



Iowa's County Conservation System

49th ANNUAL HABITAT IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

Sponsored & Presented by the Iowa Division of the
Izaak Walton League of America - 2023

WINNERS – County Populations Less than 20,000

NOMINATED CCBS: Butler, Chickasaw, Fayette, Dickinson, Mitchell, Guthrie, Harrison, Palo Alto, & Union

1ST PLACE – Planted 2,497 lbs. of prairie/ground cover on 250 acres of Private land & 930lbs on 93 Public acres; Planted 2,900 trees/shrubs on 15 acres; Burned or mowed 438 acres of prairie species on Private land & 771 acres on Public land ; restored/developed 59 acres of wetland; entered into 76 “Acres for Wildlife” agreements totaling 688 acres; provided timber stand improvement work on 10 acres including savanna restoration; employs a full-time Roadside Biologist/Manager; Offered 55 educational programs about habitat improvement, distributed 5,950 trees/shrubs and 2,497 lbs. of grass/forb seed.

2ND PLACE – Acquired 205 wildlife acres adjacent to exiting public land; Planted 700 trees/shrubs on 2.5 acres; Planted 499lbs prairie/ground cover on public land; Burned or mowed 175 acres of prairie species on public land; Developed/restored 14 acres of wetlands; Completed TSI on 4 acres including Savanna restoration. Provided equipment for establishment of 21 acres of wildlife habitat on private lands; Employs a full-time Roadside Biologist/Manager; Distributed 350 trees/shrubs.

3RD PLACE – Burned or mowed 2,140 acres of prairie species on public land; 3,187 trees and shrubs handled in tree distribution programs; planted food plots; provided numerous educational programs for landowners; made equipment available to establish 10 acres of wildlife habitat; distributed 545 lbs. of grass/forb seed, etc.

WINNERS – County Populations Greater than 20,000

NOMINATED CCBS: Dallas, Des Moines, Johnson, Linn, Story, & Woodbury

1ST PLACE – Acquired 202 wildlife acres; Planted 375 lbs. of prairie/ground cover on 49 acres of public land; Burned 366 acres of prairie species Mowed 176 acres on public land; Planted 2,500 trees, completed TSI on 15 acres including savanna restoration. CCB employs a full-time roadside Biologist/Manager; Provided numerous educational programs and volunteer day with habitat work.

2ND PLACE – Acquired 7.5 wildlife acres; Planted 767 lbs. of prairie/groundcover on 43 Private acres and 24 Public acres.; Burned or mowed 185 acres of prairie species on private land and 429 acres on public; Provided 61 informational programs about wildlife habitat improvement techniques; 364 lbs. of native grass seed harvested; 20 Acres of TSI work including savanna habitat; conducted haying or grazing on 31 acres on 3 separate parcels.

3RD PLACE – Burned 1,532 acres of public land & completed establishment mowing on 342 public acres; Completed TSI on 35 acres, managed water levels on wetlands; provided 3 informational programs about wildlife habitat improvement techniques; harvested 42 lbs. of native grass seeds, etc.

ICCS is most appreciative for the representatives from the Iowa Chapter of IWLA for joining us today to present these awards.