

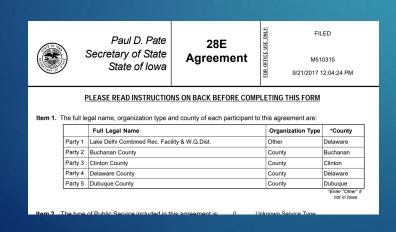
ISAC Annual Conference



Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority 34 members

WMA's 101- What is a Watershed Management Authority?

- Formed by an intergovernmental agreement (28E) by two or more political subdivisions with in a specific eight-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC) watershed.
- Governed by a Board of Directors to undertake activities such as:
 - Assess and reduce flood risk
 - Assess and improve water quality
 - Educate residents of the watershed regarding flood risks and water quality
 - Allocate moneys made available to the Authority for purposes of water quality and flood mitigation.



Board of Directors Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority Administrative By-Laws

1. ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS

These administrative by-laws are hereby established in accordance with Section 6.3 of the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority", 28E Agreement, same having been filed with the lowa Secretary of State office on September 21, 2017. The Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors, as stipulated in Article 6 of the 28E Agreement.

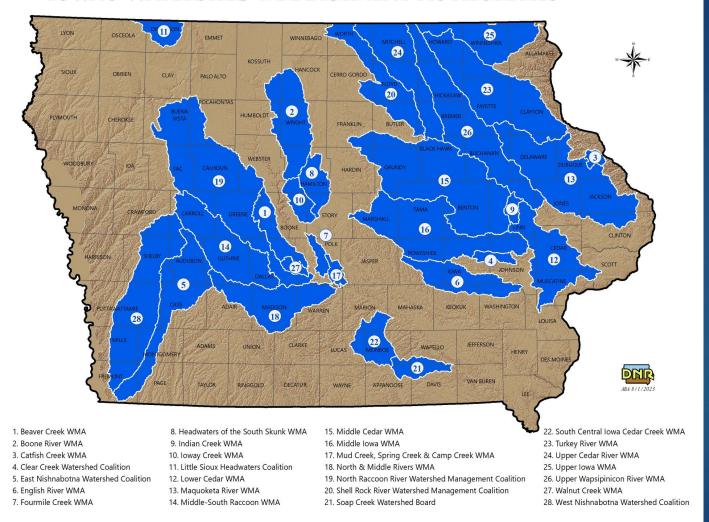
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These bylaws shall direct and guide the management and day to day operation of the Authority

3. DEFINITIONS

- Political Subdivision: A city, county, taxing district or soil and water conservation district eligible for membership in the Authority.
- B. <u>Member</u>: A Political Subdivision that has adopted the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority 28E Agreement. The member political subdivisions include:
 - a. Counties: Buchanan, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Favette, Jackson, Jones and Linn.
 - Cities: Andrew, Aurora, Baldwin, Cascade, Delaware, Delhi, Dyersville, Epworth, Farley, Goose Lake, Hopkinton, Lamont, La Motte, Manchester, Maquoketa, Moritcello, New Vienna, Preston, Ryan, Spragueville, Strawberry Point, Morthbieton and Woomije.

IOWA'S WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES



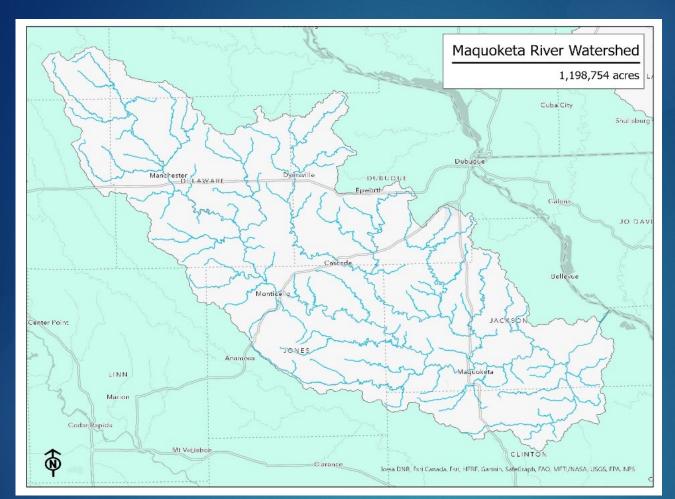
28 WMAs across the state, with only 9 having coordinators.

