

VISION:

Assist and partner with individuals and rural communities to help increase viability, enhance quality of life and protect the environment.

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It is the mission of the Iowa Lakes Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. (RC&D) to address natural and human resources to advance economic and social betterment of Northwest Iowa. The RC&D program will help local people obtain and coordinate technical and financial assistance as needed from a variety of private, public and governmental sources.

WHAT IS IOWA LAKES RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT?

The Iowa Lakes RC&D is not an agency, but rather a program guided entity that is directed by local volunteers and local government officials in the seven county area. The Iowa Lakes RC&D is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under Chapter 504a of the Iowa Code and is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. The Iowa Lakes RC&D, Inc. has no membership dues or fees and receives no local tax support. The RC&D Program receives staff assistance through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Individuals, groups or communities that would like to request assistance from the Iowa Lakes RC&D should call, email or stop in the RC&D office. We would be glad to listen to your ideas and, if possible, provide assistance. We also have four board members from each of the seven counties that may also be contacted. The board members are listed for each county on our web site: www.iowalakesrcd.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ... DONATE!

The Iowa Lakes RC&D Inc. can receive tax deductible donations from individuals and businesses. Donations can be targeted to specific projects or general areas of interest by the donor. The Iowa Lakes RC&D areas of interest are: Environment, Water Quality, Viability of Rural Communities and Tourism.

Some of the projects that the RC&D board adopts provide a service to the public but are not necessarily income generators. Ongoing projects, such as computer recycling and environment education programs, are funded primarily by the local RC&D board. Contributions to the RC&D will help these local projects continue and allow new projects to be developed.



RC&D BOARD MAKEUP

The Iowa Lakes RC&D board is made up of 4 members from each of the 7 counties. These board members include County Supervisors, Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners and other interested local people.



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RAIN GARDEN DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Rain Garden design and implementation was completed in Storm Lake. The Rain Garden project is part of a Low Impact Development program to reduce and filter urban runoff.



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RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

GENERAL AREAS OF INTEREST

- Tourism
- Environment
- Water Quality
- Viability of Rural Communities



SOLAR PUMPING FOR LIVESTOCK GRAZING SYSTEMS

Through a grant funded by USDA/NRCS a cost-share program for producers was established to assist with installation of solar powered watering systems to better utilize pasture lands.



GREEN BUS TOUR

The Green Bus Tour is an annual event sponsored by the Iowa Lakes RC&D and the County Conservation Boards of Clay, Palo Alto and O'Brien. The Tour takes interested community members to see environmentally friendly projects and businesses.

PRAIRIE FLOWER NURSERY & PLANTING SERVICE

The Prairie Flower Company was an Iowa Lakes RC&D business incubator project. It currently is a successful business located in Fostoria Iowa. Grant funding was provided by IA DNR/RDTF for startup assistance.



DRY HYDRANT INSTALLATIONS

The RC&D acquired grant funds through the Iowa Department of Economic Development to install ten dry fire hydrants in a five county area.



DEW DROP DRILL

The Dew Drop Drill is small scale native seed planter that is sold by the Little Sioux Prairie Company in Spencer, Iowa. The Iowa Lakes RC&D assisted in the product design and start-up of this business. Grant funding was provided by IA DNR/RDTF for startup assistance.



SUNDHOLM NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER

Assistance was provided to move and develop this log cabin built in the early 1950s to its new location at the Clay County Fair Grounds. Its primary use is during the Clay County Fair when over 300,000 people attend the 9 day event.



COMPUTER RECYCLING/REFURBISHING SERVICE

RC&D developed this project to provide individuals and businesses with an alternative to landfilling used computer equipment. The RC&D also donates refurbished computers to nonprofit organizations.

STORM LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AREA

The RC&D assisted with planning, funding and implementation of a five acre education area that included a prairie, windbreak, timber establishment and butterfly garden.



WEB WIRELESS

Web Wireless is a locally owned internet business in the community of Web, population 180 people. The RC&D assisted with a low interest loan to allow the business to expand to other nearby communities.