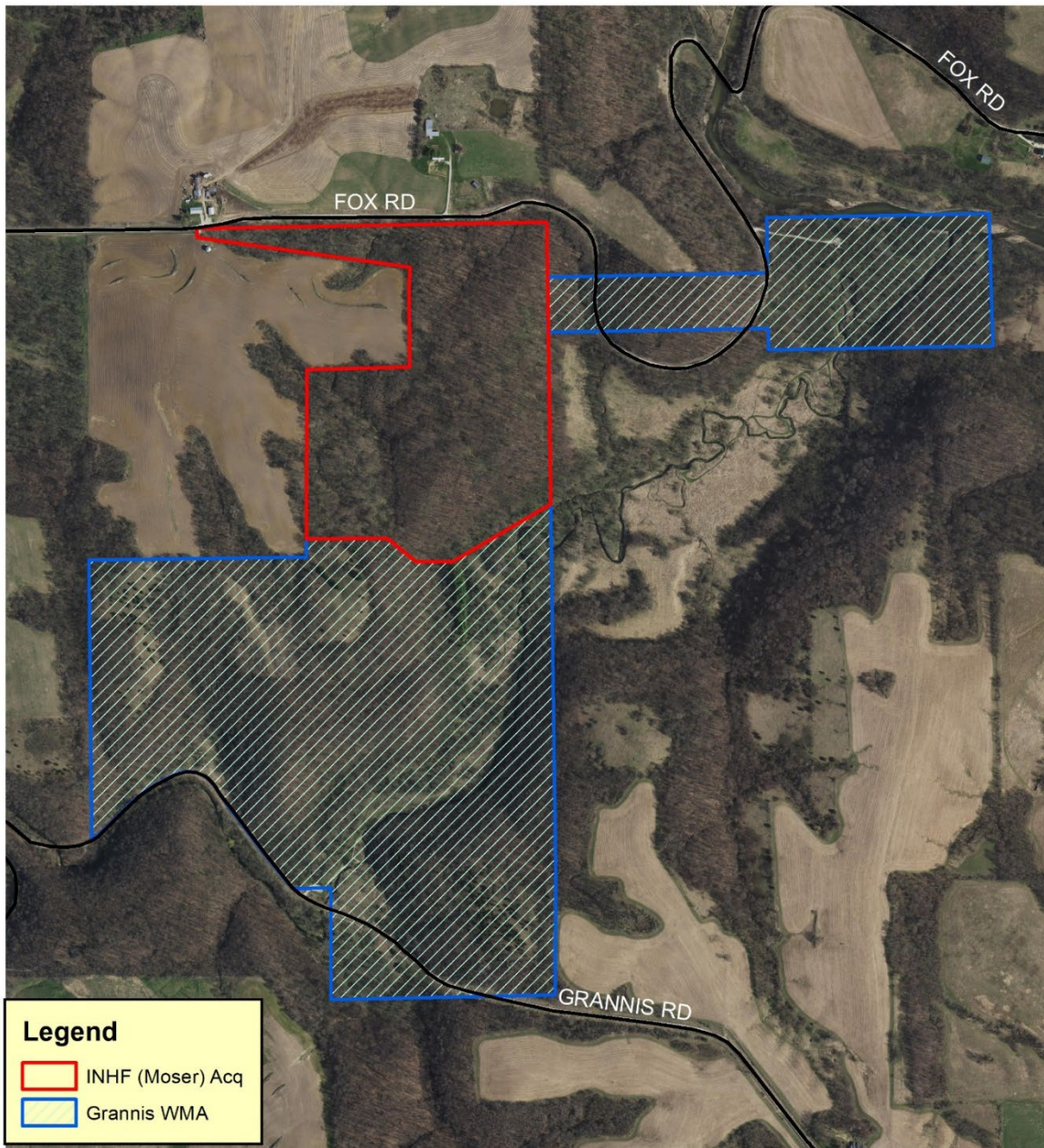
Purpose: This acquisition will connect two separate parcels of the Grannis WMA and make the WMA contiguous which will eliminate boundary issues and ease management issues for local staff. This property will allow for public access to hunting and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

DNR Property Manager: Wildlife Bureau

Funding Source(s): \$278,625 Wildlife restoration Land Grant, \$92,875 Wildlife Habitat Stamp

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

Realty Services / Grannis WMA
Fayette County/ INHF (Moser)



Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***16. Public Land Management Projects**

16.1 Chapter 18 Lease, Dickinson County – Fidelity Properties, Ltd

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve the renewal of Chapter 18 lease 101-R with Fidelity Properties, Ltd.

