

# BLACK HAWK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

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## NEWSLETTER

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### BLACK HAWK COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1987 ANNUAL REPORT

#### 1M BUDGET

July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Commissioners Expenses     | \$ 654.68   |
| Office Supplies & Expenses | 2,304.69    |
| Total Allocation           | \$ 2,959.37 |

#### 3M BUDGET

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Cost Share Ledger 1986-87   |             |
| Original Allocation         | \$23,806.00 |
| Projects Completed          | 15,401.04   |
| Released to Dept. Dec. 1987 | 2,627.46    |
| Obligated Funds             | \$ 5,777.50 |

#### COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Balance 7/1/86  | \$655.37 |
| Deposits        | 6,866.13 |
| Expenditures    | 6,848.84 |
| Balance 6/30/87 | \$672.66 |

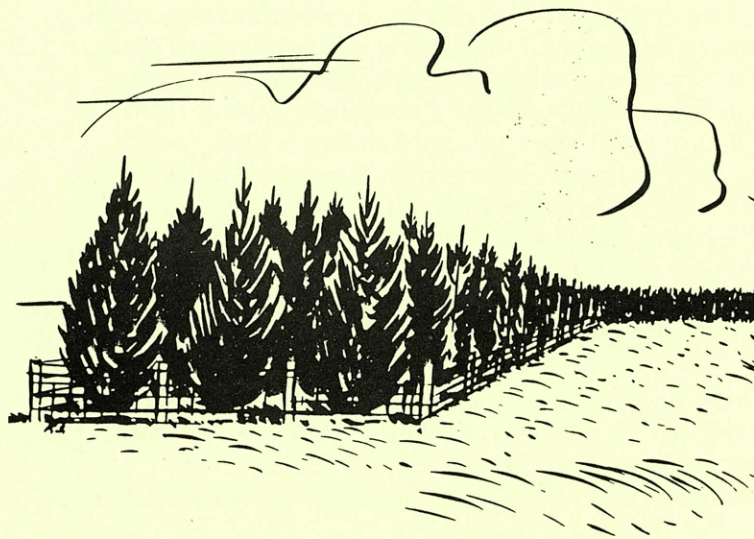
#### CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

|                              | <u>No.</u>  | <u>Acres</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| New Cooperators              | 17          | 2,648        |
| Landowners Assisted          | 209         |              |
| Landowners Applying Practice | 78          |              |
| Conservation Plans           | 14          | 3,442        |
| Conservation Tillage         |             | 1,789        |
| Contours                     |             | 944          |
| Windbreaks                   |             | 5            |
| Waterways                    |             | 24           |
| Pasture & Hayland Planting   |             | 54           |
| Upland Wildlife Mgt          |             | 11           |
| Terraces                     |             | 25,245 Ft    |
| Tiling                       |             | 26,988 Ft    |
| Total Land Benefited         | 3,559 Acres |              |
| Soil Saved                   | 96,719 Tons |              |

#### WINDBREAK RENEWAL

A windbreak rejuvenation program is currently being developed that will involve cooperation between the Soil Conservation Service, Black Hawk County Extension Office and Conservation Board. Our intention is to provide on-site consultation to interested landowners with a subsequent management/rejuvenation plan written. With the involvement of local nurseries landowners will be able to establish new planting that will replace the old windbreaks in about 20 years.

To initiate the program, a Windbreak Field Day will be held in Black Hawk County the afternoon of March 22nd at 1:00 on the John R. Miller farm located at 8511 Strayer Road, Hudson. People from the agencies listed above will be on hand to discuss various windbreak topics and answer questions.



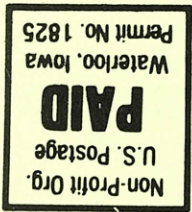
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One acre of growing forest annually produces about four tons of oxygen, enough of the precious gas to support 18 persons for a year.

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**Soil & Water Stewardship Week - April 24 - May 1, 1988**

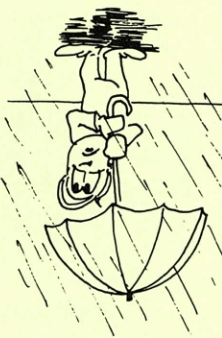


ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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### SLOUGH BILL SIGN-UP

Applications are now being accepted for the 1988 Black Hawk County Natural Resources Property Tax Exemption. Landowners requesting certification of their land for this exemption can apply at Black Hawk County Conservation Board Office, 2410 West Lone Tree Road, Cedar Falls; Soil Conservation District Office, 3216 Thistledown Drive, Waterloo; or the County Assessor's Office in the Courthouse.

To be eligible for the exemption, landowners must affirm that no economic gain will be derived from the property during the assessment year and that the land will be utilized for wildlife habitat or for erosion control purposes. Landuses designated under the law include Forest Reservation, Wildlife Habitat, and Native Prairie. Other landuses including Wetlands, Forest Cover, and Open Prairie are limited to a 3,000 acre exemption per county. An ASCS photocopy of the area to be exempted must accompany all applications.

Early application is advised to ensure certification prior to the April 15, 1988, deadline. For further information contact the County Conservation Board at 266-0328 or the Soil Conservation District at 296-3262.

### MAKING MAPLE SYRUP

Sunday(s), March 6, 13 & 20, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, HRNC. Come and help the HRNC naturalists as they collect the sap and boil it down to make maple syrup. Then sample this golden treat.



### MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 5, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Hartman Reserve Nature Center will be sponsoring its second annual maple syrup festival. Enjoy pancakes and sausage hot off the Nature Center's grill. Plus visit the sugarshack and learn how the syrup is made. Ticket cost is as follows:

---If purchased in advance:

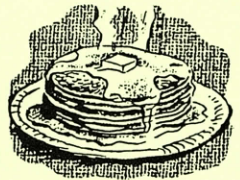
Adults \$2.50

Children 6-12 \$1.25

---If purchased at the door:

Adults \$3.00

Children 6-12 \$1.50



Call HRNC for more information and to purchase tickets.

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### "STEWARDSHIP IS OUR FUTURE"

If the soil is lost, a civilization will wither and die. We're reminding you that no nation is so rich and so prosperous that it can afford to lose the resource base from which its food and fiber are produced. The Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District is encouraging the local churches, organizations and individuals to join the nationwide observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week that will be held April 24 thru May 1, 1988. For the benefit of our children and their children, let's do all we can to promote good soil and water conservation practices.



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The seeds of one generation should be the fruit of the next generation.

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