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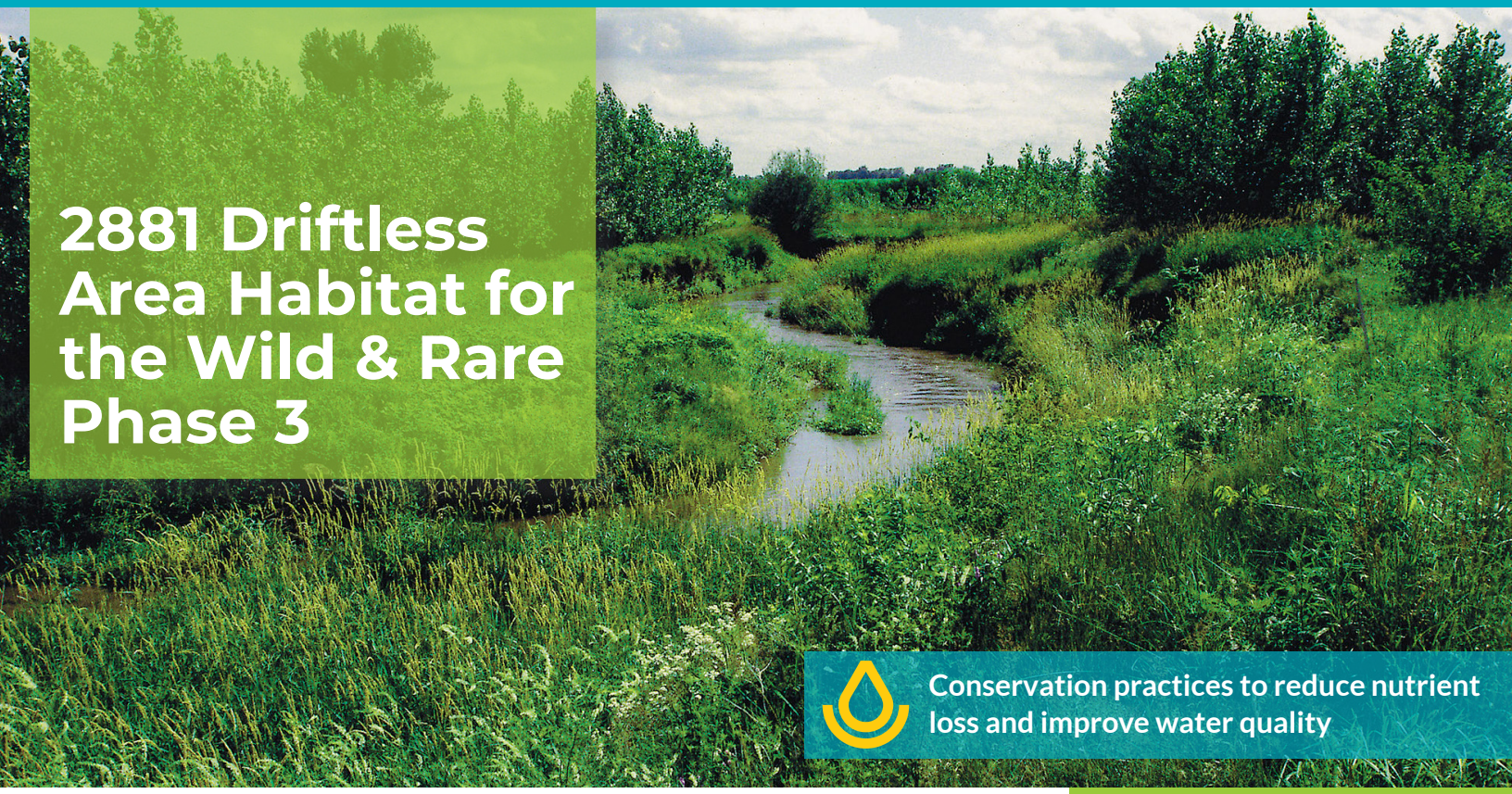
2881 Driftless Area Habitat for the Wild & Rare Phase 3



Conservation practices to reduce nutrient loss and improve water quality

What is RCPP?

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination of NRCS conservation activities with partners that offer value-added contributions to expand our collective ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns. Through RCPP, NRCS seeks to co-invest with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to the resource concerns they seek to address.

Project

Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort aims to restore structural diversity and ecological function in 30 miles of cold-water streams, 200 acres of pollinator habitat, and 400 acres of riparian habitat throughout Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. This project will address areas with habitat limitations, geomorphic instability, excess nutrient and sediment delivery, and degraded plant communities to reduce 3,510 tons of soil loss and 3,510 pounds of phosphorus.

