

# Des Moines County Conservation FY 2016-2017 Annual Report

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*Des Moines County Conservation is dedicated to the sustainability of natural resources through land stewardship, conservation education, and by providing quality outdoor recreation opportunities.*

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## FY17 Highlights

### Land Stewardship

The two words that most aptly describe this year's accomplishments toward the land stewardship component of our mission are INNOVATION and COLLABORATION.

Our accomplishments on the landscape this past year included a number of innovative strategies in land management. Examples of these innovations include the implementation of a "mob" grazing system on our Hickory Bend Conservation Area to improve bobwhite quail and upland game habitat and the strategic design of various conservation practices on both public and private land projects to maximize farming efficiency while improving habitat and water quality. In both projects, we worked collaboratively with the landowners to not only apply conservation to the land, but to improve their farming operation in the process.

### Conservation Education

Much of our conservation education work this year took place behind the scenes. With the assistance of a REAP Conservation Education Program grant and a ton of community support including contributions from the Murray Foundation and Kiwanis, we were able to increase our program offerings while taking on the monumental task of overhauling practically all of our program curriculum. As part of our new strategic environmental education plan, we're upgrading our programs to incorporate STEM, Core, and Next Generation Science Standards into our curriculum. When we're done, any educator in this community will be able to take one look at our program guides and know precisely how to integrate our outdoor education programs into their classrooms.

### Outdoor Recreation

The most notable project of the year is certainly the work that took place in the campground at Big Hollow Recreation Area. Water and sewer hookups were installed to all 32 RV sites and the treatment facility to service them all was built as well. The project began in April will be complete in August, technically carrying it over into the next fiscal year.

Though that was the most notable project, that certainly wasn't the only one. We also completely rebuilt a pond at Leopold Recreation Area, improved trails all over the county, and began improving access to Big Hollow Lake. Behind the scenes, we launched a new online reservation system which gives us the ability to take campsite, cabin, and shelter house reservations and payments online.

This report gives a snapshot of some of the great things we accomplished this past year. But to really see how we've improved your outdoor experience in our county parks, you'll just have to take the family out there and experience them for yourself.

Enjoy!



Chris Lee, Executive Director  
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## Outdoor Recreation

Des Moines County Conservation staff and volunteers work tirelessly to keep the county's parks and conservation areas maintained and open to the public. In addition to the regular maintenance required, they often take on additional projects to improve, enhance, or expand outdoor recreation opportunities for the public. Some of those projects and the results of those efforts are highlighted here.

**11% INCREASE IN  
NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE CAMPING**

**11% INCREASE IN  
NUMBER OF  
CAMPING NIGHTS**

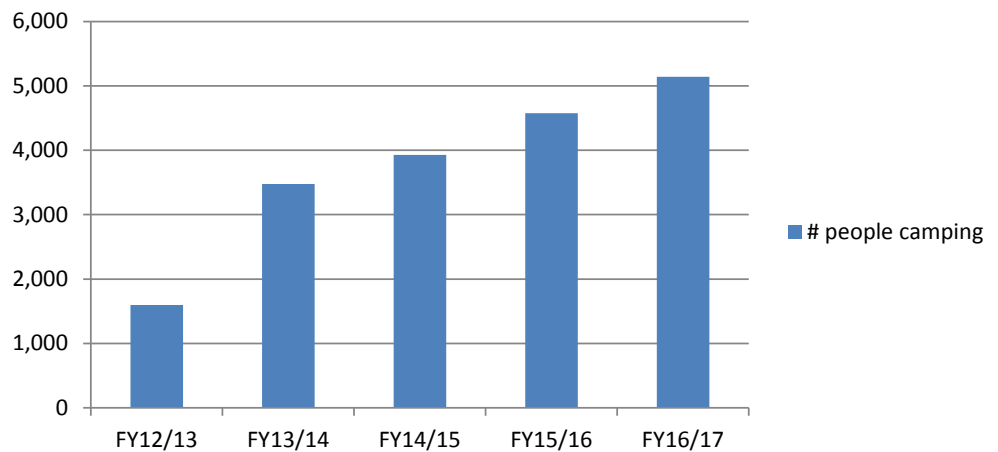
**BIG HOLLOW  
24% INCREASE IN PEOPLE,  
30% INCREASE IN NIGHTS**

