



# Newsletter

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## REAP CONGRESS

The **2018 Biennial REAP Congress** is now a part of the storied 28 years of the REAP Program in Iowa. Bitter cold gripping Iowa did not deter the 90 delegates from their tasks in the public participation portion of the REAP legislation. Delegates were elected at one of 18 regional **REAP Assemblies** held around the state this past October. As per previous Congress events, county conservation boards were well represented in the delegate ranks! Kudos to all of CCB folks across the state that participated in the Assembly process this past fall, and especially to those 33 of you that were elected to represent your regions as a delegate to congress (listed below).

The Congress once again supported full funding of REAP at \$20M; supported no changes to the REAP formula; endorsed funding of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund by a 3/8 sales tax increase; and recommended that the sunset on the REAP Program be extended from 2021 to 2036. A full report to be forthcoming. ☺



CCB Alumni Mark Wagner (Jasper) and Ann Burns (Jackson), along with Dave Bakke (Muscatine) engage with other REAP Congress delegates at the REAP Alliance Reception.



Chuk Unga (Linn), James Janett (Allamakee), Rich Gallagher (Van Buren) and Phillip Visser (Appanoose) network at the REAP Alliance Reception on Friday evening before Congress.

## 2018 REAP CONGRESS CCB DELEGATES

James Janett (Allamakee), Blake Gamm (Fayette), Jarrod Olson (Allamakee), Fred Heinz (Alumni - Cerro Gordo), Joel Horsley (Palo Alto), Greg Johnson (Buena Vista), Kevin Maassen (Clay), Aric Ping (Clay), Danielle Bennet (Ida), Chad Brown (Cherokee), Doug Kuhlmann (Monona), Karen Hansen (Webster), Jeremiah Manken (Marshall), Michael Maas (Buchanan), Ann Burns (Jackson), Chuck Unga (Linn), Mark Wagner (Alumni - Jasper), Dave Bakke (Muscatine), Michael Cox (Story), Doug Gaumer (Warren), Doug Romig (Polk), Bob Benton (Alumni - Fremont), John Tapken (Alumni/Union), Kate Zimmerman (Ringgold), Richard Daugherty (Van Buren), Robert Steingreaber (Van Buren), Perry Thostenson (Alumni), Clayton Steele (Lee), John Klein (Alumni), Nicholas Salick (Pottawattamie), Bonnie Friend (Wayne), Philip Visser (Appanoose), Andy Wuebker (Monroe).

## IOWA'S TOP COUNTY PARKS!

Many thanks to the 23 CCBs that opted in for this great marketing and promotional opportunity with the Iowa Tourism Office: **Adams, Audubon, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Des Moines, Dickinson, Fayette, Floyd, Hamilton, Jackson, Johnson, Kossuth, Linn, Lyon, Madison, O'Brien, Palo Alto, Polk, Ringgold, Scott, Story, Webster & Woodbury** ☺



### SAVE THE DATE:

The IACCB Calendar is also available online via the IACCB link on MCP.com

- \* Jan. 19 – Dist. 1 Director Roundtable – Marshall
- \* Jan. 23-25 – Winterfest 2018 @ Waterloo
- \* Feb. 7 – District 2 Mtg. – Bremer CCB
- \* Feb. 7 – District 5 Mtg. – Jefferson CCB
- \* Feb. 8 – IACCB Board of Directors Meeting
- \* Feb 12 – IWILL Lobby Day – State Capitol
- \* Feb. 15 – District 4 Mtg. – Union CCB
- \* Feb 21 – District 3 Mtg. – Cherokee CCB
- \* Feb. 28 – AFIRM Winter Meeting - Ames
- \* Mar. 14-16 – Spring IAN Meeting – Clinton CCB
- \* Mar. 14 – County Day at the Capitol – D.M.
- \* Mar. 14-16 – Spring ISAC/CCDA – Des Moines
- \* Mar. 22 – REAP Day at the Capitol – D.M.
- \* Apr. 18 – District 3 Mtg. – Ida County

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2018 IACCB Annual Fall Conference  
September 19-21  
Des Moines, IA

## NEW MEMBER TO IACCB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IACCB is pleased to welcome **Steve Dixon**, Mahaska CCB as the new District 5 Representative to the IACCB Board of Directors! Steve replaces Mike Runyan (Monroe) who had served the past 6 years in this position. He is a native of Ames, IA and now lives near Oskaloosa with his wife, Kim. Following Board Member Orientation later this month, he will begin his inaugural three-year term on the Board in February. Thanks, Steve for stepping up to serve Iowa's broader county conservation board system – we look forward to working with you in the months & years to come!



