

At-a-Glance

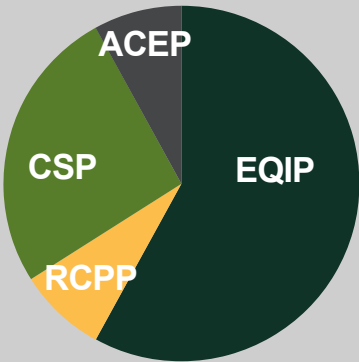
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FY25 Total Program Accomplishments

(by New Funds Obligated)



CSP	\$21.0 M	142,279 Ac.	320 contracts
ACEP	*\$6.9 M	523 Ac.	3 easements
EQIP	\$32.2 M	65,658 Ac.	467 contracts
RCPP	\$15.2 M	50,042 Ac.	547 contracts
TOTAL	\$75.3 M	258,502 Ac.	1,337 contracts

*ACEP includes \$1.18 million in funding for stewardship activities on existing easements.

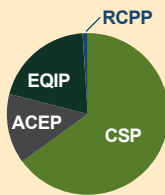


Ongoing Program Workload

Active Contracts, Easements & Acres



2,161 contracts
 2,099 contracts
 1,722 easements
 237 contracts



980,425 acres
 322,059 acres
 197,138 acres
 21,599 acres

Ongoing Program Workload: Iowa NRCS staff are managing 6,276 active contracts and easements that cover more than 1.5 million private land acres.

Primary Farm Bill NRCS Conservation Programs

CSP	ACEP	EQIP	RCPP
Conservation Stewardship Program	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Regional Conservation Partnership Program
Through CSP, NRCS helps proven conservationists build on existing stewardship efforts while strengthening operations through many conservation enhancement options.	Through ACEP, NRCS helps to restore, protect, or enhance enrolled easement areas. Landowners retain private ownership of their land, but follow certain land use requirements.	Through EQIP, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits.	Through RCPP, NRCS co-invests with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Landscape Initiatives, Priorities, and Special EQIP Projects



EQIP Initiative, Priority or Project	Obligation	Acres	Contracts
CPAs, DIAs, CEMAs*	\$425,397	10,996 Ac.	44 contracts
High Tunnel System Initiative	\$719,275	133 Ac.	35 contracts
Historically Underserved	\$11,113,821	13,401 Ac.	161 contracts
Mississippi River Basin Health Watersheds Initiative (MRBI)	\$4,629,363	15,840 Ac.	50 contracts
Monarch Butterfly Initiative**	\$489,362	267 Ac.	21 contracts
National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)	\$1,457,303	3,658 Ac.	19 contracts
Northern Bobwhite Quail Initiative**	\$501,473	1,623 Ac.	22 contracts
Organic Initiative	\$380,045	700 Ac.	3 contracts
Organic Transition Initiative (OTI)	\$2,542,367	4,706 Ac.	17 contracts
Prairie Pothole Initiative***	\$686,262	251 Ac.	10 contracts
Source Water Protection	\$1,375,909	3,281 Ac.	22 contracts
Specialty Agriculture	\$101,548	33 Ac.	4 contracts
Wildlife Habitats	\$5,166,047	10,489 Ac.	276 contracts

*CPA (Conservation Planning Activities), DIA (Design and Implementation Activities), CEMA (Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities)

Working Lands for Wildlife *Migratory Bird Resurgence Initiative

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

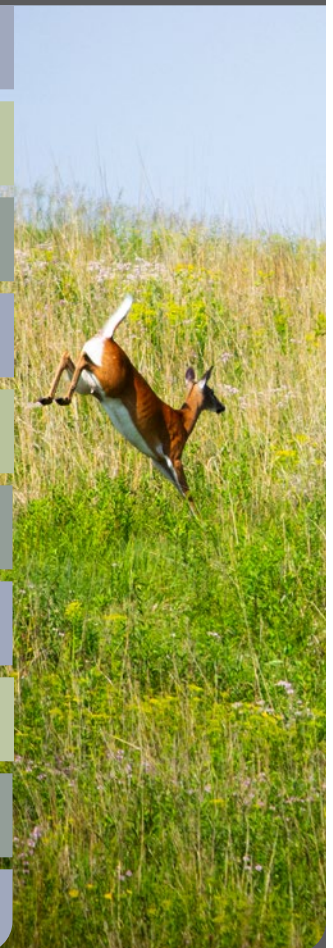
Alternative Funding Arrangement (AFA) Project Summary

