



Newsletter



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FUND THE TRUST DAY AT THE CAPITOL

SAVE THE DATE:

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

- * Feb 21 – District 3 Mtg. – Cherokee CCB
- * Feb 22 – District 4 Mtg. – Taylor 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
- * May 7 – District 4 Mtg. – Adair CCB
- * June 14 – District 5 Mtg. – Wayne CCB
- * June 20 – District 6 Mtg. – Black Hawk CCB

Feb. 12, 2018 - 'Twas quite the experience for all of you that were there! Best guesses put the crowd in the 350-400-ish arena, with well over a quarter of the crowd from the CCB ranks! It was a GOOD DAY for most...as we continued the conversations into the late afternoon and evening with legislators – THEY had heard from their constituents!

We also continue to hear great comments about Fund the Trust Day – the numbers, the enthusiasm, the young & energetic participants, etc. – “Job Well Done” to ALL!! 😊

Please continue to engage your legislators via email, phone calls and local/regional legislative forums – they need to know that they have constituent support as the discussion pivots to tax reform issues, need for mental health funding and others. The link below to your legislative forums is a great resource for these events – but also check out your weekly newsletters from legislators – and perhaps actually get on their email notifications lists! Here’s the link to those forums once again:

<http://www.infonetiowa.org/calendar/events/>

County Day at the Capitol is coming up on March 14th, and REAP Day at the Capitol on March 22nd – two more opportunities to connect with your legislators in person. The IWILL Coalition is also considering another “Virtual Day at the Capitol” that has been done successfully in the past – where we have all coalition members utilize email and social media to cascade down on the state house! 😊 Stay tuned for more important information....!!



Rep. Jane Bloomindale proudly displayed a Fund the Trust shirt with district CCB representatives.



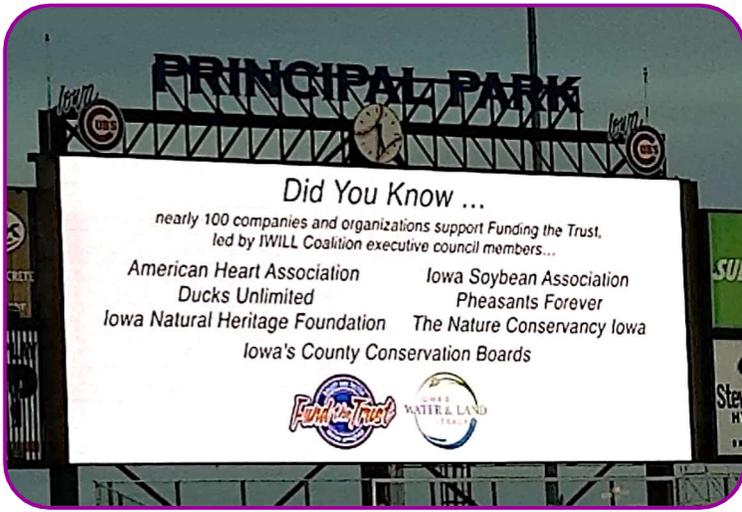
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2018 IACCB Annual
Fall Conference
September 19-21
Des Moines, IA



IOWA’S TOP COUNTY PARKS UPDATE!

Just a quick notice to those 23 CCBs that submitted their parks for the Iowa Tourism Office promotion. All of your pictures & materials have been turned over to the Tourism office, so we are awaiting their feedback in the next couple of weeks. Sure was some great stuff submitted....looking forward to seeing all the social media splashes coming up this spring!





COUPLE MORE IWILL DAY SNIPPETS

1. The jumbotron at Principal Park during the legislative reception following the Fund the Trust Day at the Capitol;
 2. **Chris Lee**, Director of the Des Moines CCB participating as a presenter in one of the three panel discussions in the rotunda – this one on economic development (Thanks, Chris!);
 3. **Tom Hazelton** with his Senator Liz Mathis as they discussed the possibilities for Funding the Trust, tax reform and mental health.

