



Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar is also
available online via

mycountyparks
.org

- * Feb. 19 – Dist. 3 Meeting
– Crawford CCB
- * Feb. 20 – Dist. 4 Meeting
– Guthrie CCB
- * Feb. 27 – CCPOA Spring
Workshop – Sioux CCB*
- * Feb. 28 – Dist. 2 Meeting
– Hancock CCB
- * Mar. 2-4 – Iowa Tourism
Conference – Des Moines
- * Mar. 4 – CCPOA Spring*
Workshop – Mahaska Co.
- * Mar 10 – CCPOA Spring
Workshop – Linn CCB*
- * Mar. 12-13 – Spring
ISAC Conference – D.M.
- * Mar. 15 – DEADLINE for
LWCF Grants to DNR
- * Mar. 18-20 – Spring IAN,
Ringgold CCB*

(*Online Registration
currently available)



2020 ICCS

65th Anniversary

Fall Conference

September 16-18, 2020

Ames, IA



#REAPworks



ICCS REGISTERS IN FAVOR OF SSB3116, HSB657

"The Bills" that have challenged our dedication and resolve for the past decade have finally appeared! The twin bills - SSB3116 and HSB6576 were introduced in the Senate on February 5th, and in the House on February 6th. The HSB has already been assigned to a subcommittee of: Hein, Bloomington, Hite, Isenhardt and James. These bills are the complete INVEST IN IOWA initiative as presented by the Governor during her January 14th address to the legislature. The Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund portions are on pages 17-36. You can find these bills in the **IWILL 2020 file in the Portal**, or they are viewable online via the legislative website at: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation>

It is clear that the broader bill has many, many moving parts – with the Trust Fund portion making up a full 1/3. As presented during the Legislative Session at Winterfest this past week, the anticipated language and numbers are not necessarily the original version, nor what we may have been hoping to see. The bills can be improved upon, and we look forward to working with our legislators and state leadership on specific areas within the bill's language. Our main focus will always be to preserve the integrity of the Trust Fund as it was originally conceived and work towards the best end product for the benefit of all Iowans.

The IWILL Coalition, along with both ICCS and INHF (*and numerous other organizations*) are assessing the bills as presented and determining specific priorities for points of discussion, recommendations and clarifications. There will likely be proposals forthcoming that include recommended improvements, and there will be requests to all of you to engage with your legislators with messaging and talking points that are being developed. We will also be gauging the flow of this legislation through committees, etc. to determine the proper time(s) that we may need you to aid in a rally at the Capitol for a particular emphasis – so, stay tuned! Many of you may have seen the social media post this morning from INHF, if not – it is echoed on the second page of this newsletter. These ARE EXCITING TIMES! ☺





REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CCPOA REGIONAL SPRING WORKSHOPS

The annual tri-fecta of **Regional CCPOA Spring Workshops** for 2020 have emerged!

CENTRAL REGIONAL - Wednesday, March 4 – Mahaska County

EASTERN REGIONAL – Tuesday, March 10 – Linn County

WESTERN REGIONAL – Thursday, February 27– Sioux County

Visit the CCPOA website for workshop agendas here: <https://iowaccpoa.weebly.com/>

Generally, these workshops provide 2.5 – 4 hours of required in-service training credit for peace officers. Online registration and additional information is now available via the following link:

HOWARD COUNTY NEWS!

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/Org-Event/Default.aspx>

Harold Chapman, long-time Director for the Howard County Conservation Board will officially retire at the end of March. Harold leaves behind a legacy of trail development, park and campground development and land acquisitions. The Howard CCB has announced that **Jeff Korsmo** has been hired as their new Director, beginning his new duties on March 27th. Jeff has been with HCCB for the past 18 years. We look forward seeing Harold around in his retirement! There will be a meet and greet reception celebrating Harold's retirement held at the Prairie's Edge Nature Center, 11562 Valley Ave. Cresco, Iowa 52136 on Monday, March 23, 2020 from 1-4 PM.

WINTERFEST PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE on MCP.org

Some of the Powerpoint presentations and handouts from the recent 2020 Winterfest are available under the Winterfest 2020 tab on our MyCountyParks.org administrative website.



WINTERFEST 2020

January 28-30, 2020 / Coralville Marriott

THANK-YOU ALL for your attendance to the historic gathering for Iowa's County Conservation System - see you somewhere soon!

DNR MSIM PROGRAM – Opportunity for Input

The Multiple Species Inventory and Monitoring (MSIM) program is looking at how it can assist natural resource management planning activities in the future. Iowa DNR is looking for 12 -18 natural resource managers/planners from across the state to attend a discussion on March 17, 2020 from 10:00-12:00 at the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge. IDNR is interested in how you currently use information and data from MSIM as well as opportunities and needs into the future. Please send an email to Michelle.Wilson@dnr.iowa.gov if you are interested in participating in this discussion or have additional questions.

POWERPOINTS / RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM WINTERFEST 2020:

LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT 2020
[Download File](#)

MCP.com 101 - WINTERFEST 2020
[Download File](#)

COLLEGIATE SEMINAR 2020
[Download File](#)

ROSBURG - EFFECTS OF LATE SPRING FIRES
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A statement from INHF President Joe McGovern:

"Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation applauds the introduction of Senate Study Bill 3116, which would fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. INHF has been working for more than a decade to fund the Trust, and this substantial, reliable funding will mean cleaner water, healthier soil, more wildlife habitat and more outdoor recreation opportunities for Iowans.

We believe there are parts of the bill that address the Trust Fund that could be improved, and we look forward to working with legislators to address those issues. Our main concern is maintaining the integrity of the Trust Fund in a way that benefits all Iowans and honors their investment in our natural resources and outdoor recreation.

The bill was introduced into the Senate Ways & Means Committee late Wednesday, February 5. At this time, there is no hearing scheduled for the bill. When the time is appropriate, we may ask you to use your voice — to speak with legislators about how to make this bill the best for Iowa.

We appreciate all you've done to advocate for funding the Trust Fund over the last 10 years. This is an exciting development, and we'll do our best to keep you informed about the next steps."



JOBS



Iowa
Natural Heritage
Foundation

<http://www.mycountyparks.com/Jobs/Default.aspx>

02/7/2020

1. DES MOINES Co. – Naturalist
2. HOWARD Co. – Park Ranger
3. DALLAS Co. – Natural Resource Mgr.
4. WEBSTER Co. – Park Ranger
5. DUBUQUE Co. - Naturalist
6. WOODBURY Co. – Asst. Resource Mgr.
7. POWESHIEK Co. – Park Technician
8. POWESHIEK Co. - Naturalist
9. WOODBURY Co. – Perm. Part Time Clerk
10. POLK Co. – Perm. PT Recreation Clerk
11. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 80++ opportunities listed on website

■ Full Time

■ Seasonal/Part-Time



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