

Iowa Conservation Infrastructure Project

The Iowa Conservation Infrastructure Project (ICIP) seeks to improve water quality by harnessing the collective ability of both private and public resources, organizations, and contractors to rally around the Nutrient Reduction Strategy and implement proven conservation practices. ICIP will invest up to \$25 million in non-point source conservation projects in priority watersheds with layered benefits including improved water quality, habitat, recreation, carbon sequestration.

Total Allocation:	\$25 million
Project Type:	Cost-share/incentives to eligible applicants for the costs to install eligible conservation practices.
Practice Application Process:	IDALS and/or partners will work with individual landowners to identify and install priority practices.
Priority Practices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality Wetlands • Saturated Buffers • Denitrifying Bioreactors • Multi-purpose Oxbows • Streambank Stabilization/Restoration • Grade Stabilization Structures
Eligible Costs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance-design, planning, and construction oversight. • Costs associated with the installation/construction and establishment of the respective practice.
Eligible Entities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practices may be installed on public or private land.
Practice Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must complete necessary application forms and procedures before starting practices. • Practices must be designed and installed to meet NRCS or other applicable standards and specifications. • Applicants must agree to specific maintenance terms and conditions depending on practice installed.
Selection Process	Prospective practices are identified to maximize water quality benefits in priority locations. Funding decisions for professional services will follow normal IDALS procurement procedures.
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