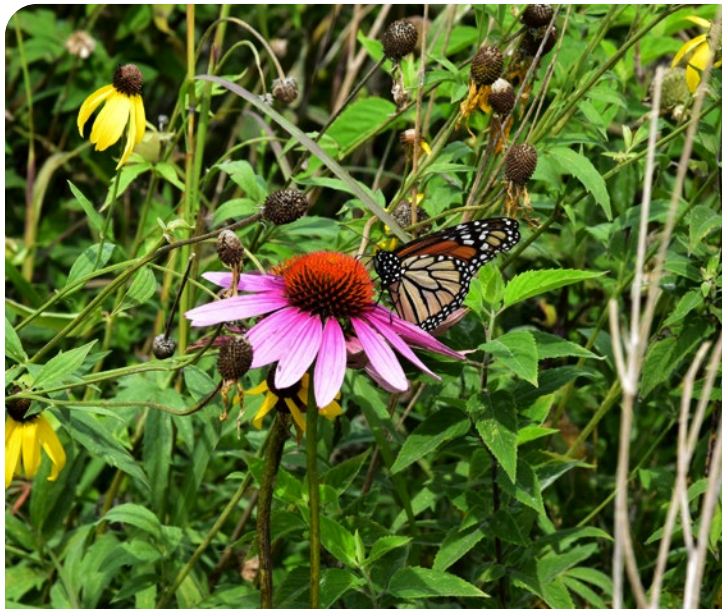
Iowa Partners for Natural Infrastructure	\$523,624	17 contracts	41 acres
Iowa Working Lands Conservation Partnership	\$1,567,592	114 contracts	3,835 acres
Iowa Climate Smart Switchgrass Cropping System	\$953,665	178 contracts	12,162 acres
Advancing Farmer-Led Incentives in the Midwest	\$250,564	73 contracts	7,855 acres
TOTAL	\$3,295,445	382 contracts	23,893 acres



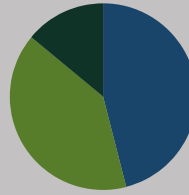
RCPP18 Project Summary

ISACD Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage	\$1,603,395	27 contracts	581 acres
Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership	\$2,442,742	32 contracts	10,261 acres
North Raccoon Partnership for Soil and Water	\$1,994,374	14 contracts	8,862 acres
Protect Rathbun Lake	\$1,673,590	27 contracts	208 acres
Southeast Iowa Watershed Partnership	\$874,107	21 contracts	66 acres
Floyd River Water Quality Partnership	\$423,682	16 contracts	4,114 acres
Cedar River Source Water Partnership	\$1,627,898	10 contracts	2,000 acres
Driftless Area Habitat for Wild & Rare Phase 3	\$536,634	7 contracts	20 acres
West Nishnabotna Water Quality	\$720,557	11 contracts	37 acres
TOTAL	\$11,896,979	165 contracts	26,149 acres

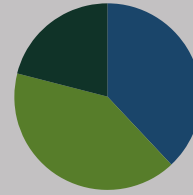




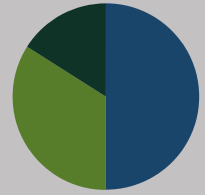
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)



\$9.6 M
\$8.4 M
\$3.0 M



54,034 Ac.
57,817 Ac.
30,368 Ac.

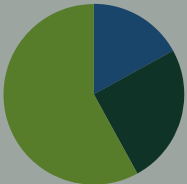


161 contracts
111 contracts
48 contracts

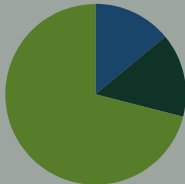
● New FY25 ● FY25 Renewals ● CSP IRA Renewals

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

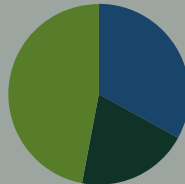
Easements closed in FY25



\$2.0 M
\$3.6 M
\$8.1 M



316 Ac.
354 Ac.
1,695 Ac.



5 easements
3 easements
7 easements

● ACEP-WRE (Wetland Reserve) ● IRA ACEP-WRE (Wetland Easements) ● EWPP-FPE (Emergency Watershed Protection-Floodplain Easements)

Other Conservation Activities

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*

Active Contracts: **100,576**
Acres: **1,604,996**

State Cost-Share (IDALS)*

Funds: **\$32.34 M**
Practices Funded: **7,260**

Conservation Plans*

Written: **6,941**
Acres Planned: **685,611**

*See maps for more details.

Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) Disaster Recovery

NRCS provided disaster relief through EWP last year to communities impacted by flooding and high winds, totaling more than \$1.4 million.

City of Pleasant Hill: After flash flooding and high winds resulted in streambank erosion and debris compromising a residential area near Fourmile Creek, NRCS assistance helped move about 600 feet of bank away from the properties and armor the ditch with rip rap. The NRCS assistance also included tree removal and clearing. (\$232,485)

Polk County: When a drainage ditch began eroding threatening residential properties on Des Moines' north side, NRCS assisted by covering the cost of reducing bank slopes and armoring about 400 feet on both sides of a ditch along a tributary of Saylor Creek. Rock grade control structures were also added along the drainage ditch. (\$83,407)

City of Johnston: After years of bank line erosion along the Des Moines River in the River Bend area, recent flooding events threatened residential properties and septic systems. NRCS helped by covering a portion of the cost to rip rap about 700 feet, 14 feet high at 2:1 slopes. NRCS also helped protect the storm water outlet and drainage ditch from further erosion with 2.5-foot thick layer of rip rap. (\$293,246)

City of Spencer: NRCS helped the city with debris removal and streambank and shoreline protection following the devastating June 2024 floods. Debris was threatening utilities and a recreational trail bridge. (\$420,007)

Webster County: Flooding caused backup and reduced flows along Des Moines River tributaries in Webster County in 2024. NRCS helped with streambank and shoreline protection and debris removal. (\$424,875)

