

Partnerships & Agreements

FY22 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Cedar River Source Water Partnership	\$267,730	2 contracts
Floyd River Water Quality Partnership	\$1.03 M	25 contracts
Southeast Iowa Watershed Partnership	\$935,178	14 contracts
Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership	\$2.44 M	27 contracts
North Raccoon Partnership for Soil and Water	\$237,248	12 contracts
Turkey River Watershed Partnership Project	\$1.4 M	25 contracts
Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage	\$3.27 M	34 contracts
Totals	\$9,567,884	139 contracts

FY22 Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

Iowa NRCS selected four State CIGs in FY22. These grants help develop the tools, technologies, and strategies to support next-generation conservation efforts on working lands and develop market-based solutions to resource challenges. Grantees match the CIG investment at least one to one.

Black Hawk SWCD: This project will create an innovative approach for conducting outreach among historically underserved customers and identify a potentially replicable process for discerning their unique needs, strengths, and challenges. A culturally competent outreach plan will be developed to support historically underserved customers. (\$60,884)

Iowa Valley RC&D: The recipient will leverage its production experience and community connections to enhance awareness of intensive no-till organic vegetable production, and expand no-till production to allow GROW (a hunger relief and educational farm program) to improve soil, train farmers in innovative methods, and inform consumers. (\$74,170)

Practical Farmers of Iowa: This project will promote invertebrate habitat practices such as beetle banks and insectary strips intentionally designed to benefit farm production for urban and semi-urban specialty crop farms, and it plans to engage historically underserved farmers to meet project objectives. The overarching goal is to accelerate the adoption of urban and suburban beneficial insect habitat across Iowa. (\$99,993)

Practical Farmers of Iowa: PFI and its producers will explore the viability of reducing tillage in organic production systems (aka "organic no-till") in Iowa. Specifically, CIG funds will support 20 on-farm trials that will investigate organic no-till practices on row-crop and vegetable farms; trial results and producer experiences will be shared through several events and written and video outreach pieces. The main goal of the project is to explore the viability of reducing or eliminating tillage as a natural resource conservation practice for organic production systems in Iowa. (\$99,773)

FY22 Iowa Partners in Conservation

IPC funds are used to help support Iowa NRCS mission areas and increase partner staff in local field offices.

Iowa Organic Association (IOA): In partnership with the Organic Agronomy Training Service (OATS), IOA will coordinate four annual organic technical training for NRCS personnel. The goal is to help increase technical capacity, knowledge, and use of resources to meet the needs of Iowa's growing organic community. OATS will also serve our NRCS Field Offices with on-demand assistance to answer organic farming

related questions; and IOA will provide quarterly organic updates for distribution to NRCS staff. (\$70,090)

Iowa State University (ISU): This project will develop a Forest-to-Farm network to streamline the denitrifying bioreactor woodchip supply chain to support statewide efforts in increasing conservation adoption of the practice. On-farm trials will demonstrate the performance of conventional and alternative woodchips for the bioreactors. (\$336,106)

Other Conservation Activities

Sand County Foundation
Iowa NRCS signed a five-year agreement with the Sand County Foundation to produce five high-quality videos, showcasing the conservation efforts of the Iowa Leopold Conservation Award winners. (\$15,000)

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
Active Contracts: 102,176
Acres: 1,657,179

State Cost-Share (IDALS)
Funds: \$18.8 M
Practices Funded: 5,886

Conservation Plans
Written: 12,041
Acres Planned: 895,541

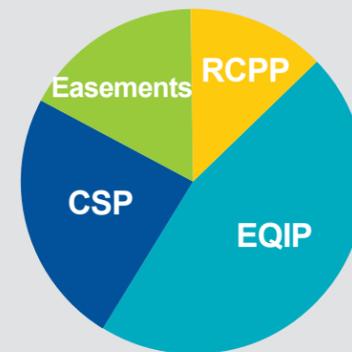
At-a-Glance

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FY22 Total Program Accomplishments (by Funds Obligated)