Eligible Practices

The project establishes an approach for private sector conservation planning support for 35 practices such as:

- Aquatic Organism Passage
- Conservation Cover
- Filter Strip
- Prescribed Grazing
- Tree and Shrub Establishment
- Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
- Wetland Restoration
- Wildlife Habitat Planting

More Information

For more information about conservation planning and financial assistance, contact your local NRCS office.

Funding:

Duration:
Five years (2023-2028)
Federal Funds:
Financial Assistance: $4,460,062
Technical Assistance: $1,660,511
Partner Contributions:
$9,109,420

Portions of the following Iowa Counties:

Allamakee, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Howard, Jackson, Jones, Linn, Winneshiek

Where to Apply

Find your local service center at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/find-a-service-center

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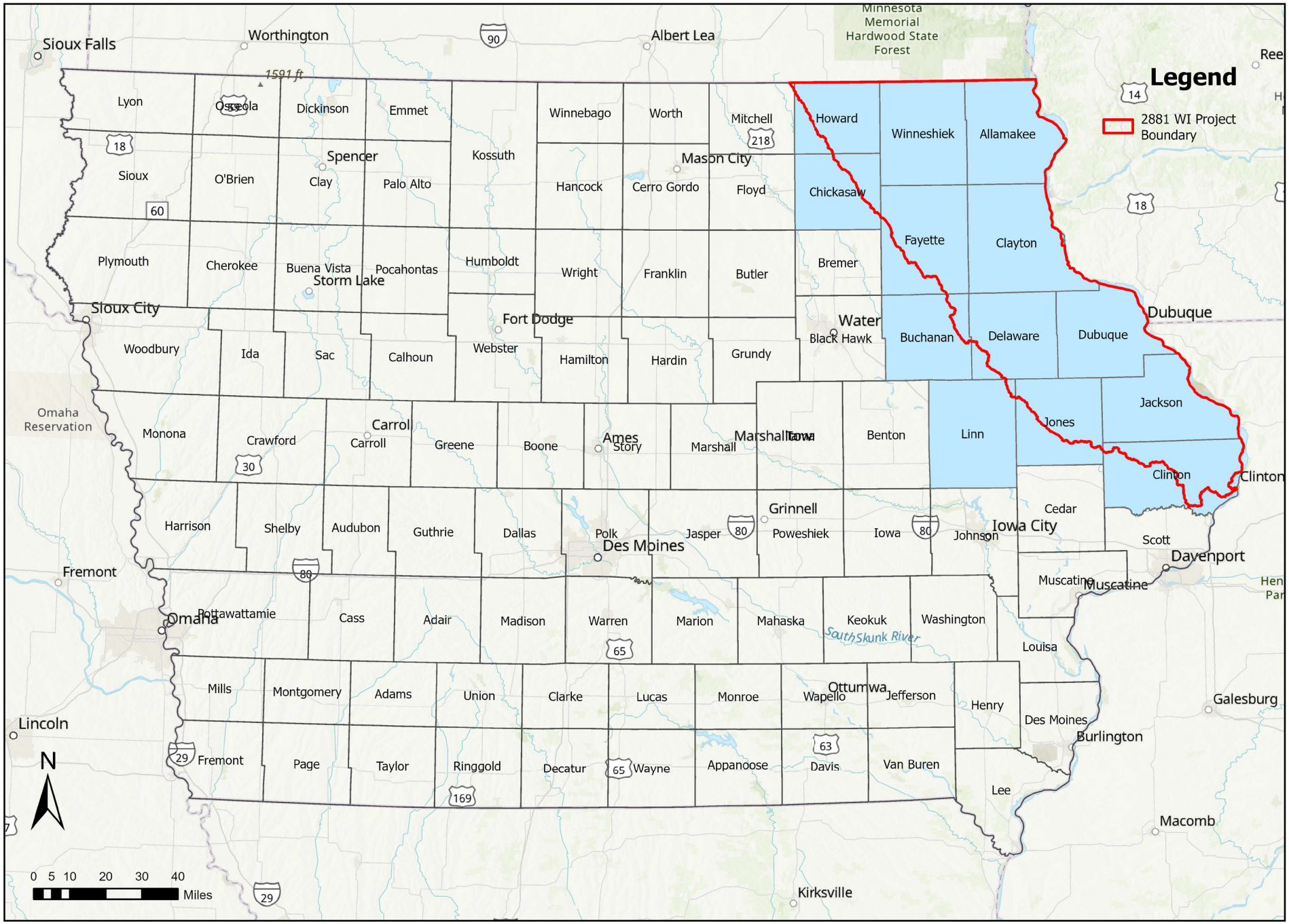

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