



Iowa County Land Conservation Department 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Land Conservation Committee Members

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 Katie Abbott, Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Coordinator

Land Conservation Department Activities

Programs

- Iowa County Working Lands Initiative (WLI)
- Iowa County Watershed Dam Maintenance
- Elementary and Outdoor Classroom Education @ County Farm
- USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
- USDA Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- WDATCP Nonpoint Water Quality—NR151
- WDNR Stewardship Incentive
- Wildlife Damage Program
- USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- USDA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Iowa County Tree Planting
- DATCP/LWRM County Cost Share

Memberships

- SW Badger Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D)
- Rural Development (RD)
- PL-566 Watershed Coalition
- WI Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA)
- National Association of Land Conservation Districts (NACD)

Other Activities

- Nutrient Management Workshops with UW-Extension
- Working Lands Initiative—Education Workshops
- Blackhawk Lake Liaison
- Implementing a Land & Water Resources Mgt Plan
- DATCP/FSA CREP Program Delivery
- Storm Water Study Committee
- Blackhawk Lake Study
- Conservation Partners "Green Sheet" Newsletter
- Wisconsin Buffer Initiative
- Birch Lake Study

Iowa County Land Conservation Department Mission Statement

Provide administrative information and technical assistance to Iowa County landowners in the stewardship of their soil and water resources, through the cooperation of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and under the direction of the Iowa County Land Conservation Committee.

2010 Land Conservation Committee Priorities

In 2007 a public hearing was held and a Land and Water Resource Management Plan was developed.

The following priorities were established:

1. Soil Erosion
2. Ground Water
3. Animal Waste Management
4. Nutrient Management
5. Forestry
6. Riparian Corridors
7. Agriculture Productivity
8. Rural Land Use Issues/Conflicts
9. Agriculture Sustainability
10. Loss of Ag Lands

Financial Benefits to Iowa County Landowners Through Conservation Programs in 2010

Cons. Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP – State)	\$ 38,658
Conservation Reserve Program (FSA/CRP/CREP) -	\$ 2,882,081
Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) -	\$ 912,221
Farmland Tax Relief Credit (FTRC) -	\$ 300,448
Wildlife Incentive Program (NRCS/WHIP)-	\$ 160,671
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (NRCS/EQIP) -	\$ 293,508
Wetland Reserve Program (NRCS/WRP) -	\$ 57,598
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	\$ 15,565
Conservation Security Program (CSP)	\$ 42,015
Land & Water Cost Share Program (DATCP/LWRM/SEG) -	\$ 66,004
Wildlife Damage Program (DNR/WDP) -	\$ 26,070
Commodity Loans (FSA/CCC) -	\$ 909,768
Direct and County Cyclical Program (FSA/DCP) -	\$ 4,069,700
Farm Ownership/Operating Loans (FSA/FOL) -	\$ 4,337,091
Milk Income Loss Contracts MILC -	\$ 73,552
TOTAL	\$ 14,184,950

2010 Grants to Iowa County Land Conservation Department for Administration, Cost-Sharing and Projects

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP)
 BASG Staff and Support

	\$ 111,108
LWRM & NMP Cost Sharing to Landowners	\$ 66,004
CREP Cost Sharing & Incentive to Landowners	\$ 38,658

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
 APHIS Wildlife Damage Administration/Claims

	\$ 26,080
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TOTAL GRANTS TO LCD \$ 241,850

Cooperating Agencies

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- USDA Rural Development Services (RD)
- University of Wisconsin—Extension (UW-EX)
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
- Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP)
- Iowa County Planning and Development Office (ICPD)
- Blackhawk Lake Commission
- USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)
- Iowa County Land Information Office (ICLIO)
- Southwest Technical College—Voc.-Ag. (SWTC)
- All Iowa County School Systems
- Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)
- Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area (MRPHA)
- Southwest Wisconsin Grassland Feasibility Effort
- Iowa County Groundwater Study Committee
- Village of Barneveld
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Sustainable Iowa County
- Driftless Area Conservancy

2010 NRCS and LCD Accomplishments

1595	Farm Visits/Landowner Appointments
807	Landowner Files Updated
3000 ac	New Conservation Plans Written/Revised
11	WLI Educational Events
1158	WLI Participants Assisted
13	Wildlife Damage Participants Assisted
235	WLI/FPP Spot Checks
36 visits	PL-566 Watershed Dams Inspected and Maintained
12	Dam Break Analysis and Assistance
75,000	Trees Planted with assistance of DNR Forestry
115.74 ac	New CREP Contracts (Buffers-Grassland-Wetland)
2 Farms	Notice of Discharge Assistance
1,800 sq ft	Heavy Use Areas
7 Sites	Roof Runoff
1 Project	Animal Waste Storage Site Feasibility
1 Projects	Manure Storage Permit and Installed
12	New NMP Checklists
9 Projects	Ground Water Well Abandonment
5000 ft	Rock Rip Rap/Stream Bank Protection
6 Projects	Rock Stream Crossings
2096 ft	Fencing of Stream Banks
500 ft	Clean Water Diversions
300 ft	Animal Trails and Walkways
200 ft	Concrete Lined Waterway
24 ac	Grassed Waterways
350 ac	Contour Strips
500 ac	Contour Farming
1	Lake Study Technical Assistance
3 Projects	Watering Facility
2417 ft	Underground Outlet
1 Project	Plunge Pools
8,800 ft	Stream Habitat Work
1 Project	Manure Pit Decommissions
38 Farms	NR151 Resources Inventories/Evaluations
5 Projects	Toewall
2 Projects	Spring Development
3 Projects	Grade Stabilization Structures
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1 Project	Drop Inlet to Culvert
45 ac.	Prescribed Grazing
5,000 ft	Pipeline
3,000 ft	Subsurface Drain
70 ft	Culverts
10,300 ft	Access/Logging Roads shaped & graded
41 ac	Prairie Planting
32	CRP Contracts

Land Conservation Committee 2010 Award Winners

Ted Thompson Family, Brigham Township
Conservation Farmer of the Year

Bruce Paull Family-Hyvista Farm, Ridgeway Township
Water Quality Leadership

Steve & Mary Thompson, Moscow Township
Wildlife Habitat Development (Private)

Whitetails Unlimited
Wildlife Habitat Development (Club)

Sally Dahir & Steve Stoddard, Highland Township
Tree Farmer of the Year