### Park Usage By Year - Number of People Camping

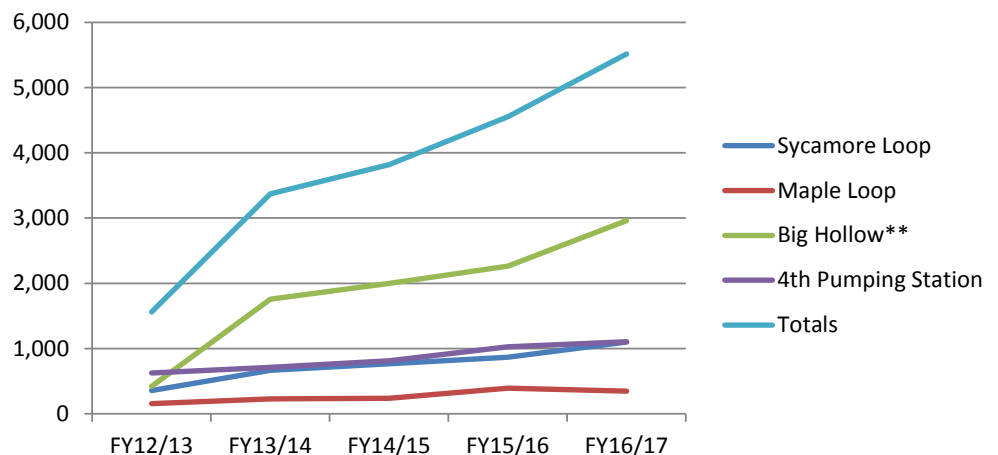
Campground	FY12/13	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Sycamore Loop	358	669	768	866	1099
Maple Loop	157	231	238	395	349
4 <sup>th</sup> Pumping Station	628	714	813	1,027	1,105
Big Hollow**	419	1,759	2,000	2,263	2,963
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>4,551</b>	<b>5,516</b>

\*\*Includes the off-grid cabin

### Total # of People Camping by Year



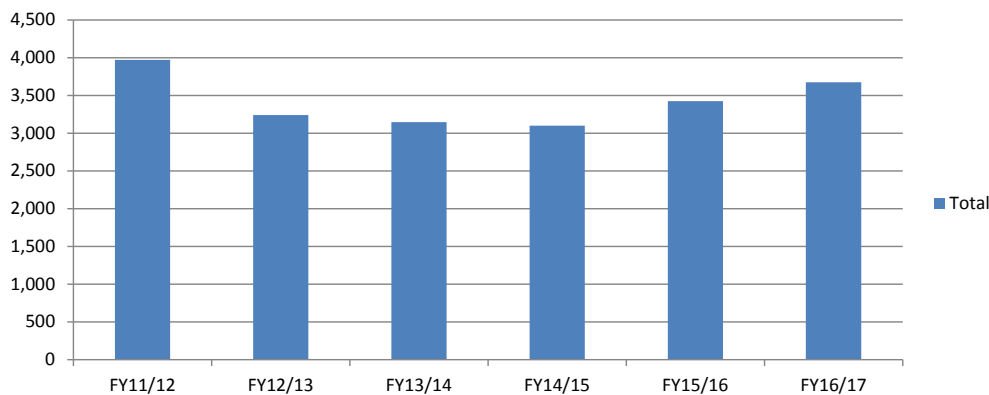
### Total # of People Camping by Area



## Shooting Range Use By Month

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
FY11/12	212	303	419	371	324	304	195	197	390	480	383	394	3,972
FY12/13	323	361	489	236	282	209	180	148	197	247	209	358	3,239
FY13/14	372	423	367	296	213	216	109	34	253	289	287	286	3,145
FY14/15	349	354	330	261	238	235	148	68	282	249	310	274	3,098
FY15/16	382	354	350	289	204	271	179	181	293	277	287	358	3,425
FY16/17	336	293	365	350	342	226	159	209	317	288	409	380	3,674
Average	329	348	387	301	267	244	162	140	289	305	314	342	3,376

