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BEAR CREEK WATERSHED

Bear Creek Watershed has been accepted as an area to receive special funding from the IDALS-DSC to be used to improve water quality within Bear Creek Watershed. These are EPA 319 funds from Iowa DNR, special watershed from the clean Water Initiative and REAP.

Bear Creek Watershed is an area of approx. 24,000 acres north and east of Dyersville. Bear Creek has approximately 25.6 miles of stream. Mike Freiburger, Project Coordinator, can be contacted at Delaware SWCD, 200 S 12th Street, Manchester, Iowa.

COST SHARE MONEY AVAILABLE

There are several options available to receive cost share for conservation practices in Delaware County. The traditional IFIP (Iowa Financial Incentive Program) is a program administered by the local SWCD and funded by the State of Iowa. These funds can be used for management or structural practices such as terraces, water and sediment control basins, grade stabilization structures, and waterways.

REAP (Resource Enhancement And Protection) funding is also administered by the local SWCD. These cost share funds are typically used for tree plantings, windbreaks, and timber stand improvement projects, but Delaware County has also approved some priority watersheds for this money to be used towards structural practices as well.

Delaware County also has a couple of watershed projects which have additional incentives available. The South Fork Maquoketa River Watershed is located in the northwest part of the county and The Bear Creek Watershed is located in the eastern part of the county.

The EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) funds can be used on most all conservation structures and practices listed above, along with manure management and rotational grazing. EQIP is federally funded and applications are taken year round at the NRCS office.

The CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) has a continuous sign up for practices such as waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, contour buffer strips, field windbreaks, shelterbelts, and wetlands. CRP pays cost share and incentives on establishment of any of these practices along with rental payments for the acreage enrolled into contract. The Farm Service Agency administers this program and the NRCS provides technical assistance.

The state of Iowa also has a low interest loan program available for construction of conservation practices on your farm.

Please stop by the office for details on any of these programs.

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FARMSTEAD WINDBREAKS AND SHELTERBELTS

Are you looking for ways to reduce your heating bills? Do you maybe want to add a little beauty or character to your farmstead? Perhaps now is a good time to start thinking about planting a shelterbelt around your farmstead.

Farmstead windbreaks and shelterbelts provide many benefits such as: control snow deposition, protect livestock from winter winds, conserve energy, and provide habitat for wildlife. It is recommended that shelterbelts be planted five to eight rows deep with a combination of shrubs and trees. However, a minimum of three rows is acceptable. The more rows you plant, the more protection you will provide for your farmstead.

Cost share is available for windbreaks, planted according to NRCS specifications, through the Resource Enhancement And Protection Program (REAP) up to 75% cost share or Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) 50% cost share along with a potential 40% Practice Incentive Payment and other incentives and rental payments.

If you are interested in planting a windbreak and would like design or cost share assistance, contact the NRCS at 200 South 12th Street, Manchester, Iowa.

AL EHLEY, NEW NRCS AREA CONSERVATIONIST IN WEST UNION. As a new comer to north east Iowa, I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and NRCS Field Offices in their efforts to control soil erosion and improve water quality. North east Iowa has a long and well known reputation to use a wide variety of conservation practices to control erosion and maintain a quality environment. As I drive the highways and back roads of this area, I can see the application of past conservation practices and how they have been matched with the natural rolling landscape.

One way the NRCS is recognizing farmers for their past efforts to control soil erosion are with the Conservation Security Program, commonly called CSP. Different watersheds across the nation are being selected for enrollment into CSP. Farmers within those watersheds can develop a contract with NRCS and receive annual payments to maintain good conservation on their land. I like the motto used with CSP, "Rewards the Best, Motivates the Rest". That says it all.

NRCS continues to support traditional conservation programs such as EQIP, CRP, and WRP. I encourage you to visit your local NRCS and SWCD Office for more information on these and other conservation programs.

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Annual Report - July 1, 2004 thru June 30, 2005

Financial Statement expenditures of funds provided by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for District Commissioners expenses, office supplies, and cost share program.