## IWILL & REAP CAPITOL DAYS

**February 12<sup>th</sup> – IWILL Capitol Day**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – REAP Day at the Capitol**

Details are still being hammered out – look forward to specifics coming your way in the weeks ahead. IACCB will have a presence at both of these days as well as **County Day at the Capitol** on **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars for these opportunities to visit your legislators and tell your local story! ☺



## FIRE REFRESHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**February 7<sup>th</sup> – Shelby County Conservation** – 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM taught by Jason Wickizer. Cost is \$10 payable to the DNR. Christina Roelofs – (712) 579-1801

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Chickasaw County Conservation** - Morning session, RT 130 fire refresher with Ryan Schlater. Register with Ryan at (515) 233-8067 Ext 2.



## 2018 LAWCON GRANT APPLICATIONS

The 2018 **Land and Water Conservation Fund** grant application is now available via the following link:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Grants-Other-Funding/Land-Water-Conservation-Fund>

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program is a federally funded grant program that provides match funds of 50% for outdoor recreation area development and acquisition. Iowa's cities and counties are eligible to participate. The annual deadline for the LWCF grant applications is **4:30 pm, March 15th**, or the closest working day thereof. Submit one complete grant application electronically to David Downing at: [david.downing@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:david.downing@dnr.iowa.gov)

## 2018 URBAN YOUTH CORPS PROGRAM – IOWA D.O.T.

The Iowa Department of Transportation is seeking private, nonprofit, and public organizations/agencies to submit applications to participate in the 2018 Urban Youth Corps program. The program's objectives are to provide transportation-related work projects and training opportunities to youth between the ages of 16 and 25 and to accomplish meaningful and productive improvements to transportation facilities. Priority will be given to projects that focus on youth who face barriers to employment. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**LINK:** [https://iowadot.gov/systems\\_planning/grant-programs/urban-youth-corps](https://iowadot.gov/systems_planning/grant-programs/urban-youth-corps)



**Trees Forever** is proud to partner with the **Iowa Urban Tree Council** to coordinate the annual Urban Forestry Luncheon. The 2018 event is planned for **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** at the Sheraton located at 1800 50th Street, West Des Moines, 50266. Guest speakers and topics, as well as registration information, will be posted on their website the first week of February. At this time the Iowa Urban Tree Council is actively seeking nominations of exceptional individuals or organizations to be honored at this event. The Council would ask that nominators make a special effort to thoroughly describe the accomplishments and projects that distinguish the nominee. **Nominations are due February 15, 2018.**

**LINK TO INFORMATION:** <http://www.treesforever.org/UTCAwards>



POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION PRESENTS:

2018 IACCB FALL CONFERENCE

# LEADING YOU OUTDOORS

Polk County is excited to welcome all delegates, alumni, spouses, and guests to the **59th Annual Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards Conference** coming this fall. We hope that our new Wednesday through Friday format will be better suited for your busy schedules.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our theme of **Leading You Outdoors** was chosen to remind us all of the role we play in getting people of all ages outdoors. Our hope is that we can show and tell you about features and initiatives here in Polk County that are successfully leading people outdoors. Let's learn from each other to help our great state!

Each month preceding the conference, we will spotlight a speaker, field trip, educational session and other highlights to give you a glimpse of what is in store for you. So, **SAVE THE DATE**...we look forward to seeing you in September!

SEPT. 19-21

## CCB SYSTEM TURNS 65 IN 2020!

### ALUMNI REUNION IS IN THE WORKS!

As long as we are talking fall conferences – the **Story CCB** will be hosting the 2020 IACCB Fall Conference on **September 16-18, 2020**. In celebration of our 65<sup>th</sup> year, a CCB alumni reunion will be held in conjunction with the conference in Ames. So, for those of you that have retired or will be retiring between now and then – be sure to keep IACCB supplied with an accurate email address so we can include YOU in the planning! Looking to be a great gathering and it's none too soon to block your calendars!

