



Happy
Holidays
from ICCS

Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar &
Zoom Meeting Room
Bookings
are available online via

mycountyparks.org

- * Jan. 26-28 – Winterfest 2021 – *Postponed to 2022*
- * Feb. 18 – E-Commerce Summit (MCP) – Virtual
- * Mar. 11-12 – ISAC Spring Conference – TBA
- * Mar. 17-19 – IAN Spring Workshop (Virtual)
- * Aug. 25-27 – ISAC Annual Conference – TBA

ICCS Offices Closed:

December 24 – 27
Dec. 31 – Jan. 3

2021 ICCS

65th Anniversary +1
Fall Conference
September 15-17, 2021

Ames, IA



46th ANNUAL AWARDS

by the Iowa Chapter of the Izaak
Walton League of America



Johnson County Conservation

L to R: Wade Schultz, Operations Foreman; William Waldie, Board Member;
Gene Zdrzil, Board Member; Tom Hazelton, ICCS; Larry Gullett, JCCB Director

As announced on November 24th at the **2020 ICCS Annual Meeting** – **CONGRATULATIONS!**...to the six CCBs that captured the top three place awards in each of the population categories (*listed to the right*).

ICCS very much appreciates the 19 nominations that were received for this FY2020 recognition. We also extend our collective gratitude to the **Iowa Chapter of the IWLA** for their 46-year partnership in honoring those CCBs that have demonstrated exceptional work in wildlife habitat improvements! ☺

Historic 2020 Annual Meeting Held on Zoom

The **61st Annual Meeting** of Iowa's County Conservation System was held on November 24th, and for the very first time – it was conducted on Zoom, and not in conjunction with a fall conference. ICCS President, **Mark Vavroch** (Poweshiek) called the virtual meeting to order at 9:00 AM in the ICCS Zoom Meeting Room – supported by representatives from over 18 CCBs tuning in for the meeting. For the most part, it was like any other Annual Meeting – full of reports and updates on the 61-year-old Association, along with a look ahead to FY2021 and beyond. Another FIRST is that the meeting was recorded and is available for your viewing on our MyCountyParks.org website via the link below. Here you can also find the ICCS FY2020 Annual Report, FY2021 Approved Budget, and a PDF version of the FY2020 CEO's report that was presented at the meeting.

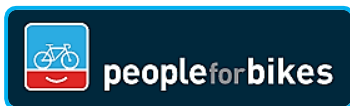
2020 Annual Meeting Link: <https://www.mycountyparks.org/conferences.html>



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Grants Available for Bike Trails from PeopleForBikes

Bicycle Infrastructure and Advocacy Projects Funded

The **PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program** offers funding for important and influential projects that build momentum for bicycling in communities across the United States. Grants of up to \$10,000 are provided for bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development; city or county agencies or departments; and state or federal agencies working locally. Letters of interest for the Spring 2021 grant cycle will be accepted from December 14, 2020, to January 22, 2021; full applications will be due April 9, 2021. Visit the PeopleForBikes website to review the grant guidelines for the Spring 2021 cycle: <https://peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines/>

CCB Law Enforcement Officers Update – from the CCPOA

2020 has been an extraordinary year in many ways, impacting several facets of Iowa's County Conservation System. The 163 +/- certified CCB peace officers in our system have uniquely been affected by the need to maintain mandated and required certifications and training. The **CCPOA Executive Committee** has met twice in Zoom meetings over the past two weeks to assess the current status of these requirements, deferments, etc., and provides the following information:



