



2007 Annual Report

Story Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

This report has been prepared by the Story County Soil and Water District Commissioners for your information. We are very pleased with the conservation progress in the county over the past 60 years. We also realize our work would be impossible without the cooperation of the people of Story County.

We want to thank all the residents of the county for their efforts on behalf of soil and water conservation and we welcome your input to continue this good work.

If you have resource issues, please contact our office at 515-382-2217 in Nevada, Iowa.

Ongoing Story SWCD Activities

Urban Resources and Boarderland Alliance Network

Jennifer Welch
Urban Environmental Conservationist

Urban BMPs to protect Iowa's Water Quality

The Urban Resources & Borderland Alliance Network (URBAN) serves Dallas, Marion, Polk and Story Soil & Water Conservation Districts. The mission of URBAN is to improve water quality and natural resource conservation in urban and developing areas by providing education, information and technical assistance to government units, the development community and citizens in Iowa.

URBAN has been working to help communities adopt resource protection methods such as conservation buffers and ordinances for water quality protection. URBAN also provides public outreach, education, and awareness of stormwater quality issues. URBAN strives to illustrate the impacts of development on water quality, and to demonstrate how changes in storm water management practices can positively impact water quality.

The URBAN Board, comprised of SWCD Commissioners, has worked to illustrate the benefits of urban conservation in Iowa. The goal is to provide funding for urban conservation practices and staff assistance in urbanizing areas.

Visitors at our monthly meetings

Jim Cooper, Director of Prairie Rivers RC&D and Anita Maher-Lewis, RC&D representative, spoke on projects they are working on.

Jennifer Welch, URBAN Conservationist and Mark Nemmers, Polk SWCD Commissioner gave a presentation on URBAN activities.

Bob Speery, Story County Engineer, spoke with Commissioners about field runoff filling newly-cleaned county road ditches.

Karen Woodrich, Assistant State Conservationist Field Operations, gave insights on the NRCS agency and the budget issues they are facing.

Paul Valin, Division of Soil Conservation Field Representative, summarized current events at the State Office and presented "Employee of the Month" award to the State Secretary.

Mimi Wagner, Assistant Commissioner, talked about the WIRB grant secured by the City of Ames that focused on the College Creek area.

ARBOR DAY TREES

The Story SWCD gave 750 Highbush Cranberry shrubs to 3rd and 4th grade school children in the Ballard, Collins-Maxwell, Colo-NESCO, Roland-Story and Nevada School Districts to celebrate Arbor Day.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007**

These funds plus secretary assistance are provided by the State of Iowa and allocated to the District by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Total Allocation	\$ 2,136.40
Commissioners Expense	\$ 1,040.06
Office Expense	\$ 128.27
Dues Paid	\$ 968.07
Total Funds Spent	\$ 2,136.40

'03-'04 IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Total Allocation	\$ 15,523.00
Spent	\$ 13,803.11
Recalled by state	\$ 1,719.89

'04-'05 IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Total Allocation	\$ 15,523.00
Spent	\$ 5,477.37
Obligated	\$ 9,929.21
Recalled by DSC	\$ 116.42

'05-'06 IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Total Allocation	\$ 15,523.00
Spent	\$ 5,854.63
Obligated	\$ 9,628.68
Recalled by DSC	\$ 39.69

'06-'07 IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Total Allocation	\$15,523.00
Obligated	\$12,189.78
Balance	\$ 3,333.22

REAP Practices	\$ 4,071.00
REAP Forestry	\$ 581.25
CRP incentives	\$ 1,490.00

COUNTY BUDGET

Provided by the Story County Supervisors

FY07 Allocation	\$ 5,000.00
Funds spent in 2007	\$ 1,881.93

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS

District checking & savings 7/1/06	\$25,123.40
Deposits	\$47,153.96
Disbursements	\$43,827.01
Balance 6/30/07	\$28,450.35

DISTRICT FIELD OFFICE STAFF

Aaron Musselman	District Conservationist
Craig Hempy	Soil Conservationist
Cris Birks	Soil Conservation Technician
Gretta Albrecht	Program Specialist
Claudia Dalbey	State Secretary

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY 2007

Practices Applied with SWCD Assistance
(July 1, 2006– June 30, 2007)

Conservation Systems Planned.....	29,582 ac
Conservation Systems Applied.....	29,430 ac
Nutrient Management Planned.....	353 ac
Nutrient Management Applied.....	3,049 ac
Pasture Planting.....	80 ac
Total Residue Management.....	24,271 ac
Total Wildlife Habitat.....	369 ac
Terraces.....	4,349 ft

Conservation Buffers

Grassed Waterways.....	62 ac
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment.....	1,284 ft
Grade Stab Structure	6 no
Riparian Forest Buffers.....	22 ac
Conservation Cover.....	236 ac

Federal Funding

Conservation Security Program contracts.....	22
Environmental Quality Incentive Program	
25 contracts.....	\$113,504.00

COMMISSIONERS

Erwin Klaas, Chairman	Franklin Township
Jerry Radke, Vice Chair	Nevada Township
Marilyn Loupee	Washington Township
Dave Van Waus	New Albany Township
Mark Tjelmeland	Warren Township

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Mimi Wagner	Franklin Township
Gene Flynn	Nevada Township
Cindy Hildebrand	Grant Township

The Story County Soil and Water Conservation District (Story SWCD) meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center.

These meetings are open to the public. If you have conservation concerns and would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact the office prior to the meeting.

**Check us out online at
www.story-swcd.org**

The Mission Of The Story Soil And Water Conservation District Is To Promote Soil Conservation And Water Quality To Landowners, Operators, And Residents Of Story County By Providing Technical Information And Financial Assistance.