

Louisa County REAP Committee begins work on five year plan

The Louisa County Resource Enhancement and Protection Committee met Monday, Jan. 29, to discuss local resource conservation efforts, and development of its five-year REAP plan.

County REAP committees were organized under a massive \$300 million program approved last year by the Iowa General Assembly to enhance and protect Iowa's natural resources.

The county committees act as coordinators under the bill, and will help screen grants from cities and counties for a portion of the \$300 million.

The Louisa County REAP Committee agreed Monday to begin identifying goals and objectives to include in its five-year plan.

Five general programs were identified as priorities under the proposed plan: soil erosion and water quality; an integrated roadside vegetation management plan; habitat improvement; environmental education; and development of recreational activities on existing public areas.

The committee will continue to refine these general categories and expects to develop its five-year plan within the next several months.

It will meet again on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Briggs Civic Center to review any applications for competitive grants and to continue discussion on its proposed plan.

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