Location: The lease area consists of an irregular strip of the bed of East Okoboji Lake lying below the ordinary high water line of 1397.8 feet, N.G.V.D, and above elevation of 1395.8 N.G.V.D, adjoining Government Lot 5 in Section 20, Township 99 North, Range 36 West of the 5th P.M., Dickinson County, Iowa.

Site Purpose: The leased area is occupied by a platform (deck), extending from the existing deck in front of "The Ritz" over sovereign land, measuring approximately 64 feet by 20 feet.

Lease History: The location has been under a lease since 1993.

Lease Fee and Term: The annual fee is \$300 with a condition the fee may be adjusted to comply with adopted administrative rule changes that affect lease fees. The term of the lease will be five years.

16.2 Easement Conveyance, Pottawattamie County – MidAmerican Energy Company

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve an easement for Overhead Electric Facilities associated with the widening of Sieck Levee in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Project Description: MidAmerican Energy is requesting an easement to move overhead electrical facilities associated with modifications to the Sieck Levee north of State Hwy 275 (Veterans Memorial Hwy). The size of the easement will be 0.26 Acres. This easement will facilitate the widening of the Sieck Levee. Local Parks staff have reviewed the request and given approval

Compensation: \$0.00

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***17. Contract with Polk County Conservation Board (Easter Lake)**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Polk County Conservation Board (PCCB) of Granger, Iowa.

Contract Terms:

Amount: Not to exceed \$35,890.00

Dates: June 13, 2024 to September 30, 2025

Funding Source(s): Lake Restoration Program

Background: Easter Lake is a 178-acre constructed lake that began as a lake in an agriculture/suburban watershed that over the years has shifted to a highly developed urban area. Easter Lake and Easter Lake Park is one of the many great recreational resources offered by Polk County Conservation Board (PCCB) providing trails, park shelters, playgrounds and volleyball courts, boating, fishing, and a beach. Attracting over a million visitors each year, Easter Lake Park has been a great recreational resource to central Iowa since its creation in 1967. The Polk County Conservation Board owns and manages this area, and they continue to work in partnership with DNR and other stakeholders to accomplish lake and watershed improvements.

A fall 2023 field survey identified areas where wave action is currently eroding the shoreline of Easter Lake. This project will address erosion through two primary methodologies. More severe areas will be addressed through the addition of rock rip as hard armoring. Some regions may be approached through placement of fleximat, which is a tied concrete block product used to reduce erosion and stabilize slopes.

Contract Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to work with PCCB to retain a consultant to provide engineering services for the restoration of Easter Lake shoreline. Engineering services provided for this project will include survey, engineering design, construction plans and documents, geotechnical review, permits and public outreach for the construction and rehabilitation of approximately 5,000 feet of shoreline to reduce sediment and nutrient delivery to the lake.



Budget:

DNR Contribution	\$35,890.00
<u>Polk County Conservation Board</u>	<u>\$35,890.00</u>
Total budget	\$71,780.00

Anticipated Future Work: Future work will include construction of the shoreline protection practices being designed as a part of this project. Total anticipated costs for construction of shoreline practices within the park is approximately \$550k, with construction slated for 2024 and 2025.

Selection Process Summary: Intergovernmental contracting with the PCCB is authorized under 11 IAC 118.4.

Travis Baker, Land & Waters Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
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***18. Contract with Terrain360 LLC**

Commission approval is requested for a contract with Terrain360 LLC of Richmond, VA.