## Annual Range Use by Year



## Range Membership

FY	Life Members	Family	Single	Total Paid
FY11/12	2	208	332	725
FY12/13	2	299	410	885
FY13/14	2	375	242	799
FY14/15	2	436	378	816
FY15/16	3	421	400	824
FY16/17	3	418	513	931

**7% INCREASE IN  
ORANGE USE**

**11% INCREASE IN  
ORANGE  
MEMBERSHIP**

**FULL HOOK-UP  
SITES NOW AVAILABLE  
AT BIG HOLLOW**

# Parks & Trails

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## Big Hollow Recreation Area

18853 152nd Ave, Sperry  
768 acres



## Leopold Recreation Area

11816 Mill Dam Rd, Burlington  
235 Acres



## Starr's Cave Nature Center & Preserve

11627 Starr's Cave Rd, Burlington  
184 acres



## Hickory Bend

16256 155th Ave, Sperry  
175 acres



## Welter Recreation Park

16839 Skunk River Rd, Burlington  
79 acres



## Luckenbill Woods

8795 Hawkeye Rd, Mediapolis  
76 acres



## Hunt Woods

12412 65th St, Burlington  
58 acres



## Kevin J Gahn Memorial recreation area

13724 Washington Rd, Burlington  
56 acres, Public access is limited



## FEMA Buyout Properties

57 Parcels, No public Access  
102 acres

## Sullivan Slough River Access

3175 Sullivan Slough Rd, Burlington  
22 acres



## 4th Pumping Plant Recreational Area

2073 Pumping Station Rd, Oakville  
17 acres



## Chatauqua Park

10530 Mediapolis Rd, Mediapolis  
10 acres



## Hawkeye Dolbee

4629 Lake Rd, Oakville  
10 acres



## Tama Beach

13518 Tama Rd, Burlington  
3 acres



## Casey Barrow Landing

1867 180th St, Burlington  
2 acres



## Waters Roadside Park

19364 Roosevelt St, Danville  
2 acres



## Edgewater Beach

13290 Tama Rd, Burlington  
1 acre



## Zion School

16495 155th Ave, Sperry  
1 acre



## Hoover Trail

End of Y Camp Rd, Burlington  
30 acres



## North Gorge Trail

9668 Golf Course Rd, Burlington  
36 acres



 Camping

 Hunting

 Mississippi River Access

 Swimming

 Boat Access

 Picnic Area

 Shelter Houses

 Dump Station

 Restrooms

 Fishing

 Hiking

 Bike Trails

 Electrical Hook-Ups

 Water

## Trails

Park / Area	Miles of off-road Trails
Big Hollow	10.3
Flint River Trail	6.2
Hunt Woods	2.3
Luckenbill Woods	2.2
North Gorge Trail	1.5
Starr's Cave	2.2
Total: 24.7 miles	



# Conservation Education

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## Conservation Education

DMCC's Conservation Education division continues to offer many outdoor learning opportunities and services to the public.

