



2008 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 61 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.

Watershed: Watershed Manager's Guide, WET Curriculum and Activity Guide, and the Storm Water Kids books. Following a model developed by Ducks Unlimited, teachers within the Four Mile Creek watershed that attend the training workshop and complete a classroom project (poster contest, field day, volunteer monitoring exercise) will be eligible for one hundred dollars from the watershed project to purchase Project WET materials for their students and classrooms in order to facilitate on-going storm water education.

URBAN participated in the Cool Cities conference September 27th, 2008 sponsored by the City of Ames and AMOS, presenting a breakout session on protecting and conserving water resources. URBAN is also facilitating the implementation of stormwater management practices at the 3M Company in Knoxville and a native landscape project at Pella Christian High School.

Ongoing Story SWCD Activities

Urban Resources and Borderland Alliance Network

**Karen Hansen
Director**

URBAN is currently funded through the Four Mile Creek Watershed Project and the Iowa Storm Water Education Program. Fulfilling the goals of both efforts has been both rewarding and challenging. In addition, URBAN has facilitated the implementation of storm water management practices and participated in outreach and education projects.

A campaign to engage local retailers and lawn service providers in promoting the use of low/no phosphorous fertilizer to protect water quality is being developed by URBAN. A brochure and static cling window sign has been designed for use by interested businesses, and participants may choose to be listed on a webpage as a resource for local citizens. URBAN will take the campaign forward in communities wishing to participate.

URBAN is also working with Marcene Seavey, Iowa Project WET Program Director, to develop an urban water issues module using the Discover a

Visitors at our monthly meetings

Karen Hansen, URBAN Conservationist, introduced herself and summarized her experience.

David Strom, Division of Soil Conservation Field Representative, summarized current events at the State Office and spoke about District Websites.

Dennis Barrick, District Employee, introduced himself and was welcomed by the Commissioners.

ARBOR DAY TREES

The Story SWCD gave 775 Hackberry trees 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, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008**

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

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| Total Allocation | \$ 2,124.81 |
| Commissioners Expense | \$ 1,191.35 |
| Office Expense | \$ 159.60 |
| Dues Paid | \$ 773.86 |
| Total Funds Spent | \$ 2,124.81 |

FY08 IOWA FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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| Total Allocation | \$ 58,453.80 |
| Spent | \$ 18,603.62 |
| Obligated | \$ 28,239.46 |
| Recalled by state | \$ 11,610.72 |

FY08 REAP PRACTICES

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| Total Allocation | \$ 11,440.50 |
| Spent | \$ 1,911.64 |
| Obligated | \$ 4,587.03 |
| Recalled by DSC | \$ 4,941.83 |

FY08 REAP FORESTRY/NATIVE GRASSES

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| Total Allocation | \$ 4,416.70 |
| Spent | \$ 1,511.88 |
| Obligated | \$ 2,040.00 |
| Recalled by DSC | \$ 864.82 |

COUNTY BUDGET

Provided by the Story County Supervisors

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| FY08 Allocation | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Funds spent in 2008 | \$ 843.07 |

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS

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| District checking & savings 7/1/07 | \$28,450.35 |
| Deposits | \$40,133.83 |
| Disbursements | \$31,366.81 |
| Balance 6/30/08 | \$37,217.37 |

DISTRICT FIELD OFFICE STAFF

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

COMMISSIONERS

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 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

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 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.