CCPOA SPRING WORKSHOPS



The CCPOA of Iowa, Inc. has released the listing of their 2018 Regional Spring Workshops as follows:

- March 6th – Muscatine County**
- March 8th – Harrison County**
- March 14th – Wright County**

Please utilize the Division's website via the link below to obtain the full agendas and registration procedures and deadlines for each event. Thanks to these three CCBs for organizing and hosting these important training events! 😊

LINK: <https://iowaccpoa.weebly.com/>

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Pre-Conference Activities

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPT. 19-21

- ◆ Ride the High Trestle Trail
- ◆ Unload at the Butch Olofson Range
- ◆ Let us Show You the Ropes at Climb Iowa
- ◆ Kayak the Raccoon River

IACCBE HONORS ROBERT ETZEL AT WINTERFEST 2018!

The audible hum that was Winterfest this past month took pause during the Wednesday luncheon to honor long-term Secretary-Treasurer of the association, Bob Etzel of Tama County. Etzel has served in this position for the past 14 years, and has served on various IACCBE committees in several capacities over the past four decades. Bob's steady influence and masterful handling of a myriad of administrative responsibilities has enabled the organization to maintain a level of excellence during his tenure. He will continue to serve on the broader committee and assist with several transitions in the months ahead – THANK-YOU for your service, you have provided a great ride for thousands of conference attendees, exhibitors and collegiate participants these many years! (Yes – BIG shoes to fill! 😊)

Hazelton / Etzel – 1/24/18



WINTERFEST CLOSES A CHAPTER IN WATERLOO – ON TO CORALVILLE

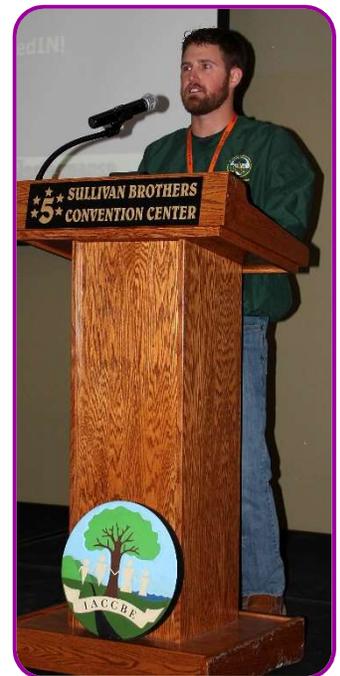
After an 18-year run at the Waterloo Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center, IACCBE has moved the conference to the Marriott Hotel & Convention Center in Coralville for 2019 - 2021. (Prior to Waterloo, Winterfest was located in Marshalltown in 1999-2000, and at the Springbrook Conservation Education Center from 1971-1998)

The 2018 edition sported 40+ educational sessions over three days, a dozen+ exhibitors and nearly 390 total participants! **Mandy Bieber** (Linn CCB) will take over as IACCBE President for 2018; **Josh Brandt** (Cerro Gordo CCB) will serve as the Vice President; and, **Melissa Johannes** (Story CCB) will take on the Secretary/Treasurer gig for 2018-19. Congrats to these folks on their elections and willingness to serve our industry in these important leadership roles! 😊

Ted Garnett addresses the audience for the welcoming Keynote Address - 1/23/18



Mike Weis, IACCBE President (Harrison) welcomes attendees to the conference



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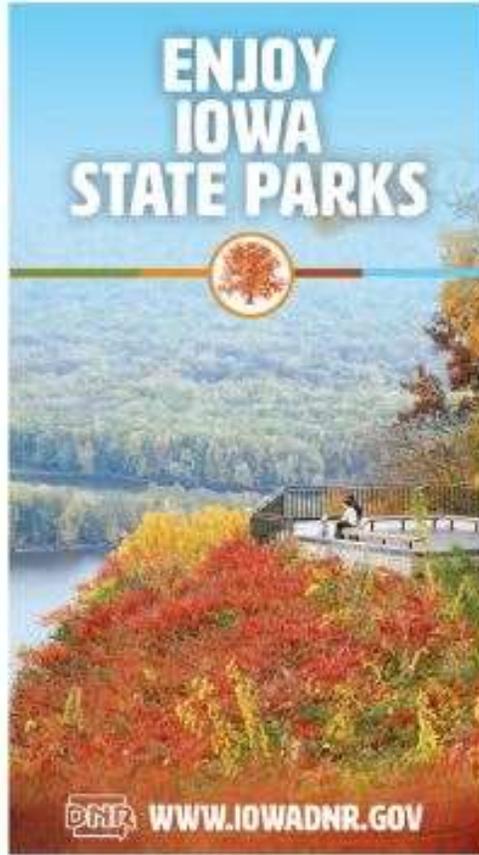
Just inside the front cover of the 2018 Iowa Travel Guide you will find the CCB advertisement – Woo-hoo! 😄

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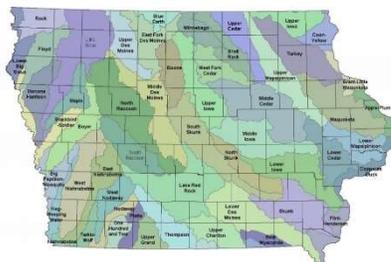


WATERSHED MANAGEMENT WKSP.

