

Henry SWCD

2007 Annual Report
July 2006 -- June 2007

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"Our mission is to provide leadership and administer programs to help people conserve, improve and sustain our natural resources and environment."



Henry County Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners

Pictured back left to right: Allan Barnes, Darrell Mullin, Richard Gholson, Jan Anderson, Rick Mallams, Rob Smith, Chuck Allen and Harlan Miller.



IDALS Lake Geode grant received

Approximately 50 landowners; personnel from DNR, NRCS, IDALS/DSC, commissioners and other interested parties attended the Geode Watershed kickoff meeting on November 15th hosted by Des Moines and Henry Soil & Water Conservation Districts. The two districts were one of seven in the state to receive a grant from IDALS. The purpose of the grant is to identify potential water quality issues at Lake Geode. This includes a gully assessment of potential bacteria sources and identification of potential new conservation practices. Theresa Pintar has been hired by the districts as the watershed coordinator. Division of Soil Conservation Director, Ken Tow presents the grant check to the Henry & Des Moines County Commissioners.

Henry SWCD District Financial Report of State Funds July 1, 2006 to June 20, 2007

1M Budget-Operating Funds used for Commissioner and Office Expenses	
Initial Allocation	\$ 2136.40
Commissioner Expense	\$ 467.06
Office Expenses	\$ 281.76
CDI & NACD Dues	\$ 1125.00
Educational Materials	\$ 252.50
Postage	\$ 262.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 2388.32
Balance	\$ (251.92)

Revolving No-Interest Loan	
4 Grade Stabilization Structures Approved	
2007 Allocation	\$ 70,000
Funds Spent/Obligated	\$ 35,500

Other 2007 USDA Accomplishments	
Waterways (ac)	120.0
Shallow Water Areas (ac)	7
Contour Grass Strips (ac)	23.0
Filter Strips (ac)	164.0
Riparian Buffer Strips (ac)	87.0
Wetland Restoration (ac)	209
Fence (ft)	14,024
Pipeline (ft)	1125
Terraces (ft)	94,560
Basins (no)	27
Grade Stabilization Structures (no)	4
Ponds (no)	6
Tree/Shrub Plantings (ac)	117.0
Watering Facilities (no)	12

3M Budget-State Cost-Share Funds	
2004-2005	
Total Allocation	\$64,565.98
Funds Spent and Obligated	\$64,565.98
Unobligated Balance as of 6-30-2007	\$ 0.00
2005-2006	
Total Allocation	\$52,903.60
Funds Spent and Obligated	\$52,550.70
Unobligated Balance as of 6-30-2007	\$ 352.90
2006-2007	
Total Allocation	\$85,857.35
Funds Spent and Obligated	\$85,481.49
Unobligated Balance as of 6-30-2007	\$ 375.86

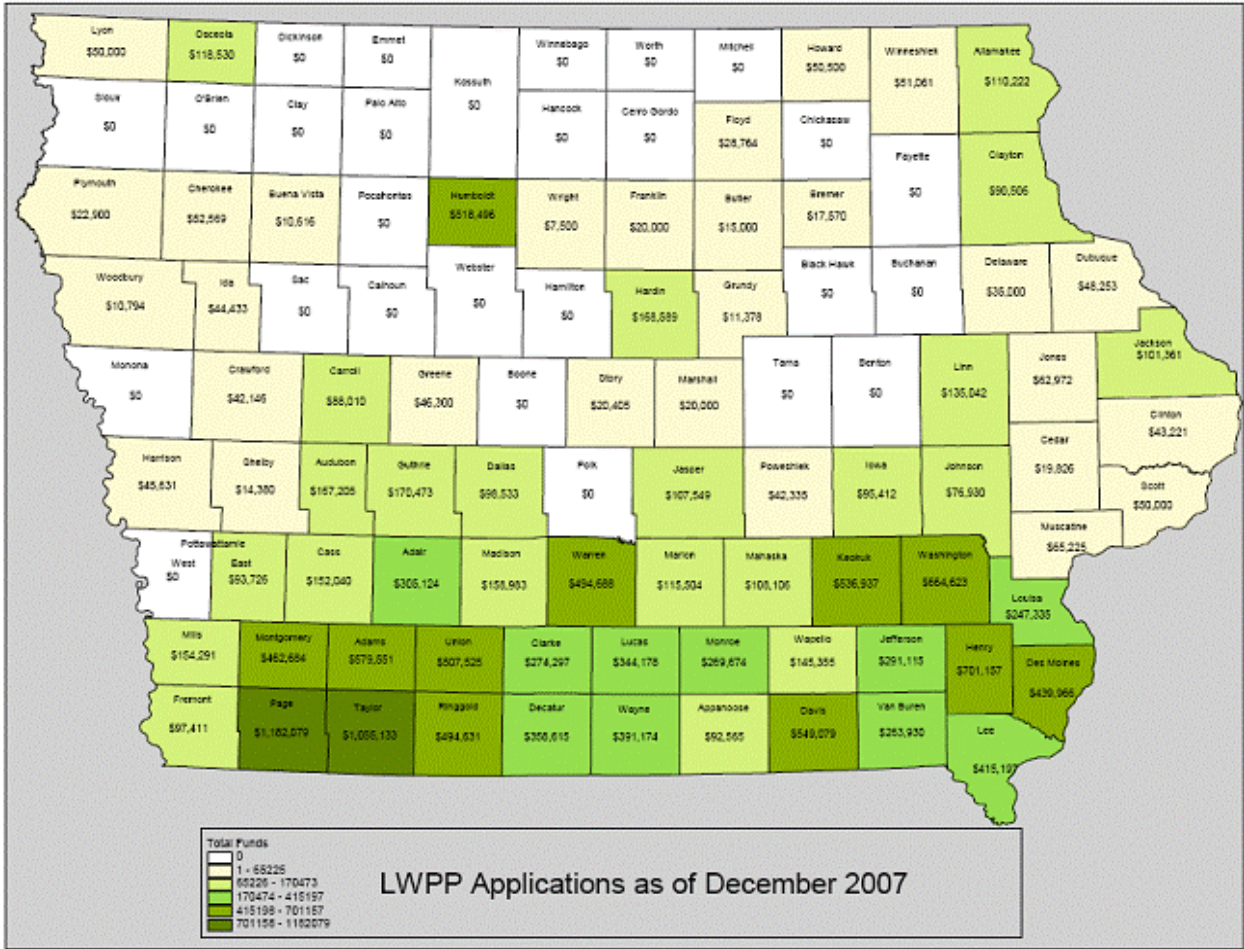
REAP-Budget-State Cost-Share Funds	
Practices Fund	
2-Windbreaks;	
4.0 Ac. Tree Planting:	
75.0 Ac. Timber Stand Improvement	
Total Allocation	\$16,934.04
Funds Spent/Obligated	\$ 7,896.75
Projects carried over	\$ 8,907.45
Balance Recalled 6-30-2007	\$ 129.84
Forestry/Grasses Fund	
1 Windbreak, 3.0 Ac. Tree Planting	
Total Allocation	\$2,456.43
Projects carried over	\$2,456.43
Balance Recalled 6-30-2007	\$ 0.00