Timeline of MR WMA

- 2017- Maquoketa River WMA applied to the state and was officially recognized on 10.24.17
- 2019- Applied for WMA Watershed Planning Grant \$100,000
 - Hired Watershed Coordinator
 - II. Partnered with University of Iowa
 - III. Lasted from July 2021 December 2022
- 2020- City of Manchester gifted U of Iowa Planning Student projects to complete Phase I of the WMP
- 2022 February- Board approved 6 month extension of Watershed Coordinator after DNR grant exhausted in DEC 2022. Hydrosensor Funding U of Iowa announcement.
- 2022-May- Watershed Management Plan Complete Phase II
- 2022- September –Hosted Field day at Central Park in Jones County
- 2023- March- Board Approved Year long term for Watershed Coordinator FY24
- 2023 April- Awarded \$30,500 from DNR for Watershed Signs
- 2023 August- Manchester Wetland Unveiling
- 2023- October- Awarded \$250,000 Farmer to Farmer Cover Crop Grant
- 2023- December- Awarded \$15,000 Clif Family Foundation for stream sensors
- 2024- March- Board renews coordinator contract for FY25
- 2024-April- August- Cover Crop Cost Share available.









The Maquoketa River WMA:

- Covers 9 counties
- Has 1 full time coordinator primarily funded by a self funded formula
- 34 Board of Director Community Members- with one representee from each entity.
- 5 years of Water sampling Data
- 53 Watershed Signs installed

WATERSHED COORDINATORS PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE

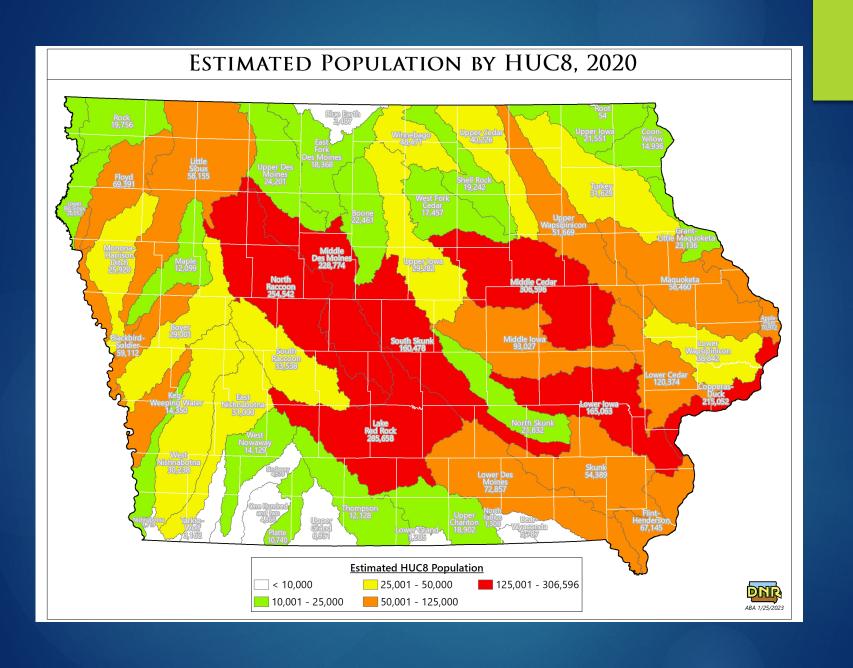
- Seek and apply for project grant funding.
- Assist in development of watershed management plan.
- Provide leadership in community outreach efforts related to watershed planning.
- Represent the WMA as a liaison between government agencies, cities, counties and SWCDs.
- Organize and assist with water quality monitoring.
- Coordinate Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings and record minutes.

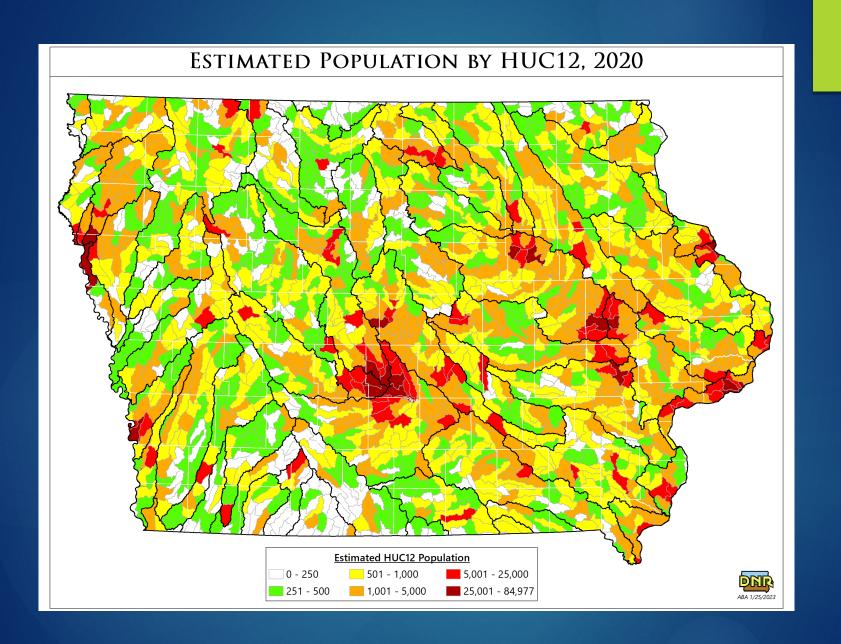
How do we fund our WMA and Coordinator...