CSP	\$16.5 M	225,842 Ac.	385 contracts
Easements	\$12.2 M	2,831 Ac.	19 easements
EQIP	\$31.9 M	101,403 Ac.	838 contracts
RCPP	\$9.5 M	16,939 Ac.	139 contracts
TOTAL	\$70.1 M	347,015 Ac.	1,381 contracts

Primary Farm Bill 2018 NRCS Conservation Programs

CSP	Easements	EQIP	RCPP
Conservation Stewardship Program	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP) Emergency Watershed Protection-Floodplain Easements (EWP-FPE)	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Regional Conservation Partnership Program
CSP helps build on existing conservation efforts while strengthening operations through many conservation enhancement options.	Through easement programs, NRCS helps to restore, protect, and sometimes enhance enrolled areas. Landowners retain private ownership of their land, but follow certain land use requirements.	Through EQIP, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits.	Through RCPP, NRCS co-invests with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes.



EQIP Breakdown

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Landscape Initiatives, Priorities, and Special EQIP Projects

*CPAs, DIAs, CEMAs	\$363,653	2,098 Ac.	27 contracts
EQIP Conservation Incentive Contracts	\$1.9 M	6,768 Ac.	28 contracts
High Tunnel System Initiative	\$163,027	43 Ac.	13 contracts
Historically Underserved	\$8.2 M	15,827 Ac.	169 contracts
Mississippi River Basin Health Watersheds Initiative (MRBI)	\$4.2 M	11,160 Ac.	80 contracts
National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)	\$755,300	2,713 Ac.	22 contracts
On-Farm Energy Initiative	\$877,074	138 Ac.	18 contracts
Organic Initiative	\$189,161	888 Ac.	3 contracts
Prairie Pothole Water Quality and Wildlife Program	\$683,270	373 Ac.	28 contracts
Prairie Strips	\$9,479	5 Ac.	1 contract
Soil Health Initiative	\$830,655	1,853 Ac.	7 contracts
Source Water Protection	\$2.6 M	13,524 Ac.	44 contracts
Wildlife Habitats	\$2.5 M	8,219 Ac.	202 contracts

*CPA (Conservation Planning Activities), DIA (Design and Implementation Activities), CEMA (Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities)

Farm Bill 2014 RCPP Projects Funded through EQIP

Driftless Area Habitat for the Wild & Rare Phase 2	\$604,442	14 contracts
Fox River Water Quality Project	\$76,343	3 contracts
Innovative Conservation Agriculture	\$71,950	19 contracts
Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership	\$162,970	9 contracts
Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership v2	\$452,195	23 contracts
Totals	\$1,367,900	68 contracts

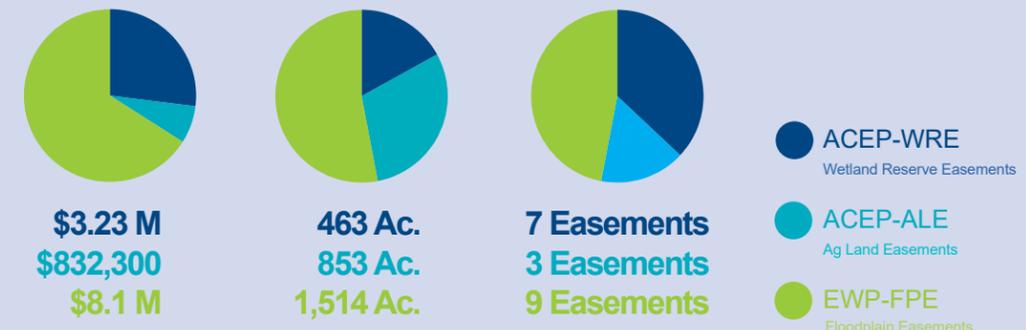
CSP Breakdown

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)



Easements Breakdown

FY22 Easement Programs



Ongoing Program Workload

Active Contracts, Easements & Acres

