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Grade Stabilization Structures - control gullies. This aluminum drop spillway installed by Frank Cook, New Providence, Iowa is one example of a grade stabilization structure.



Grade stabilization structures can also be made of concrete as shown by this structure built on the Elvin Harms farm, Steamboat Rock.



Over 400 gullies such as this one in Eldora Twp. need to be controlled.

soil conservation - low priority of federal and state government!!

by Gary D. Walters,
Chairman, Hardin S.C.D.

When the Administration in Washington, D.C. is wielding the budget and to reduce the deficit spending it is probable that S.C.S. and thirty-four conservation programs will suffer. Already cut to the bone, these programs amount to less than [1/3] one-third of one per cent of the federal budget as of now.

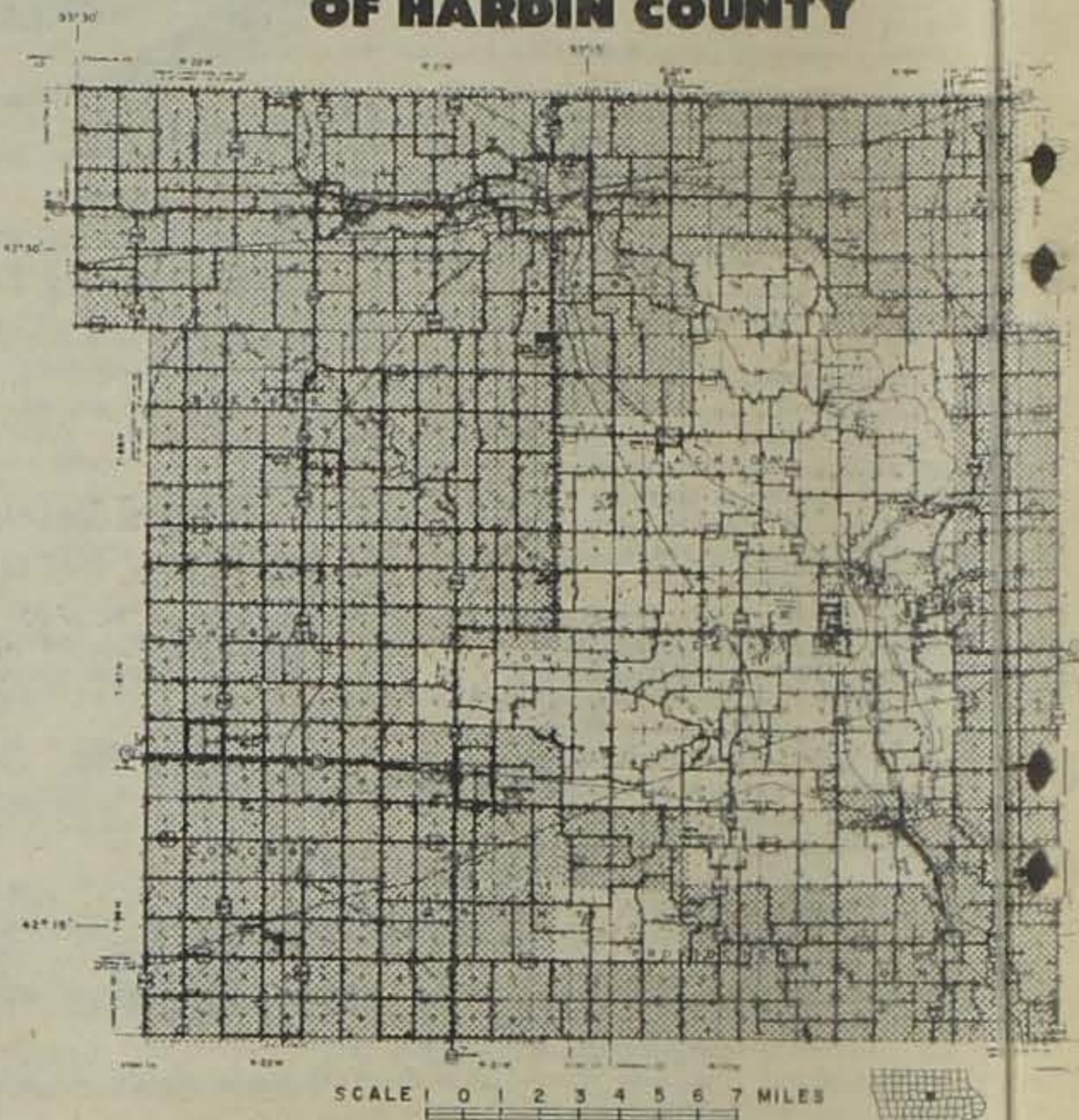
Further cuts mean lower priority for conserving our nations most valuable resources - its topsoil. One would think that the most productive link in our entire economy would have a higher priority than this.

The State of Iowa has made progress toward getting soil conservation on the land and is recognized as the leader by conservation organizations throughout the country. However, when one computes the percentage of the budget used on soil conservation it amounts to about [1/2] one-half of one per cent of the total. At present this appears to be low priority.

If the Iowa Soil 2000 Plan and the Iowa-Cedar Conservancy District Plan are enacted and funded by the legislature, improvements will be seen in Iowa's position as leading the nation in Soil Conservation.

It is up to the citizens of Iowa, farmers and others, to write or phone their state and federal legislators emphasizing that Soil Conservation deserves a much higher priority.

SOIL SURVEY PROGRESS OF HARDIN COUNTY



SCALE 1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 MILES
SCALE 1/253,440
TOTAL ACREAGE APPROXIMATE 367,360

The shade portion of the map indicates the parts of the county where the soil survey has been completed. Soil maps for the shaded areas are available at the Soil Conservation Service office in Eldora.

IM Budget	
District Allocation	
Commissioners' mileage, meals, hotel	275.75
Office Supplies	188.12
Printing	10.00
Rental for Meeting Halls	41.00
Office Expense	543.47
Meeting Expense	151.08
TOTAL EXPENDED	1,207.42
Released back to the State	552.58
Balance	.00

IIM Budget	
District Allocation	
State Clerk & Aide Salary & Expense	21,494.09
Released back to the State	1,080.91
Balance	.00



Three Soil Scientists, all from Hampton, serve as Soil Survey Personnel in Hardin County. They are Tom O'Connor, seated, Kermit Voy, left, and Norman Johnson.

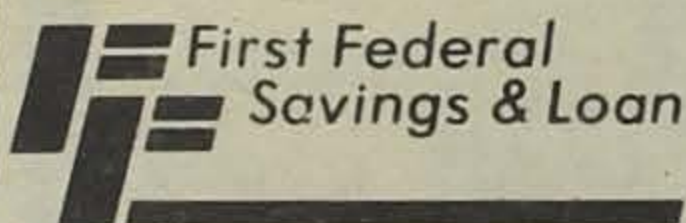


Soil Conservation District Commissioners are locally elected people who direct the soil conservation activities in Hardin County. Left to right: Jim Tidman, Carroll Hobson, Martin Broer, Gary Walters, Caleb Knutson (not pictured).

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Soil Conservation Staff serving Hardin County with erosion problems. Left to right: Ernest Holla, II; Melinda Schwarck, state clerk typist II; Steven conservationist. Not picture: Fred Rosenkrans.