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RC&D project okayed by Ray

A Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) project for six southern Iowa counties including Davis County was signed last week by Gov. Robert Ray.

The RC&D has been named Pathfinder RC&D and includes Mahaska, Keokuk, Wapello, Davis, Jefferson and Van Buren Counties. These counties have combined populations of 1,180,891 and the area involves 1,932,800 acres. The purpose of the RC&D is to work together on a six-county basis for conservation, development and better use of natural resources.

The Pathfinders RC&D member organizations include the six soil conservation districts, boards of supervisors for the six counties and the Region XV Planning Commission.

The signed RC&D applications were given to William Brune, state conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, who will submit the application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. for approval and then to Congress for authorization and funding.

RC&D officers elected for 1976 are Chairman Dale Stanley, Keokuk County; Jerry Hickenbottom, Jefferson County, vice chairman; Joan Sturtevant, Jefferson County, secretary; and George Israel, Wapello County, treasurer.

The Davis County council members for the RC&D are Phillip Melvin, Russell Hopkins, Harley Sloan, Wayne Birchmier, LaVerne Kline, Donald Herteen and Barry Smit