Contract Terms

Amount: Not to exceed \$35,000

Dates: June 15, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Funding Source(s): Rebuild Iowa's Infrastructure Fund

Contract Purpose: High resolution panoramic imagery of the river and its accesses (similar to Google Street View) is required to greatly enhance our understanding of this recreational resource. We are currently in the process of developing a water trail plan for 200 miles of this western Iowa river from Dickinson County in the north to Woodbury County in the south. The panoramic imagery captured as a part of this contract will help the planning team gain an excellent understanding of the river resource, and the water accesses along it. In addition, the imagery will be used to gather public input to include the identification of potential hazards, such as, major log jams or areas prone to major log jams, and other hazards. It will also allow us to identify needed improvements, if any, at the nearly 30 public access sites along the river. Further, this imagery will be hosted ongoing and available free to the public to serve as a tool for kayak or canoe trip planning and decision making.

In 2023, DNR River Programs contracted with Terrain360 LLC to capture panoramic imagery of a small section of the Little Sioux River in Clay County as a trial run to better understand the value and quality of the deliverables. The results were impressive. This contract is for Terrain360 LLC to capture the remaining 182 miles of imagery along the rest of the Little Sioux River Water Trail (Dickinson to Woodbury counties).

Contract tasks Include:

- Launch Kick-off meeting and attend three additional meetings with DNR
- Capture on-water high resolution panoramic imagery of 182 miles of the Little Sioux River
- Capture on-land high resolution panoramic imagery of the 22 remaining water access sites
- Render and host the imagery for planners and public access.
- Develop online interactive map/virtual tour experience

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 included: cost, professional experience, capacity to do work, respondent's work plan, timeline, previous work with DNR.

Proposal Due Date: May 23, 2024

of Proposals Received: 1

Recommendation: Terrain360 LLC

Travis Baker, Land and Waters Bureau Chief

Conservation and Recreation Division

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***19. Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program– FY25**

The Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Eligibility Program establishes a priority list of watersheds above significant public lakes where private landowners are eligible to receive cost-share moneys to establish soil and water conservation practices. Funds for these practices are set aside in appropriations to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

In order to be eligible to receive IDALS’s Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed (POLW) Program funds, an applicant must be a soil and water conservation district and apply for POLW priority designation to IDALS - Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Applications are submitted annually, as specified by the Division. The Division then forwards applications to the Department for determination of program eligibility.

The Department reviews applications based on compliance with application requirements. For example, the application requests a map of the watershed identifying the sources and estimated sediment delivery to the lake; and, description, location, estimated costs and estimated reduction of sediment delivery for each planned practice that will be implemented pending program funding. The purpose is to target locations within the watersheds that contribute significant sediment to the lake for installation of permanent or management soil conservation practices.

Summary of Selection Process: As outlined in Iowa Administrative Code 571, Chapter 31, Publicly Owned Lakes Watershed Program, the DNR is responsible for the application review and recommendation process. The DNR is to then submit the recommended list of watersheds above significant public lakes eligible under the program for the upcoming year to the Natural Resource Commission for approval. The Review and Selection Committee evaluated applications based on the criteria above.

Selection Committee Members: The review and selection committee consisted of seven members:

- 3 IDNR Staff – Conservation and Recreation Division (2); Environmental Services Division (1)
- 2 IDALS Staff

Number of Applications Received: 9

Recommendations: In accordance with the administrative rules, the Review and Selection Committee has determined that the following meet program requirements and recommends approval of the following list of watersheds for program eligibility:

- Clarke County Reservoir, Clarke SWCD
- West Lake, Clarke SWCD
- Lake Geode, Des Moines and Henry SWCD’s
- Lake Icaria, Adams SWCD
- Lake Miami, Monroe SWCD
- Three Mile Lake, Union and Adair SWCD’s
- Twelve Mile Lake, Union and Adair SWCD’s
- Big Hollow Lake, Des Moines SWCD
- White Oak Conservation Area Lake, Mahaska SWCD

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