IM BUDGET

Original Allocation-04/08/05	2,500.00
Commissioners Expenses	- 665.65
Office Supplies & Expenses	- 959.57
Remaining-06/30/05	874.78

IIIM BUDGET - COST SHARE PROGRAM

FY 04-05 Original Allocation-07/01/04	20,698.00
Supplemental-08/11/04	+34,305.00
Spent in FY 05	-14,550.66
Obligated	-39,430.60
Remaining-06/30/05	1,021.74

FY 03-04 Original Allocation-07/01/03	20,698.00
Supplemental-08/28/03	+38,050.00
Supplemental-02/25/05	+ 6,076.00
Spent in FY 05	-23,382.60
Spent in FY 04	-30,531.76
Obligated	- 2,626.00
Recalled-12/30/04	- 7,949.69
Remaining-06/30/05	333.95

FY 02-03 Original Allocation-08/09/02	12,348.00
Supplemental-10/11/02	+20,876.00
Supplemental-03/12/03	+ 3,700.00
Spent in FY 05	- 3,671.86
Spent in FY 04	-11,776.97
Spent in FY 03	-17,749.39
Recalled-12/31/03	- 155.25
Recalled-12/30/04	- 3,570.53
Remaining-06/30/05	0.00

FY 01-02 Original Allocation-07/01/01	31,752.00
Supplemental-02/26/03	+14,569.00
Spent in FY 05	- 6,704.61
Spent in FY 04	- 1,884.00
Spent in FY 03	-10,772.03
Spent in FY 02	-25,398.04
Recalled 12/02,12/03,12/04	- 1,562.32
Remaining-06/30/05	0.00

REAP COST SHARE PROGRAM

FY 04-05 Practices Allocation-08/11/04	7,940.00
Reallocated from FY 04-07/01/01	+ 9,096.00
Supplemental-10/15/04	+17,800.00
Spent in FY 05	-19,166.00
Obligated	-11,015.00
Remaining & Recalled-06/30/05	4,655.00

FY 04-05 Forestry & Native Grasses

Allocation-08/11/05	1,985.00
Obligated	- 1,702.50
Remaining & Recalled-06/30/05	282.50

REVOLVING FUND-The following funds have been earned by the District Commissioners in various sales programs; trees, flags, scales, etc. and as reimbursement from the Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship-Division of Soil Conservation for expenses and supplies incurred by the Commissioners. Employee payroll has been donated by the Iowa Department of Agriculture-Division of Soil Conservation, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, National and Local Pheasants Forever, Delaware County Conservation Board, and others. These Funds are used for the operation of our office, to educate and award the Delaware County public on soil and water conservation, and to employ persons to promote conservation programs in our County.

Balance 07/01/04

Balance 07/01/04	1,066.30
Plus: IM Fund Reimbursement	2,500.00
Watershed Reimbursement	208.85
Tree Sales Program	6,575.50
Accrued Earnings on Check.Acct.	9.60
Savings Accounts	31,489.73
Other Deposits	12.00
Minus: Employee Wages, Taxes, etc	29,738.69
Commissioner Expenses	665.65
Education items, awards, etc.	872.60
IASWCD, NACD, IA Watersheds	1,525.00
Sales Tax	431.40
Nursery License	25.00
Tree Expenses	4,587.37
Misc. Expenses	309.57
Balance 06/30/05	3,706.70

Employee Savings

Beginning Balance 07/01/04	12,825.80
Interest Earned	+ 75.77
Deposits	+31,500.00
Withdrawals employee wages & taxes	-30,489.93
Balance 06/30/05	13,911.64

Don Eibey Memorial Award Savings

Beginning Balance 07/01/04	1,587.60
Interest Earned	+ 17.02
Balance 06/30/05	1,604.62

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Beginning Balance 07/01/01	11,636.09
Interest Earned	+ 43.64
Withdrawal for Comm.Expenses	- 1,000.00
Balance 06/30/05	10,679.73

Conservation Accomplishments

October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005

	No.	Acres/Feet
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans		
- Planned	4	
- Applied	1	
Conservation Plans		17,510.0 ac.
Conservation Reserve Program		
- Contour Buffer Strips	2	10.0 ac.
- Filter Strips	8	46.1 ac.
- Grass Waterways	55	227.0 ac.
- Quail Buffer Strips	1	3.6 ac.
- Shelter Belt	2	680.0 ft.
- Wetland Buffer	2	5.7 ac.
- Wetland Created/Restored	2	4.0 ac.
Conservation Tillage Systems		8,341.0 ac.
Contour Farming		950.0 ac.
Contour Stripcropping		574.0 ac.
Erosion Reduction		3,544.0 ac.
Forest Stand Improvement		12.0 ac.
Grassed Waterways (Non CRP)	45	80.3 ac.
Grade Stabilization Structures	5	
Grazing Land Applied		326.0 ac.
Streambank Protection		1,550.0 ft.
Terraces		14,880.0 ft.
Tree Planting		4.0 ac.
Water & Sediment Control Basins	4	
Wildlife Upland Habitat Management		1,627.0 ac.
Windbreak/Shelterbelt (Non CRP)	1	