Self Funding Formula

Leveraging local fund for watershed improvement:

- STRICTLY VOLUNTARY
- \$1 per person with population based on the 2010 census
- Counties asked to contribute for the population living in the unincorporated areas of their county within the watershed area. Determined by census tract data and estimating how much each census tract were in the watershed.
- Many member counties also chose to fund smaller member municipalities within their jurisdiction for which the voluntary financial commitment might be a burden.





Data Table used to create maps

147 070600051203	Deer Creek-Mississippi River	1,845	21.9	13,993	84 07060005	Apple-Plum	0706000512	Deer Creek-Mississippi River
148 070600060101	Penn Creek	604	16.3	10,451	37 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000601	Plum Creek
149 070600060102	Headwaters Plum Creek	1,625	49.3	31,553	33 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000601	Plum Creek
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162 070600060302	Beers Creek	572	27.3	17,459	21 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000603	Bear Creek
163 070600060303	Rat Run-Bear Creek	962	42.2	26,981	23 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000603	Bear Creek
164 070600060401	Buck Creek-Maquoketa River	888	52.4	33,528	17 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000604	Mineral Creek-Maquoketa River
165 070600060402	Silver Creek	653	39.0	24,949	17 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000604	Mineral Creek-Maquoketa River
166 070600060403	Deer Creek	683	16.7	10,708	41 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000604	Mineral Creek-Maquoketa River
167 070600060404	West Kitty Creek	568	24.9	15,921	23 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000604	Mineral Creek-Maquoketa River
168 070600060405	Kitty Creek	1,542	26.1	16,733	59 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000604	Mineral Creek-Maquoketa River
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175 070600060502	Johns Creek	928	34.0	21,742	27 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000605	Whitewater Creek
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178 070600060602	Bear Creek	925	37.7	24,138	25 07060006	Maquoketa	0706000606	Headwaters North Fork Maquoketa River
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A summary table which summed the population for each HUC12. With that information tallied by HUC12, simply aggregated the HUC12 populations for their larger HUC10s and 8s. The summed population tables were then joined to their corresponding GIS boundary file to compile the maps.

WMA Budget Spreadsheet showing budgeted vs actual #s.

