

PROGRAM SIGN UP

Enrollment is on a continuous basis. Land must be in one of the 37 eligible counties and meet all other CREP eligibility requirements. Established wetlands must be positioned and designed so as not to impact the drainage rights of upstream or downstream landowners.



MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality at 515-281-4246. Information is also available at local Farm Service Agency and Soil and Water Conservation District offices.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

USDA Farm Service Agency

Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Iowa State University

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

FUNDING IOWA WETLANDS

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CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



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The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) helps landowners protect Iowa's natural resources and is a joint effort of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the United States Department of Agriculture that works in cooperation with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

ABOUT IOWA CREP

The Iowa Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is a state, federal, local and private partnership that provides incentives to landowners who voluntarily establish wetlands for water quality improvement in the tile-drained north-central region of Iowa. The goal of the program is to reduce nitrogen loads and movement of other agricultural chemicals from croplands to streams and rivers. In addition to improving water quality, wetlands provide wildlife habitat and increase recreational opportunities.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Landowners participating in Iowa CREP will receive:

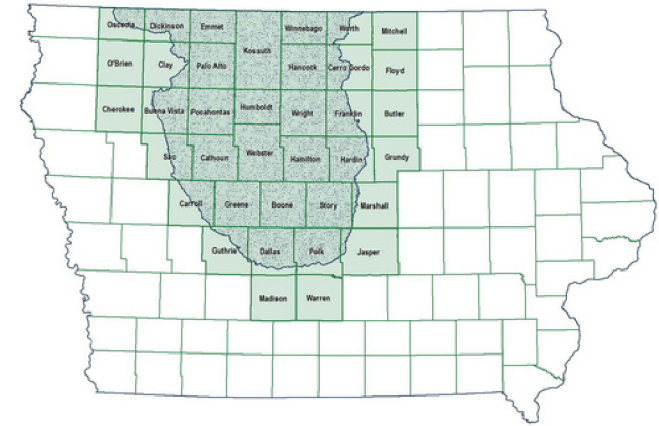
- Up to 15 years of annual rental payments from USDA for all enrolled acres paid at 150% of the calculated average soil rental rate
- 100% cost-share for wetland restoration and buffer establishment
- A one-time, up-front incentive payment to enter into either a 30-year or perpetual easement

PROGRAM WEBSITE

iowaagriculture.gov/crep

THE IMPORTANCE OF IOWA CREP

The Iowa CREP provides cost share to help implement nutrient-reduction wetlands that support the state's Nutrient Reduction Strategy. Substantially reducing nitrate loads requires a combination of in-field best management practices and edge-of-field practices such as wetlands. Research at Iowa State University has demonstrated that strategically positioned and designed **wetlands can remove 40-90% of nitrates from agricultural tile drainage waters.**



The map above shows the 37 CREP eligible counties, located in the Des Moines Lobe region of Iowa.

40-90%

NITRATE REMOVAL FROM WETLANDS