A **Stream and Watershed Integrated Management (SWIM)** workshop planned for June 26-28, 2018 at Whiterock Conservancy in Coon Rapids, IA. The SWIM workshop is designed to train individuals who work with stream/watershed principles and practices. It includes presentations by watershed and stream management professionals from Iowa State University, University of Iowa IHR Hydroscience & Engineering, Iowa DNR, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship - Division of Soil Conservation, and the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service. Classroom instruction in stream and watershed management is augmented with field trips and exercises where participants develop project plans for management of a local site.

Workshop Goals provide the scientific basis for understanding streams, stream corridors, and watershed functions; identify Best Management Practices for streams, stream corridors, and watersheds; and provide access to the tools of assessment of these functions where feasible.

Registration materials are available online at www.iowadnr.com/swim Please contact Jacklyn Gautsch at: Jackie.gautsch@dnr.iowa.gov for more information.



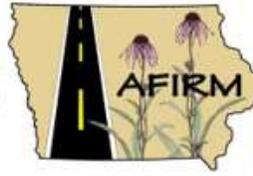


2018 IOWA WATER CONFERENCE

March 21-22 at the Scheman Building, Iowa State University

The theme of the 12th annual Iowa Water Conference, "Our Watershed, Our Community." Participants will explore current trends across water resource management in both urban and rural landscapes, with a particular emphasis on the interconnected nature of our water resources and the opportunities this offers for collaboration.

The Iowa Water Conference is the largest outreach and collaboration effort of the Iowa Water Center and is designed to bring together multi-disciplinary organizations and institutions to discuss relevant water issues across Iowa. The conference draws over 400 attendees and strives to encompass the whole of Iowa's water landscape including expanding into realms of education and outreach, conservation, policy and regulations. More Information/registration: <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/iwc/>



COUNTY CONSERVATION STRATEGIC VISIONING – IACCB 2020

In several ways, we find ourselves ahead of schedule on our 3-year plan towards a re-designed broader county conservation system by 2020. Our efforts and support of Funding the Trust (IWILL) continue to consume much of the available time in any given week, but churning along in the background are steady discussions and forward movement with the visioning necessary to bring about these changes. Our FY2018 "Phase One" has focused on collaboration with our Divisions (Affiliate Organizations) – reviewing and exploring shared management and administrative possibilities with the goal of completing these efforts by early summer. We applaud CCPOA's unanimous decision last month to become the first of seven affiliate organizations to jump "All-In" with the coordinated plan for fiscal, membership networking and administrative efficiency options! Our ongoing conversations will progress through this spring with the other organizations.

At the February 8th meeting of the IACCB Board of Directors, the full-board endorsed a preliminary salary & benefits structure for new Administrative Assistant position – one that will be competitive within our market pool and attractive to those within our industry. Additionally, they asked the CEO to advance a plan of discussions for the potential restructuring of our statewide CCB operations that would incorporate a system of divisions into the broader administration of who we are and what we do. The Board also reviewed a proposal for the rejuvenation of the Iowa Trust for Local Conservation (Iowa TLC), a 501(c)3 division of IACCB formed in the mid-2000s. This exciting trifecta of significant administrative modification and growth will set the stage for a bright rock-solid future for Iowa's County Conservation System! Look forward to additional information in the weeks ahead, as well as anticipate further discussions at divisional meetings, and the IACCB Annual Meeting in Polk County this fall – both our administrative Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation will have many proposed changes for consideration 😊

Collectively we are fortunate to have a visionary, energetic and dedicated membership across our system – willing to consider the potential of what can be – looking forward to working with you all in the months to come! 😊



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

1. JOHNSON Co. - Naturalist
2. POLK Co. – Conservation Laborer 1 (Weekends)
3. TEMPORARY POSITIONS – 125+ opportunities listed on website

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