

Funding

Opportunities and Challenges

Federal Funding

USDA Farm Service Agency

- General Sign-up Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Continuous Sign-up Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- Iowa Conservation and Partnerships: “Supersheds” Program
- Public Law 83:566
- Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Section 319 Clean Water Act
- Iowa Water Quality Loan Fund (SRF)

State Funding

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- Iowa Financial Incentives Program (IFIP)
- No Interest Loans (State Revolving Fund)
- Iowa Watershed Protection Program (WSPF)
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Soil and Water Enhancement Account (REAP Water Quality Improvement Projects)
- State Revolving Fund (SRF)
- Watershed Improvement Fund (WIF)

State Funding (cont.)

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

- Water Monitoring and Assessment Program
- IOWATER
- Lake Restoration Fund
- Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund
- GIS Mapping data for watershed managers
- Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network
- Other Water Programs
- State Revolving Fund (SRF)
- Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund (Habitat Stamp)

Local Funding

- Water Quality Commission
- Okoboji Foundation
- Dickinson County Endowment Fund
- Keep Okoboji Blue
- Private Donations and Lake Associations

Challenges

Competitive grants

- Lengthy and difficult to properly complete

Logistics

- Application requirements
- Reporting requirements
- Timing and deadlines
- Shovel ready
- Matching dollars

Changing criteria and programs

- Political changes
- Budgetary issues

Diagnostic and Feasibility

Challenges (cont.)

Staffing

Monitoring requirements

Reaction time