

## ABOUT PSCW

- Since 2003, Partners of Scott County Watersheds (PSCW) has been teaming up with local governments, schools, conservation groups, and individuals who care about our water resources.
- **Together we have received grant funding for watershed assessments and on-the-ground project installation, provided education and outreach in both rural and urban areas, continued local water quality monitoring, and much more.**

### Educational Forums

Providing education about funding programs, projects, and conservation with expert speakers



### Water Quality Monitoring

Volunteer-led data collection, monitoring supplies, and lab analysis fees



### Technical Assistance

Applying for grants, connecting people with projects and funding



### Volunteer Opportunities

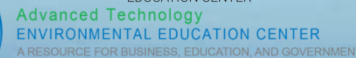
Spreading a sense of stewardship through monitoring, cleanups, and awareness



## FUNDING PARTNERS



## Other Partners



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## Partners of Scott County Watersheds



## Funding Programs for Conservation Practices

## FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY COST SHARE PROGRAMS

*For landscaping projects that  
protect and improve water  
quality*

These programs provide technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices. They are available to agricultural and urban landowners.

## LOCAL PROGRAMS

The [Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District \(SWCD\)](#)'s State and County Cost Share Program offers a reimbursement of 50% for conservation practices installed on eligible agricultural land. Qualifying practices include grassed waterways, terraces, water and sediment control basins, etc. The Urban Initiative Cost Share Program offers a reimbursement of 50% (up to \$2,000) for landscape practices that protect and enhance water quality and address drainage problems. Visit [www.scottcountysoilandwater.org/programs](http://www.scottcountysoilandwater.org/programs) to learn more.

The [City of Davenport](#)'s Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Cost-Share Program provides grants for up to 50% of the cost to install eligible stormwater infiltration practices on private property. Visit [www.cityofdavenportiowa.com](http://www.cityofdavenportiowa.com) to learn more.

## STATE PROGRAMS

The [Iowa Financial Incentive Program \(IFIP\)](#) fund allocations are made to soil and water conservation districts, commissioners set priorities for their use, and field office staff assure the technical quality of practices built. These practices are subject to maintenance agreements. State cost share can be used for temporary or permanent practices. Visit [iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/financialAssistance.asp](http://iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/financialAssistance.asp) to learn more.

The [Water Quality Initiative \(WQI\)](#) program provides assistance for nutrient reduction strategy and development projects in urban and rural settings. Visit [iowaagriculture.gov/dscwq/requests-proposals](http://iowaagriculture.gov/dscwq/requests-proposals) to learn more.

The [State Revolving Loan Fund](#) is a new source of low-cost financing available to landowners. This opportunity is available specifically to assist and encourage landowners to address non-point source pollution of Iowa streams and lakes. Visit [iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityLoanFund.asp](http://iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/waterQualityLoanFund.asp) to learn more.

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#) is a voluntary conservation program of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. This program is available to farmers, and offers financial and technical assistance to install or implement structural, vegetative and management practices on eligible agricultural land. Visit [nrcs.usda.gov](http://nrcs.usda.gov) to learn more.

The [Agricultural Conservation Easement Program \(ACEP\)](#) helps landowners, land trusts, and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands, grasslands, and working farms and ranches through conservation easements. Visit [nrcs.usda.gov](http://nrcs.usda.gov) to learn more.

The [Conservation Stewardship Program \(CSP\)](#) is a voluntary program that encourages agricultural and forestry producers to address resource concerns by improving and maintaining existing conservation systems and undertaking additional conservation activities to enhance their operation. CSP pays participants for conservation performance. This program provides participants with an annual payment for maintaining their current stewardship level while enhancing their operation to improve certain resource concerns. Visit [nrcs.usda.gov](http://nrcs.usda.gov) to learn more.

The [Conservation Reserve Program \(CRP\)](#) is a land conservation program administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality. Contracts for land enrolled in CRP are 10-15 years in length. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and reduce loss of wildlife habitat. Visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov) to learn more.

The [Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program \(CREP\)](#) targets high-priority conservation concerns identified by a state, and federal funds are supplemented with non-federal funds to address those concerns. In exchange for removing environmentally sensitive land from production and establishing permanent resource conserving plant species, farmers and ranchers are paid an annual rental rate along with other federal and state incentives as applicable per each CREP agreement. Participation is voluntary, and the contract period is typically 10-15 years. Visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov) to learn more.

The [Emergency Conservation Program \(ECP\)](#) helps farmers and ranchers to repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and to help put in place methods for water conservation during severe drought. The ECP does this by giving ranchers and farmers funding and assistance to repair the damaged farmland or to install methods for water conservation. Visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov) to learn more.