### Programs

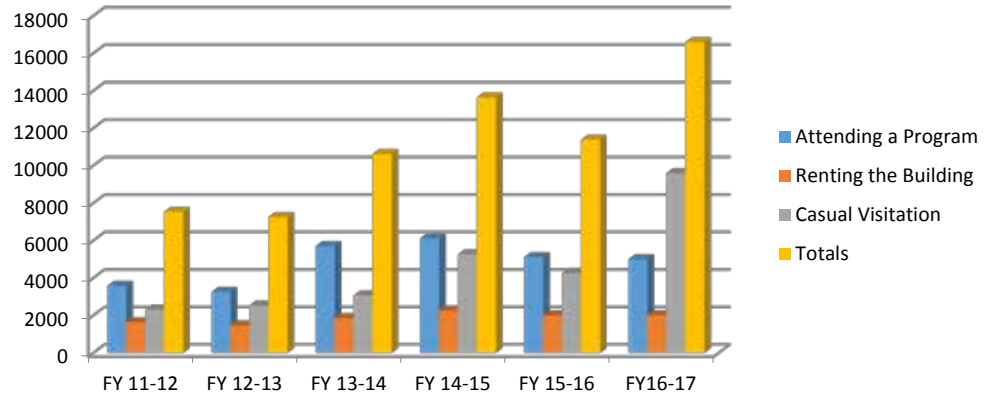
Annual programs include an owl prowl, eagle watch, parent-tot classes, critter catch, nature at night, fishing events, open climbing wall days, cross country ski rentals, youth ice fishing clinics, the Outdoor Youth Jamboree, summer day camps, a concert series and more. Starr's Cave Nature Center is available to the general public for rental; the facilities are also open to local civic groups for monthly meetings and classes.

**31% INCREASE  
IN NATURE  
CENTER VISITATION**

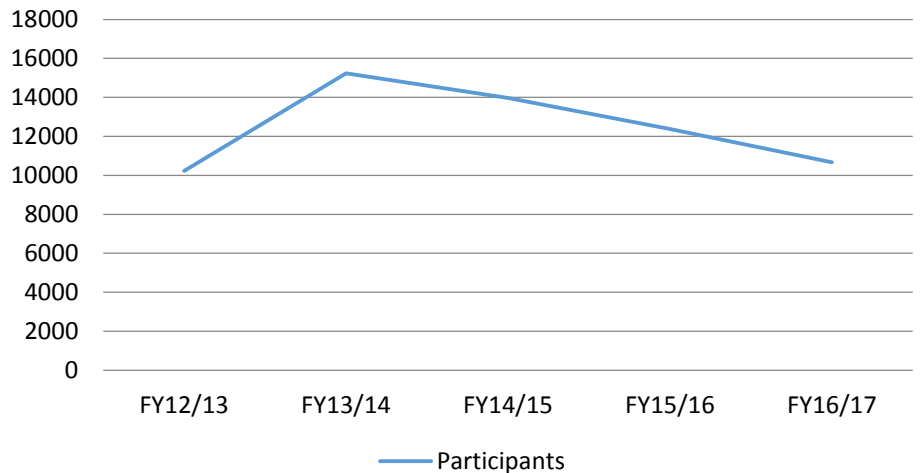
**70% INCREASE IN  
CONSERVATION  
EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**STARR'S CAVE NATURE CENTER  
16,595 TOTAL VISITORS  
55% INCREASE CASUAL VISITATION**

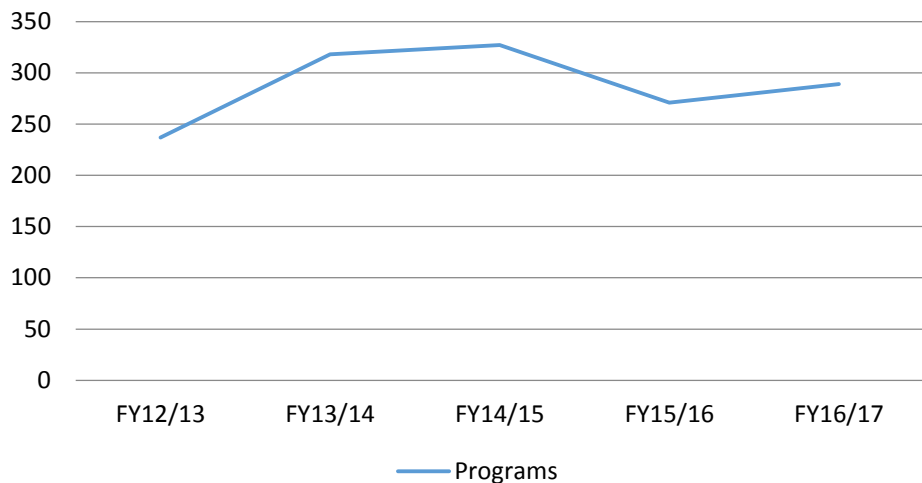
### Nature Center Visitation



### Number of Participants



### Number of Programs



# Conservation Education

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## Environmental Education Programs and Attendance - FY 2016/17