Census Increase column and \$1.5 increase column

Maquoketa River WMA FY24 Budget Items	FY2022 BUDGET 34 members	2020 Census increase or decrease per capita from 2010	FY2023 Budget with 1.5 increase 34 Members	FY 2023 Actual as of February 25,2023	FY2024 Budget with 34 Members Voluntary Funding Commitment
REVENUES (Estimated)					
Member Contributions					
LAKE DELHI DISTRICT	\$ 514.00	\$515-no change	S 771.00	\$771.00	\$771.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY	\$.	\$825(County -2%)	S 1,237.00	\$1,237.00	\$1,237.00
CLINTON COUNTY	\$ 2,460.00	\$2354 (County -4.3%)	S 3,531.00	\$3,531.00	\$3,531.00
DELAWARE COUNTY	\$ 9,663.00	\$9566 (County -1%)	S 14,349.00	\$12,000.00	\$14,349.00
DUBUQUE COUNTY	\$ 4,846.00	\$4953 (County +2.2%)	S 7,429.00		\$7,429.00
FAYETTE COUNTY opted out in 2020	NA				
JACKSON COUNTY	\$ 5,649.00	\$5485 (County -2.9%)	S 8,227.00	\$8,227.00	\$8,227.00
JONES COUNTY	\$ 2,526.50	\$5109 (County +1.1%)	S 7,663.00	\$5,053.00	\$7,663.00
LINN COUNTY	\$.	\$197 (County -6.6%)	S 295.00	\$211.00	\$295.00
DELAWARE SWCD	\$ 700.00				\$594.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	\$ 400.00				\$324.00
FAYETTE SWCD	\$.				
JACKSON SWCD	\$.				\$486.00
JONES SWCD					\$270.00
LINN SWCD	\$.				
ANDREW (Jackson County Support)	\$ 180.00	\$380 (-54)	S 568.00	\$568.00	\$568.00
AURORA	\$.				
BALDWIN (Jackson County Support)		\$99 (-10)	S 148.00	\$148.00	\$148.00
CASCADE	\$ 2,180.00	\$2407(+227)	S 3,610.00	\$3,610.00	\$3,610.00
DELAWARE	\$.	\$142 (-17)	S 213.00		\$213.00
DELHI		\$420 (-40)	S 630.00	\$630.00	\$630.00
DYERSVILLE	\$ 4,071.00	\$4477 (+419)	S 6,715.00	\$6,715.00	\$6,715.00
EPWORTH- did not budget for FY24	NA	\$2023 (+163)	S 3,034.00		
FARLEY	\$.				
GOOSE LAKE		\$239 (-1)	S 359.00		\$359.00
HOPKINTON	\$ 627.00	\$622 (-6)	S 933.00	\$622.00	\$933.00
LAMONT	\$.	\$429 (-32)	S 643.00		\$643.00
LAMOTTE (Jackson County Support)		\$237 (-23)	S 355.00	\$355.00	\$355.00
MANCHESTER	\$ 5,179.00	\$5065 (-114)	S 7,597.00	\$7,597.00	\$7,597.00
MAQUOKETA	\$ 1,500.00	\$6128 (-13)	S 9,192.00	\$4,000.00	\$9,192.00
MONTICELLO	\$ 3,000.00	\$4040 (+244)	S 6,060.00	\$6,060.00	\$6,060.00
NEW VIENNA	\$.				
PRESTON (Jackson County Support)	\$.	\$949 (-63)	S 1,423.00	\$1,423.00	\$1,423.00
RYAN	\$.	\$350 (-11)	S 525.00		\$525.00
SPRAGUEVILLE (Jackson County Support)	\$.	\$92 (+11)	S 138.00	\$138.00	\$138.00
STRAWBERRY POINT	\$.	\$1155 (-124)	S 1,732.00		\$1,732.00
WORTHINGTON		\$382 (-19)	S 573.00		\$573.00
WYOMING	\$ 100.00	\$523 (+8)	S 784.00	\$100.00	\$784.00
Total Member Contributions	\$ 50,000.00				\$87,374.00

Budget Request Letters sent to members in fall/end of year...



Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority

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December 2023

FY25 Budget Request- Jackson County

The Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority (MR WMA) formed in late 2017 and now consists of 34 Cities, Counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and one Lake District in Eastern lowa. All members work to address water quality, water quantity (flooding), as well as other issues associated with the Maquoketa River watershed area.

Per the 28E Agreement and governing By-Laws, every member of the MR WMA is allowed one representative to serve on the Board of Directors. Your representative to the MR WMA Board is Don Schwenker

The MR WMA was recently awarded (Sept. 2023) a \$250,000 Farmer-to-Farmer grant from the DNR. This grant will be used to create a cost share for <u>historically underserved</u> farmers within the watershed beginning in 2024. The Cover Crop Initiative will offer farmers up to \$40 an acre (\$30 from MR WMA and \$10 from Practical Farmers of lows match) to plant cover crops on their land. With the total acreage treated totaling about 7300 acres, this will allow us to focus our efforts to about 200 acres per county over a three-year range. More details will be shared in a fiver that will be published before the end of 2023.

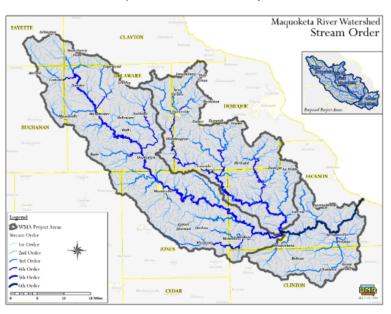
Statement of Intended Use: Ongoing Project- MR WMA Watershed Management Plan Implementation- The objectives of our project include the ongoing work of the Maquoketa River WMA to conduct meaningful outreach related to implementation of the recently completed, Watershed Management Plan. The plan identifies priority areas where implementation of conservation practices will have maximum impacts. The MR WMA will also continue a water monitoring program with the testing of 45 sites across the watershed, provide match funding for grant opportunities, delivery of educational events on watershed related issues in member communities and active support of conservation efforts within the watershed area. To see past projects/ events from 2023 visit our <u>website</u>. To accomplish this work, the MR WMA needs the sustained efforts of a dedicated watershed coordinator and support from LB RC&D.

