

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Federal Building - Room 218

Burlington, Iowa

1961

DES MOINES COUNTY GOVERNING BODY

C. E. Pilling	Chairman	Mediapolis
Theodore Berning	Commissioner	Mediapolis
Eugene Schulte	Commissioner	Route 3 - Burlington

SECRETARY - TREASURER

James C. Hodges	Secretary	Burlington
Horace Sutton	Treasurer	Burlington

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Lloyd Schmeiser	Route 2- Burlington
Curtis Darbyshire	Morning Sun
Roy Anderson	Sperry

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE AND STATE PERSONNEL

R. H. Audsley	Work Unit Conservationist
Jack Jacobs	Conservation Aid
Dean Bergquist (part time)	WAE and State Aid
Everett Erickson (part time)	WAE and State Aid
Doyle Moyer (part time)	State Aid
Mrs. Mildred Kleinkopf	State Clerk

AREA SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

Lyll Mitchell	Area Conservationist
Marion Clark	Area Agricultural Engineer
Allen Hidelebaugh	Area Soil Scientist
Margaret Tuley	Area Clerk

We wish to express our appreciation to the Soil Conservation Service and the local technical staff for the assistance they have given to the farmers of the District. Also, for the fine cooperation and help we have received from the office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation and the County ASC Committee, the State Soil Conservation Committee, the Extension Service, Des Moines County Drainage District No. 7, Public School Teachers, Iowa River Flint Creek Levee District No. 16, Earth Moving Contractors, County Conservation Officer, County Supervisors, County Engineer, County Superintendent of Schools, I.O.P. Agronomist, Long Creek Conservation Club, Farm Forester, Farm Service Company and Ministers of Des Moines County. We also wish to thank the Burlington Hawkeye, and especially Roy Pelca, for the fine cooperation and service rendered the Soil Conservation District and the Conservation Program in the county.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1961 ACTIVITIES

The local District sponsored and was featured in the August-September issue of the Iowa Soil and Water Magazine. 2050 copies of the magazine were distributed to land owners, farm operators, schools, ministers and business establishments in the county. We wish to thank the individuals writing articles for magazine, the advertisers and others, who helped make this accomplishment possible.

Stewardship bulletins were provided for sixty ministers in the county to help in the observance of Soil Stewardship Sunday in May.

Twelve regular and one special Commissioners meeting was held during the year with a 100% attendance of Commissioners, District Treasurer and Work Unit Conservationist.

Regional Commissioners meeting in March attended by two Commissioners. Theodore Berning and Eugene Schulte, also Work Unit Conservationist and Clerk from the District Office as well as Gilbert Laue and Dean Thornton of the ASC.

Two large roadside signs were purchased for installation along highways 61 and 34 at the north and west county lines to inform the traveler they are entering Des Moines County Soil Conservation District.

A cut and fill parallel terracing demonstration was held on the Russell Seymour farm at which farm planners and aids of the area obtained experience in staking and building.

Two grade school teachers attended Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park. The District sponsoring Mrs. Betty Diercks, Elementary teacher in Burlington school system and the I. O. P. Conservation Club sponsoring Mrs. Adrian Mertens, a grade school teacher in Middletown school. These two make a total of fourteen teachers attending the Conservation Camp from Des Moines County.

Fish were ordered thru the District for stocking the ponds of twenty-four cooperators.

Contractors meeting held at District Office on January 31st and attended by twenty-one contractors.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1961

New Cooperators 13
Revised Plans 6

New Stories 41

Basic Plans 17
Follow-up 64

APPLICATIONS OF PRACTICES

		<u>1961</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Contour Farming	Acres	171	28,230
Grassland Renovation	Acres	121	4,443
Brush Control	Acres	193	721
Wildlife Area Treatment	Acres	14	365
Pasture Planting	Acres	26	916
Grassed Waterways	Acres	30	377
Tree Planting	Acres	118	145
Drainage Improvement	Acres	871	12,541
Terraces	LF	6,580 ^{15,400}	499,732 ^{508,552}
Tile Drains	LF	269,699	1,604,830
Diversion Construction	LF	1,130	26,928
Open Drainage Ditch	LF	5,400	759,384
Drop Inlet Structures	No.	9	149
Toewalls	No.	6	99
Weir Notch Dams	No.	1	37
Hooded Inlets	No.		3
Fish Pond Stocking	No.	24	370
Stock Water Development	No.	19	397
Pond Construction	No.	21	399
Drop Box on Culverts	No.	1	7

STATE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT

1-A BUDGET

Mileage	\$112.16
Office Supplies	180.26
Printing	39.75
Prize for Contest	1.58
Materials for Demonstration	25.00
Office Expense	174.11
Meeting Expense	4.90
	<u>\$537.76</u>

2-A BUDGET

Clerk and State Aids	\$4515.97
Equipment	54.39
	<u>\$4570.36</u>

Our sincere thanks for the financial assistance provided by the Iowa State Legislature, thru the State Soil Conservation Committee, to further Soil Conservation in our country.

DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT - REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1961 \$ 96.26

Receipts:

Office Expense	\$ 132.11	
Office Supplies	10.29	
Hand Level	2.50	
Advt. Soil & Water Magazine	<u>1925.00</u>	2069.90

Disbursements:

Publication Soil & Water Magazine	\$1542.00	
PAYC checks	2.00	
Office Supplies	18.01	
Office Expense	<u>2.40</u>	<u>1564.41</u>

Balance on hand December 31, 1961 \$ 601.75