



Howard Soil & Water Conservation District

2021 Year in Review

Progress Report

Iowa Financial Incentive Programs FY21

- \$715,517 completed projects
- Grassed Waterways: 71.08 acres
- Windbreaks: 3
- Tree/Shrub Establishment: 3 acres
- Wetland Creations: 19 acres
- Field Borders: 30.13 acres
- Conservation Cover: 10.34 acres
- Septic Systems: 2
- No-Till/Strip Till: 1,418.8 acres
- Nitrification Inhibitor: 305 acres
- Cover Crops planted fall 2021: 8,323 acres

Silver Creek Watershed Project

- \$8,061,050 in conservation practices with 160 cooperators
- Streambank Stabilization installed: 3,285 feet
- 43.5% of cropland in watershed area seeded to 6,150 acres cover crops last 4 years
- 13.5% of the watershed seeded to native CRP on 2,532 acres (162 contracts)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): 5,893 acres
- Grassed Waterways constructed since 2012: 30+ miles
- Septic System upgrades with IA DNR319 funding: 22
- Urban Infiltration practices completed as Soil Health Restoration: 8

Turkey River Watershed

- \$1,801,959 in obligated & implemented conservation dollars
- 25% of crop acres, 12,000+ acres in watershed seeded to Cover Crops (2x 2020 totals, 6x 2019 totals)
- 12% of watershed enrolled into CRP
- Shallow Wetland creations in 2021: 4
- Streambank Stabilization constructed in 2020/21: 436 ft
- Streambank Stabilization applications on file: 24
- 2021 Outstanding Watershed in Iowa

CRP Practices Installed in 2021

- Filter Strips: 33 contracts = 195 acres
- Wetlands: 6 contracts = 78 acres
- Waterways: 94 contracts = 320 acres
- Tree Planting: 14 contracts = 158 acres
- Pollinator/Upland Habitat: 56 contracts = 730 acres
- Contour Buffers: 2 contracts = 9 acres
- Totals: 205 contracts = 1,490 acres
- #5 in the State for active CRP contracts

Collaborative Projects with NRCS

- Grassed Waterways installed 2021: 51 projects, 19 mi.
- Surveyed in 2021 for 2022 construction: 36 projects



Wetland restoration



Field border (headland)



Streambank stabilization

2021 State NRCS rankings

Active Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- #1 total acres 47,678 ac.
- #2 total contracts 126
- #3 contract dollars \$4,567,415

New Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- #2 total acres 15,174 ac.
- #2 new contracts 31
- #2 new contract dollars \$1,632,390

Active Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- #1 total acres 231,199 ac.
- #2 total contracts 70
- #1 contract dollars \$4,106,735

New Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- #7 total acres 3,651 ac.
- #2 new contracts 35
- #1 new contract dollars \$1,858,536

There are financial assistance programs available to build your conservation projects, with varying cost share rates. For more information, please call (563) 547-3040 ext. #3, or go to www.nrcs.usda.gov or www.howardswcd.org

2021 Conservation Scholarships

The Howard Soil & Water Conservation District awarded scholarships to students who pursue a college education in conservation or agriculture and demonstrate leadership and scholastic achievement. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to current College student Logan Albert, son of Matt & Kari Albert of Cresco. Three \$500 High School Senior scholarships were awarded to Justin Kerian, son of Randy & Lori Kerian of Cresco, Charlie Ring, son of Daniel & Michele Ring of Elma, and Gabe Grabau, son of Tim & Sheila Grabau of Lime Springs. Grabau was also selected from 12 other regional applications as the Conservation Districts of Iowa Region 3 winner and received an additional \$500 scholarship. Congratulations to these deserving students! *Scholarship application forms can be found online at www.cdiowa.org and www.howardswcd.org.*



Gabe Grabau



Justin Kerian



Charlie Ring



Logan Albert



Field Office Staff Front row L-R: District Conservationist Corey Brink, Soil Conservation Technician Shereen Ries*, District Technician Laura Ellingson, Conservation Assistant Shannon Hurd, District Watershed Project Coordinator Hunter Slifka
Back Row L-R: Soil Conservationist Jess Stevens*, District Technician Dalton Nelson, Watershed Project Coordinator Neil Shaffer, IDALS Summer Intern Ryan Steffen, Soil Conservationist Derek Grube*, Soil Conservationist Sam Franzen

**Four-County Resource Team members*



Commissioners L-R: Bart Wilson, Chas Malek, Brian Hrdlicka, Harlan Hickie, Kayla Sebastian

Your locally elected Howard SWCD Commissioners provide local program guidance to solve natural resource concerns within the district. Public meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

Attention Contractors: A list of contractors who do work or provide sales in Howard County for conservation practices is available to our customers online & in our office. 1. Review your information at www.howardswcd.org/contractors, 2. Send corrections or additions to Shannon.Hurd@ia.nacdnet.net

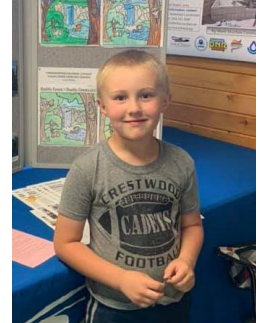
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SUPPORTERS \$5-\$24		
Aberly, Art Govern Farms & Homes		
Total donated	\$12,341.00	Thank you!

2021 Coloring Contest

The annual Coloring Contest was held for Howard County residents in PreK-6th grade. The following students were awarded a HSWCD drawstring backpack filled with conservation goodies:



PreK/ Kindergarten:
Gage Ludwig



1st/2nd grade:
Grace Norman



3rd/4th grade:
Liam Daley



5th/6th grade:
Abi Lewis

This year's entry form can be found online at:
www.howardswcd.org
 and is due May 1st



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Mission: To provide leadership and
education for protecting,
enhancing, and utilizing the soil
and water of Howard County, Iowa.

*The Howard Soil & Water
Conservation District is an Equal
Opportunity Provider and
Employer.*



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Help Support Conservation in 2022

The Howard SWCD has been generously supported by its members since 1969. The Commissioners wish to thank all of the individuals and businesses who have generously donated over the years, and would appreciate your support again this year. You will receive a receipt for your donation. Along with standard operating costs, the following are made possible with your support:

- **HSWCD Technicians and Interns**
- **Arbor Day Trees for Kids**
- **Natural Resources Day Outdoor Classroom**
- **Scholarships** for Howard County High School seniors and current College students who pursue a degree in Conservation or Natural Resources
- **Conservation Road Show** of USDA and IDALS cost-shared projects in Howard Co.
- **Awards** for Outstanding Conservation Farmer Recognition & Coloring Contest winners

2022 Booster Club Membership

Name: _____

(as you would like it to appear in our report)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Donation enclosed: \$ _____ payable to "Howard SWCD"

***Please mail by June 15, 2022 to be counted as a FY22 donation**

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Levels of Support:	
Supporter	\$5 - \$24
Saver	\$25 - \$49
Sustainer	\$50 - \$99
Steward	\$100 - UP

Thank you!