The Iowa Watershed Approach—
for Urban and Rural Resilience

HUD Disaster Resilience Grant: $96.9 million

English River: $5.7 million

A vision for our future that voluntarily engages stakeholders throughout the watershed to achieve common goals, while moving toward a more resilient Iowa.

Each watershed will leverage a watershed management authority, develop a hydrologic assessment and watershed plan, and implement projects to reduce the magnitude of downstream flooding and to improve water quality during and after flood events.

These projects range from construction of farm ponds, wetlands, and storm water detention basins; restoration of floodplains and oxbows; and implementation of perennial cover and buffer strips.

All projects will be voluntary, with landowners receiving 75 percent cost share assistance on constructed practices.

English River Watershed Budget*

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<th>Practice/Role</th>
<th>Cost (USD)</th>
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<td>Practices (County)</td>
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<td>Project Coordinator (County)†</td>
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<td>Planning, Design, Hydrologic Assessment (IFC/County)</td>
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* Draft budget subject to change pending final HUD agreement.
† Shared Project Coordinator with Clear Creek Watershed.
“Watershed projects not only provide protection against soil loss, but also provide an opportunity to enhance wildlife habitat.”
— Josh Batterson, Davis County Quail Forever

 “[The] project has created jobs and outside income for our small communities … The structures have increased the value of ag land, not only for the landowners, but for those downstream as well.”
— Soap Creek Landowner

“Iowans have already tried, tested, and approved the concepts of the IWA. In 2010, the IFC implemented the HUD-funded Iowa Watersheds Project (IWP) in five watersheds across the state. As the IWP enters into its final year, over 65 built practices including ponds, terraces, and wetlands will be completed. Iowans are now seeing the benefits of these structures.”

—IWA Partners
• Iowa Economic Development Authority
• Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management
• University of Iowa/Iowa Flood Center,
• Iowa State University
• University of Northern Iowa
• Iowa Department of Agriculture
& Land Stewardship
• Iowa Department of Natural Resources
• Natural Resources Conservation Service
• County Soil & Water Conservation Districts
• The Nature Conservancy
• Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
• Iowa Soybean Association
• Iowa Corn Growers Association
• Iowa Farm Bureau
• Iowa Agricultural Water Alliance
• Local Resource Conservation & Development offices
• Local Council of Governments offices
• Iowa Department of Transportation
• Iowa Association of Counties
• Silver Jackets Flood Risk Management Team
• and many more

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