		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Pre – K	Programs		1	4	5	10	2	9	2	5	5	3		46
	Participants		15	170	122	356	23	403	60	185	152	120		1606
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Programs			6	1	3	2	1		2	2	2		19
	Participants			385	72	138	122	72		98	120	125		1132
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Programs			2	3	3	3		2	1		5		19
	Participants			118	186	196	168		119	80		190		1057
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Programs			1		2			2	2				7
	Participants			40		27			236	220				523
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Programs							1					2	3
	Participants							80					65	145
Home School	Programs			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		8
	Participants			25	35	45		30	24	30	25	20		234
Care Centers	Programs		2		2				1		1			6
	Participants		32		45				15		40			132
Youth Groups	Programs		1	3	6	3	2	1	3	2				21
	Participants		50	46	124	56	28	13	59	37				413
Civic Groups	Programs			1			1							2
	Participants			11			30							41
Public	Programs	11	15	11	12	12		2	3	11	11	11	10	109
	Participants	202	370	182	242	427		120	170	267	502	1347	157	3986
Professional	Programs			1										1
	Participants			300										300
Hunter/Range	Programs	1	2	1			2		1		1	1	2	11
	Participants	48	104	49			95		50		70	48	103	567
Camps	Programs	7											30	37
	Participants	105											432	537
Volunteer	Programs													0
	Participants													0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>289</b>
	<b>Participants</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>10,673</b>



## LAND STEWARDSHIP

Des Moines County Conservation applies sound land stewardship efforts on both public and private land throughout the county. From contracted planting services to landowner technical assistance, DMCC's land stewardship efforts are broad and diverse. Below are highlights of DMCC's land stewardship efforts in fiscal year 2016-2017.

## Private Land

115 landowner contacts

Planted 200 acres of native grass and wildflowers plantings, many focused on pollinators, across 17 projects

Planted 12 acres of cool season firebreaks

Conducted prescribed burns 82 on acres on 8 projects

Rented out equipment to plant 20 acres

Provided food plot seed to 14 landowners covering ~ 45 acres

## Public Land

Conducted 200 acres of prescribed burns

Planted 20 acres of food plots

Preformed 20 acres of Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)

## Projects

Cut 10 acres worth of overgrown cedars and placed them in wildlife friendly piles. We then partnered with a local landowner to utilize "mob" cattle grazing techniques on ~12 acres at Hickory Bend Recreation Area. The combination of wildlife friendly brush piles and the rest periods associated with mob grazing have resulted in the area being utilized by bobwhite quail and many other species this spring. Additional plans for the area include TSI, cool season grass conversion to native grass and wildflower mix, prescribed burning, and maintaining food plots.

**35% INCREASE  
IN PRIVATE  
LAND OWNER CONTACTS**

**70% INCREASE IN  
CONSERVATION  
EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**282 TOTAL ACRES OF  
PRESCRIBED BURNS**

### General Basic Fund Revenues

Account	Revenues
0001-1-22-6110-412000 BOAT TITLES	\$1,495.00
0001-1-22-6110-520031 CAMP FEES-AREA 1 LOWER AUGUSTA	\$9,075.41
0001-1-22-6110-520037 CAMP FEES-WELTER REC PARK	\$1,184.00
0001-1-22-6110-520039 CAMP FEES-4TH PUMPING PLANT REC	\$11,099.92
0001-1-22-6110-523045 REC FACILITY RENT-STARR'S CAVE N	\$645.00
0001-1-22-6110-523047 REC FACILITY RENT-SHELTERS	\$120.00
0001-1-22-6120-529000 PROGRAM FEES	\$122.00
0001-1-22-6120-810000 DONATIONS	\$10,027.78
0001-1-22-6110-242200 FEMA	\$42,712.58
0001-4-22-6110-848065 MISC REIMB-REFUNDS	\$370.57
<b>Total - General Basic Revenues</b>	<b>\$76,852.26</b>