The MR WMA is requesting a funding investment for Jackson County of \$8227: \$1.50 per capita for FY25 for areas located within the defined watershed area. This does not include the entire county, only areas covered by the Maquoketa River watershed. Invoice to be sent July 2025.

Please Consider funding these Jackson County Communities: Andrew for \$568; Baldwin for \$148; La Motte for \$643; Preston for \$1423; Spragueville for \$138

Thank you for your support!

Maquoketa River Watershed Boundary



Invoices sent beginning of fiscal year (by end of July)



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FY25 INVOICE

Date: July 29, 2024

Limestone Bluffs RC&D PO Box 421 Mechanicsville, IA 52306 563-221-1930

Bill to:

Jackson County Board of Supervisors 201 West Platt Maquoketa IA 52060

Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority	Amount
FY25 financial commitment – unincorporated area	\$8227
Please Consider – FY25 Small Community commitment: -Andrew\$568 -Baldwin\$148 -LaMotte\$355 -Preston\$1423 -Spragueville\$138	\$2632
Please Consider - 2024 Jackson County water testing fees (Jackson SWCD does not reimburse MR WMA for these costs) 9 sites x 3 dates x \$18 per test	\$486
Total Due 60 days from receipt	\$11,345

Please make check payable to Maquoketa River WMA.

Thank you!

MR WMA appreciates your support!



Maquoketa River

Watershed Management Authority
Newsletter

July 2024



Margaret Hogan (recently retired) giving a tour of her prairie planted by her students when she was was a science teacher.

The millsweed and other plant species were thiving with butterflies and pollinators.

Margaret and John Hogan, gave us a tour of their conservation farm while answering questions from folks. Margaret was a science teacher for over 20 years and her love for teaching shined bright by providing her enthusiastic stories of how they've embraced conservation on their land with prairie, cover crops and no till. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed pizza lunch with a dessert of soft serve Blue Bunny ice cream donated by the Delaware County Dairy Promoters. Thank you to all who joined us!

As a reminder, our cost share closes on August 1st, 2024. Click on the link below to learn more and access the application.



Cover Crop Initiative Application | limestonebluffs

A locally-led team of 34 county, municipal and lake district members driving financial and social benefits through sustainable water resource conservation for residents in the Maquoketa River Watershed in Eastern Our monthly eNews provides project updates and events happening in the watershed.

We're always looking for more projects and news to share!!





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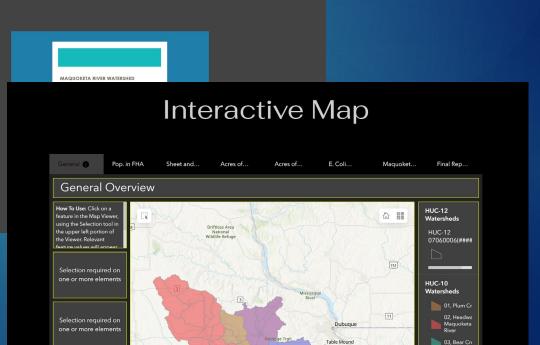
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Phase I

Click box to download document

The 2020-21 University of Iowa,

Phase II



Our website hosts our WMP, our past newsletters and other events and information.

Maquoketa River Cover Crop Initiative

NOW OPEN! Apply today!

Farmer to Farmer Grant

for Landowners in the Maquoketa Watershed

Up to \$40 Cost Share

COVER CROP INITIATIVE

For cover crops planted in Fall of 2024, 2025 and 2026

Must meet the Historically Underserved Farmer and Rancher

criteria to be applicable according to the USDA

- Beginning Farmer
- Limited Resource Farmer
- Socially disadvantaged farmer
 - Veteran farmer
 - Women Farmer





For more information visit:

https://www.limestonebluffsrcd.org/maquoketariverwma







Awarded \$250,000 Farmer to Farmer Grant from the Iowa DNR

Offering a \$40/acre cost share for a cover Crops by partnering with PFI

For Historically Underserved Farmers according to USDA

- First time farmers within 10 years
- Meet the income threshold
- Minorities
- Veterans

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