Local Water Protection Program Funds	
Funds Received	\$222,877.58
Low interest loan funds used to construct	
5 ponds and 29,030 L.F. of terraces	

NRCS/DSC Staff

Scott Mellinger, Soil Conservation Technician; Doug Ensminger, District Conservationist; Randy Robb, Wetland Restoration Specialist; Barb Shelman, State Secretary; Michael Allen, State Technician





Local Watershed Protection Program a Success in Henry County.

Landowners can use low interest loans to cover 100 percent of the costs - up to \$50,000 - associated with water quality protection projects in an effort to reduce the amount of sediment, nutrients, and pesticides negatively impacting local streams and lakes. Funds can be used to construct practices such as terraces, ponds, water and sediment control basins, pasture and hayland plantings, and grade stabilization structures.

A linked deposit loan structure enables landowners to work with their personal lenders. Lenders participating with the program agree to provide loans at no more than 3% with terms up to ten years. Applications are accepted year round by the Henry County SWCD. Livestock water quality projects under \$50,000 are eligible under the LWPP; however, it is limited to smaller animal feeding operations. New animal waste structures or projects involving concentrated animal feeding operations are not eligible.

Henry County is currently 3rd in the state having funded projects totaling \$701,157.

Soil & Water Stewardship Poster Contest Winners



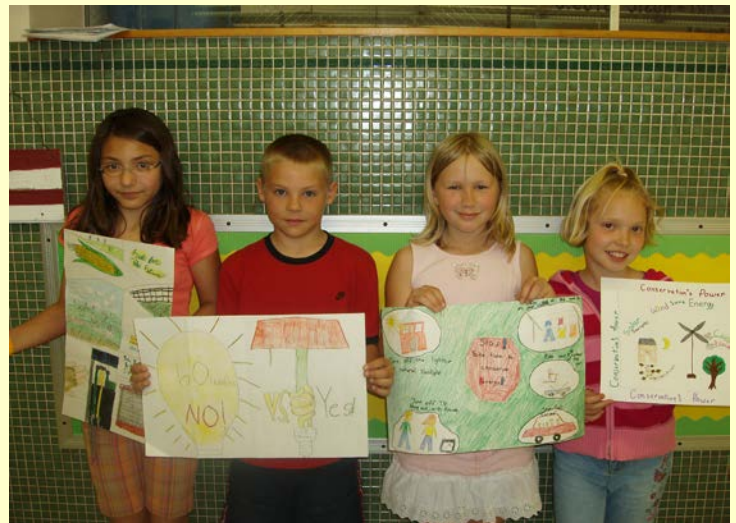
Winners in K-1: Cody McCreight, WMU, honorable mention; Lilly Van Amerogen, WMU, honorable mention; 1st place Cecelia Hemsworth WMU.



K-1 Winners from Waco Schools: Ethan McGohan, honorable mention; Beau Beckler, honorable mention and B.J. Rodgers, 2nd place.



Honorable mention in grades K-1 from Salem Elementary, Lucas Lee.



Grades 4-6 Winners: Addison Gomez, honorable mention; Clayle Franklin, honorable mention; Anna Steffensmeier, 2nd place; and Amber Hart, 1st place.

"Conservation's Power" Theme for 2007 Poster Contest