### REAP Fund

Account	Revenues
0023-2-22-6110-846067 REAP GRANTS-CONTR-EQUAL SHARE	\$9,711.00
0023-2-22-6110-846067 REAP GRANTS-PER CAPITA	\$12,976.00
0023-4-22-6110-600000 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$30.88
<b>Total - REAP</b>	<b>\$22,178.88</b>

### Conservation Reserve Fund

Account	Revenues
0027-0-22-0300-900000 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL BASIC FUND	\$400,000.00
0027-0-22-0300-904000 OTHER BUDGETARY FUNDS	\$49,600.00
0027-1-22-6110-441021 SHOOTING RANGE CERT-NEW	\$6,790.00
0027-1-22-6110-441022 SHOOTING RANGE CERT-RENEWALS	\$19,162.50
0027-1-22-6110-520000 CABIN RENTALS	\$3,510.00
0027-1-22-6110-520038 CAMP FEES-BIG HOLLOW CREEK	\$24,937.35
0027-1-22-6110-520041 CAMP FEES-MISC RELATED TO CAMP	\$604.00
0027-1-22-6110-523044 REC FACILITY RENT-SHOOTING RANGE	\$400.00
0027-1-22-6110-523046 REC FACILITY RENT-EXCLUSIVE USE	\$190.00
0027-1-22-6110-523047 REC FACILITY RENT-SHELTERS	\$230.00
0027-1-22-6110-839062 SALE OF COMM-TIMBER	\$5,395.50
0027-1-22-6110-847000 MISCELLANEOUS REIMB	\$50.00
0027-1-22-6110-847064 MISC REIMB-PLANTING SERVICES	\$9,083.90
0027-1-22-6120-529000 PROGRAM FEES	\$8,074.16
0027-1-22-6120-810000 DONATION	\$36,386.90
0027-1-22-6110-265900 WILDLIFE DIVERSITY GRANT	\$3,750.00
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$568,164.31</b>