1. The 4/20/20 memorandum from ILEA Director Bradshaw reaffirmed the 3/31/20 Disaster Proclamation from Governor Reynolds that **provides an additional 12 months** for certified peace officers to obtain mandated in-service training as required in Chapter 501 of the Code of Iowa – Sections 8, 9, 10 & 13. The memorandum further states “.....it is the responsibility of the agency (ie: **CCB**), to ensure all individuals under their direction receive the minimum hours of in-service training, subject to review by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.” Available here: <https://ileatraining.org/html/ProclamationGuidance20-April.pdf>
2. Translation of #1 above = mandated training which would have otherwise been obtained at the cancelled 2020 CCPOA Fall Workshop will need to be obtained prior to the 2021 CCPOA Fall Workshop. It is the intent of the CCPOA Executive Committee to provide opportunities for officers to obtain this mandated training over the course of the next several months via virtual CCPOA-scheduled presentations, or other existing online opportunities. Documentation of this training will be required in each officer's personal training records – and it **shall be the responsibility of each individual officer to ensure that their training files reflect documentation of their adherence to this extended opportunity to obtain required training.**
3. **FIREARMS CERTIFICATION:** Remember – this is an ANNUAL certification/qualification, which means if you did not re-certify in calendar year 2020 (ie: you planned to get it at the cancelled 2020 workshop) – the 12 month window as noted in #1 is prior to the 2021 fall workshop. Those officers that carry weapons need to have “2020” firearms re-certification documented in their personal training files! Currently – **you are ON YOUR OWN to obtain this certification.** We encourage you explore local opportunities that may be available through your S.O., local P.D.s or DNR connections. We have an excellent team of CCPOA Firearms Instructors located around the state who may be willing to assist if you have exhausted all local possibilities. Coordinated efforts were offered by the CCPOA on October 5th and 6th, 2020 in Woodbury and Linn counties – but were sparsely attended.
4. It is the intent of the CCPOA Executive Committee to target the 2021 CCPOA Fall Workshop as a “re-set” event to get all CCB peace officers back on the same page & schedule as we were in October of 2019. In other words – we collectively need to play “2020 catch-up” over the next several months, and be prepared to receive our 2021 mandated training regimen on schedule - in October of 2021.
5. LOOK FORWARD to upcoming communications from your CCPOA leadership concerning these 2020 training opportunities of WHAT you need to receive, and HOW to get it accomplished. This is somewhat of a “heavy lift” for all of us – your patience is appreciated while we reach out to all of our presenters and get the links, schedules, instructions, etc. squared away in a package to share with you all that is also endorsed by ILEA.
6. 2020 OFFICER ELECTIONS – Members should look forward to an electronic ballot in the weeks ahead.
7. **CCPOA LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** – Through attrition, there are a couple of openings on the CCPOA Executive Committee – providing an excellent opportunity for members to step into the leadership team that has energized and powered this organization for the past 36 years. If a CCPOA Member is interested – please contact any current member of the Executive Committee or send an email along to: CCPOA@mycountyparks.org A list of current members on the Executive Committee can be found on the CCPOA web page at:

<https://www.mycountyparks.org/ccpoa-of-iowa.html>

99 PARKS in 99 WEEKS COMMENCES IN ONE MONTH!

ICCS is very much looking forward to launching our two-year celebration of ALL that is county conservation in Iowa the week of January 18th 2021!! The social media marketing campaign (on Facebook & Instagram) will feature one CCB each week for 99 consecutive weeks beginning on the above date with these counties in January – Benton (1/18) & Black Hawk (1/25). As a reminder – CCBs are encouraged to have their HOME PAGE on MyCountyParks.com, as well as Facebook (if available) spruced-up and ready-to-go as we will be linking to them for this promotion! The database with your CCB's dates of FAME was provided to all Directors earlier this year....onward to 2021!!



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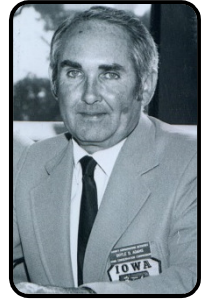
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Steve Derrand & Doyle at the Capitol on a Lobby Day in 2017

DOYLE ADAMS HAS PASSED AWAY

I am very much saddened to share that a historic figure in Iowa's County Conservation System, Doyle Adams has passed away at the age of 87. Doyle took the helm of our young system in 1967 and nurtured it to adulthood through the 1980s. Forever an advocate of natural resources – you could count on seeing him at the capitol year-after-year cajoling those legislators towards the betterment of Iowa. Always a man with a story, he was a great mentor to many of us, and much of the robust success of Iowa's county conservation board system can be attributed to his leadership. From those of us that have followed – many thanks, you will be missed.



INFORMATION: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/doyle-adams-obituary?pid=197278095>

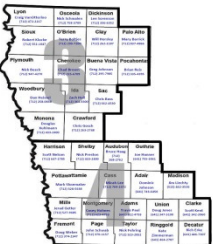
I.C.C.S. ALUMNI DIVISION NEARS A LAUNCH!

An ICCS Study Committee has given their collective thumbs-up to the creation of a county conservation Alumni Division! We very much appreciate their collective input during the 12/17 evening Zoom meeting. The group also benefitted from the sage advice of **Bob Walker** (from Montana), former staff member of the County Conservation Activities Office with the Iowa Conservation Commission/DNR. CCB Alumni can anticipate outreach in the months to come – looking forward to the first coordinated event for this new Division at the **2021 ICCS Fall Conference** next Sept. in Ames! ☺



WESTERN REGION BOARD MEMBER NEEDED!

Just a holiday reminder that there remains an open seat on the ICCS Board of Directors for a Conservation Board Member from any CCB in **Districts 3 or 4 in Western Iowa!** This position has been vacant since the fall of 2019. There remains slightly less than two years in the term for this position – so a great time to get on board in lieu of a full three-year term, eh? Interest Conservation Board Members can contact **Tom** at IACCB@mycountyparks.org



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Full Time
Seasonal/Part-Time

October 2020
Fayette County Conservation

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

1. POLK Co. – Conservation Laborer II
2. WOODBURY Co. – Resource Technician
3. MADISON Co. – Director
4. POLK Co. – Conservation Laborer I
5. CALHOUN Co. - Park Ranger/Technician
6. O'BRIEN Co. – Director
7. BENTON Co. – Director
8. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 3+ opportunities listed on website

12/18/2020



Summer Canoe Program – Wapello County