*(Please feel free to share this information with CCB alumni you may have contact with – thanks!)*

😊 **Keep in touch at:** [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)



Shelter at Story CCB's Dakins Lake



## INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP – ROCK ISLAND

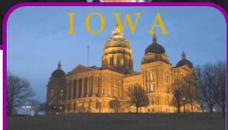
The Bi-State Conservation Action Network (organizers for the Quad Cities Pollinator Conferences) are planning an Invasive Species Workshop **March 1 from 9:00 - 4:00** at Black Hawk State Park Lodge in Rock Island, IL. The day-long workshop will be an opportunity for experts to share tools and research on invasive species prevention and control with local land managers and the public, and will be a networking opportunity for natural resource professionals in the Quad Cities and surrounding areas. **The cost for the workshop is \$35** and registration will be handled through Nahant Marsh staff (563-336-3374), OR on-line via the link below. Additional information and the final agenda will be available soon. **LINK:** <https://nahantmarsh.org/qcpollinatorconference/>

## IACCB PREFERRED VENDORS - 2018

IACCB is pleased to welcome the first 14 **Preferred Vendors** back for 2018! Last year was a banner year for this 58-year-old program as 35 business and service organizations chose to partner-up with us – furthering relationships that assist both sides in accomplishing their missions! It was great to see many of these Vendors at our 2017 Fall Conference in Sioux Center – and we look forward to seeing several at Winterfest 2018 coming up soon! **Hearty 2018 WELCOMES to: Amperage Marketing & Fundraising, Boland Recreation, Connect-A-Dock Sales, Eagle Point Solar, Harnack Co., Huffcutt Concrete, Iowa Agricultural Mitigation, Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association, Kunau Implement Co., Midwest Turf & Irrigation, Premier Polysteel, Quality Machine & Manufacturing, R.J. Thomas Mfg./Pilot Rock, and Truax Company, Inc.!**

**FULL ONLINE LISTING HERE:** <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/preferred-vendor.html>





PROGRAM  
AND  
BUDGET  
Fiscal Year 2019

## GOVERNOR'S BUDGET FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

**"My hope is that a water quality bill is the first piece of legislation I sign as Governor."**

Sooo – what's in the Governor's FY2019 Budget relating to Iowa's Natural Resources?\*

- **REAP** - Proposes STAYING AT \$12 million for FY 2019
- **DNR Admin** - Cut by another \$123K (to \$11,176,438)
- **IDALS Admin** - Cuts by about the same percentage – removes \$188K
- **Soil & Water Conservation** - Keeps the extra \$1M, and the extra \$1.575m in Cost Share
- **Loess Hills** – Maintains the zeroing out
- **DNR Park Operations & Maintenance** - Level funding at \$6.235M
- **Community Attraction & Tourism (CAT)** - Level funding at \$5M
- **Low Head Dams** - Restores \$1M (*was zeroed out last year*)
- **Lake Restoration & Water Quality** - Level funding for both (\$9.6M)
- **State Park Infrastructure** – Level funding at \$2M
- **Trails** – An increase back up to \$2.5M (*from \$1M last year*)

\*Thanks to our lobbyist, Craig Patterson for teasing this information out of her budget proposal. A thorough review of Gov. Reynolds FY2019 Budget Proposal is available via the following link.

**LINK:** [https://dom.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018/01/bib\\_fy2019.pdf](https://dom.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018/01/bib_fy2019.pdf)

### CONSERVATION & OUTDOOR RECREATION LEADERS PRAISE FOCUS ON WATER QUALITY, SAY NOW IS THE TIME TO "FUND THE TRUST"



**Tammi Kircher**, on behalf of **Iowa's Water and Land Legacy (IWILL) Coalition**, a broad-based coalition of leaders and organizations from the conservation, outdoor recreation, agriculture and business communities, today (1/9/18) issued the following statement regarding Governor Kim Reynolds' Condition of the State address. Kircher, of Keokuk, is the State Chair for Iowa Ducks Unlimited.

*"We are encouraged that Gov. Reynolds' first priority in her Condition of the State address emphasized the need for significant water quality legislation during the Iowa General Assembly's 2018 session."*

"Significant action to improve Iowa's water quality and conservation efforts cannot occur without permanent funding, which is why Iowa voters established the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund in Iowa's Constitution. Unfortunately, this Fund has sat empty since 63 percent of Iowa voters approved its creation in 2010. Now is the time for the governor and legislators to take the final step to include language in water quality legislation that funds Iowa's Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund."

"Funding the Trust is the only solution for conservation that Iowa voters enshrined in our state's Constitution. Funding the trust is the only solution that continues to have the support of seven out of ten Iowans. Funding the trust is the only solution that provides a dedicated funding source to ensure Iowans can have it all when it comes to clean water, productive agricultural soils and thriving wildlife habitats."