# Financial Statement

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## General Basic

Account	Adjusted Appropriation	Expenditures	% Used	Balance
0001-22-0210-000-42360 CONSULTATIONS & SURVEYS	7,000.00	5,911.25	84.45	1,088.75
0001-22-0220-000-24200 FEMA	51,721.00	51,489.00	99.55	232.00
0001-22-0300-000-81400 OTHER BUDGETARY FUNDS	400,000.00	400,000.00	100.00	0.00
0001-22-6100-000-10010 ADMINISTRATORS/EXEC DIRECTOR	56,278.00	56,278.04	100.00	-.04
0001-22-6100-000-10050 CORR OFF/P RNGR/OFC MGR/CIV ATTY	67,422.00	64,812.81	96.13	2,609.19
0001-22-6100-000-10200 LONGEVITY	1,900.00	3,255.01	171.32	-1,355.01
0001-22-6100-000-12600 CONSERVATION BOARD	500.00	790.61	158.12	-290.61
0001-22-6100-000-26000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	3,364.59	168.23	-1,364.59
0001-22-6100-000-26100 MAGAZINES/PERIODICALS & BOOKS	1,300.00	222.00	17.08	1,078.00
0001-22-6100-000-26200 DATA PROCESSING SUPPLIES	2,500.00	3,704.70	148.19	-1,204.70
0001-22-6100-000-29400 WEARING APPAREL & UNIFORMS	2,400.00	2,117.08	88.21	282.92
0001-22-6100-000-40000 OFC PUBLICATIONS & LEGAL NOTICES	600.00	921.98	153.66	-321.98
0001-22-6100-000-40200 TYPE PRINT & BIND SERVICES	500.00	1,583.16	316.63	-1,083.16
0001-22-6100-000-41200 POSTAGE & MAILING	1,000.00	57.34	5.73	942.66
0001-22-6100-000-41400 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SRVS	7,000.00	9,106.36	130.09	-2,106.36
0001-22-6100-000-42210 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION	5,000.00	5,885.03	117.70	-885.03
0001-22-6100-000-44400 OFC & DATA P EQUIP REPR/MAINT	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
0001-22-6100-000-48000 DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	3,700.00	3,274.90	88.51	425.10
0001-22-6110-000-10020 DEPUTIES/ASSTS/INVESTI/FOREMAN	44,663.00	5153.43	11.54	39,509.57
0001-22-6110-000-10030 CLERKS	37,812.54	38,619.54	102.14	-807.14
0001-22-6110-000-10050 CORR OFF/P RNGR/CIV ATTY	83,722.00	85,458.72	102.07	-1,736.72
0001-22-6110-000-10070 NATURALIST/PARK TECH/RD BIOLOGI	0.00	25,905.45	0.00	-25,905.45
0001-22-6110-000-10100 TEMPORARY & PART TIME	19,600.00	18,795.50	95.90	804.50
0001-22-6110-000-10200 LONGEVITY	1,800.00	3,280.00	182.22	-1,480.00
0001-22-6110-000-20200 CHEMICALS & GASES/HERBICIDES	1,000.00	68.25	6.83	931.75
0001-22-6110-000-20300 FERTILIZER & SEED	1,000.00	1,087.01	108.70	-87.01
0001-22-6110-000-20400 TREES & SHRUBS	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
0001-22-6110-000-21210 PARKS - ROCK & SAND	8,000.00	4,515.49	56.44	3,484.51
0001-22-6110-000-21400 TRAFFIC & ST SIGN MATERIALS	2,000.00	1,390.80	69.54	609.20
0001-22-6110-000-21910 PARKS - ALL OTHER EXPENSES	20,671.89	21,671.89	104.79	-990.89
0001-22-6110-000-23210 PARKS - CUSTODIAL	3,000.00	3,321.43	110.71	-321.43
0001-22-6110-000-24000 NON-MV MACH & EQUIP HARDWARE	1,500.00	2,579.01	171.93	-1,079.01
0001-22-6110-000-25000 FUELS	24,000.00	10,496.08	43.73	13,503.92
0001-22-6110-000-25100 LUBRICANTS	1,500.00	1,034.34	68.96	465.66
0001-22-6110-000-25400 MINOR MV PARTS & ACCESSORIES	500.00	513.46	102.69	-13.46
0001-22-6110-000-29000 MINOR EQUIPMENT & HAND TOOLS	1,000.00	1,713.15	171.32	-713.15
0001-22-6110-000-29300 SAFETY & PROTECTIVE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,296.56	114.83	-296.56
0001-22-6110-000-29302 LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLIES	1,500.00	244.51	16.30	1,255.49
0001-22-6110-000-42212 LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL OF INST	500.00	223.20	44.64	276.80
0001-22-6110-000-43000 NATURAL & LP GAS	2,500.00	1,409.30	56.37	1,090.70
0001-22-6110-000-43110 PARKS - ELECTRICITY	18,000.00	16,454.94	91.42	1,545.06