"Rare are the moments when a legislative session can have a generational impact on Iowans. Funding the Trust is that moment. Including the 3/8 cent sales tax increase in any legislation aimed at addressing water quality will help Iowa retain and recruit young people, strengthen our economy and improve our quality of life."

"Our broad-based coalition ranging from conservationists and sportspersons to farmers and business leaders stands ready to work with Gov. Reynolds and Iowa legislators to deliver a water quality and conservation victory for all Iowans."

Learn more about the coalition and the **Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund** at [www.iowaswaterandlandlegacy.org](http://www.iowaswaterandlandlegacy.org)



### WINTERFEST 2018 – JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

**Many Thanks!** to the **IACCBE Winterfest Planning Committee** for putting together another amazing 3-day conference coming up in a short two weeks – January 23-25 in Waterloo! We are looking forward to networking with all of you at this 47<sup>th</sup> annual rendition of this event!

If you would like to learn more about the county conservation legislative process, as well as the most current intel and efforts with REAP, IWILL and other issues – join Dan Cohen (Buchanan CCB) & Tom Hazelton (IACCB) for the "Connecting With the Legislature" session on Wed. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 PM.



## RESUME REVIEWERS NEEDED @ WINTERFEST!

We are looking forward to the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Collegiate Day** at Winterfest 2018! One of the important features of this day for our collegiate participants is the Resume Review session that occurs directly following the 10:00 AM Collegiate Seminar on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Each year, we invite 15-20 of our professional CCB staff to join us for this important opportunity as one of those who review these first-time resumes from the students. Volunteers should have experience in reviewing resumes and perhaps interviewing – AND, be available at 10:45 AM on 1/24 for approx. 30-40 min. to participate. Let me know – [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)

## CCPOA SPRING WORKSHOPS ON TAP IN MARCH

**Regional Spring Workshops** as hosted by local CCBs are currently being planned across Iowa.

**WESTERN REGIONAL – Harrison CCB** – Date TBD

**CENTRAL REGIONAL – Wright CCB** – Date TBD

**EASTERN REGIONAL – Muscatine/Cedar CCBs @ Muscatine** – March 6<sup>th</sup>

Look forward to additional information to be available from the CCPOA at Winterfest, and to future communications from the organization via email and their webpage.



## VARIOUS WEBSITE UPDATES!

Earlier this month, we welcomed **Calhoun & Buchanan CCBs** as the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> counties providing online facility reservations via MyCountyParks.com. One interesting statistic from Calhoun's launch was that for their 7 cabins, on the first day alone they received 30 reservations totaling \$23,624.00! Great job by **Director Curtis Vanderheiden** in educating and assisting his customers with learning a new way of cabining in Calhoun County!

On Tuesday this week, we met with our website developer, Informatics and reviewed the 27-page Functional Specification Document which will serve as the blueprint for construction of the new online Conference/Workshop Registration System which will be able to accommodate all the needs of every county conservation organization in our system! Following some thorough testing this spring – the first event to exclusively use this system will be the 2018 IACCB Fall Conference in Polk County. As training of other administrators for this system is completed – look for online registration to percolate throughout our affiliate groups – streamlining some very antique ways of registering, and increasing efficiency exponentially! IACCB is proud to be able to bring yet another innovation to our fleet of improvements over the past several years – enhancing those foundations for a bright and successful future! ☺



*Coming in  
May 2018*

 **\$790,652,828 – 34 years @ \$23M**

Iowa's County Conservation System  
NATURAL RESOURCE & OUTDOOR RECREATION TRUST FUND

**THE UNMET NEEDS OF COUNTY CONSERVATION**

94 CCBs in Listing      68 CCBs w/\$ Reported

## CCB UN-MET NEEDS LIST - 2018

**THANKS** to Jones, Lyon & Webster CCBs for sending in updated information for their portions of the **CCB UNMET NEEDS listing** that we started in 2016! This 60-page report now reflects thousands of projects and programs - totaling nearly \$800M that would take 34+ years to get caught up even if IWILL was funded today. Still plenty of you to hear from! ☺



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

1. **MONROE Co. – Executive Director**
2. **JACKSON Co. – Naturalist**
3. **TEMPORARY POSITIONS – 55+ opportunities listed on website**

■ Full Time  
■ Seasonal/Part-Time