### General Basic - Continued

Account	Adjusted Appropriation	Expenditures	% Used	Balance
0001-22-6110-000-43200 WATER USE	3,700.00	2,947.40	79.66	752.60
0001-22-6110-000-44000 MOTOR VEH EQUIP REPAIR/MAINT	8,395.00	13,933.78	165.98	-5,538.78
0001-22-6110-000-44110 PARKS - BUILDING REPAIRS	5,000.00	3,871.00	77.42	1,129.00
0001-22-6110-000-44300 OPER & CONSTR EQUIP REPAIR/MAINT	11,266.00	14,272.30	126.68	-3,006.30
0001-22-6110-000-44711 LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT	1,453.00	2,622.87	180.51	1,169.87
0001-22-6110-000-48320 CONTRACT MOWING	26,350.00	23,757.14	90.16	2,592.86
0001-22-6110-000-63700 SHOP EQUIPMENT	5,722.00	5,615.19	98.13	106.81
0001-22-6120-000-10070 NATURALIST/PARK TECH/RD BIOLGIS	36,933.00	38,146.20	103.28	-1,213.20
0001-22-6120-000-10090 OTHER/LT	34,356.00	35,107.32	102.19	-751.32
0001-22-6120-000-10100 TEMPORARY & PART TIME	9,793.00	9,956.24	101.67	-163.24
0001-22-6120-000-10200 LONGEVITY	0.00	960.00	0.00	-960.00
0001-22-6120-000-29200 RECREATIONAL SUPPLIES	1,000.00	76.73	7.67	923.27
0001-22-6120-000-29520 DEVELOPMENT/MATERIALS	1,000.00	1,124.64	112.46	-124.64
0001-22-6120-000-29700 EE PROGRAM SUPPLIES	1,200.00	1,805.40	150.45	-605.40
0001-22-6120-000-40220 BROCHURES/PAMPHLETS	2,000.00	322.00	16.10	1,678.00
0001-22-6120-000-42940 MARKETING SERVICES	4,000.00	5,523.19	138.08	-1,523.19
0001-22-6120-000-63830 EE EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	791.26	79.13	208.74
<b>Total - General Basic</b>	<b>1,042,767.00</b>	<b>1,019,838.58</b>	<b>97.42</b>	<b>22,928.42</b>

### General Supplemental

Account	Adjusted Appropriation	Expenditures	% Used	Balance
0002-22-6100-000-11000 FICA	9,463.00	9,352.34	98.83	110.66
0002-22-6100-000-11100 IPERS	11,046.00	9,655.54	87.41	1,390.46
0002-22-6100-000-11300 GROUP INSURANCE	39,626.00	39,591.83	99.91	34.17
0002-22-6110-000-11000 FICA	14,213.00	13,429.30	94.49	783.70
0002-22-6110-000-11100 IPERS	15,603.00	14,946.33	95.79	656.67
0002-22-6110-000-11300 GROUP INSURANCE	79,252.00	71,318.45	89.99	7,933.55
0002-22-6120-000-11000 FICA	5,790.00	6,345.95	109.60	-555.95
0002-22-6120-000-11100 IPERS	6,366.00	6,627.26	104.10	-261.26
0002-22-6120-000-11300 GROUP INSURANCE	39,626.00	38,004.48	95.91	1,621.52
<b>Total - General Supplemental</b>	<b>220,985.00</b>	<b>209,271.48</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>11,713.52</b>

### Conservation Reserve

Account	Adjusted Appropriation	Expenditures	% Used	Balance
0027-22-0210-000-60110 PARK AREA	0.00	671.46	0.00	-671.46
0027-22-0220-000-62810 BHCRA/PERM IMPROVEMENTS	577,600.00	125,252.93	21.69	452,347.07
0027-22-6100-000-42110 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	0.00	2,264.96	0.00	-2,264.96
0027-22-6110-000-21970 LEOPOLD REC AREA	15,000.00	12,937.79	86.25	2,062.21
0027-22-6120-000-29700 EE PROGRAM SUPPLIES	4,000.00	2,599.68	64.99	1,400.32
<b>Total - Conservation Reserve</b>	<b>596,600.00</b>	<b>143,726.82</b>	<b>24.09</b>	<b>452,873.18</b>



# FY17/18 Big Hollow Project Updates



## Wastewater System

The wastewater system will be completed by mid-August. This includes the installation of the central dump station and full hook-ups to all 32 RV sites. The new shower house for the RV campground should be approved in September. The plan is to have the foundation constructed this fall, with shower house placement in either late March or early April.

## Two New Lake Access Points

Two new lake access points have recently been developed. Both accessible from the RV campground, they allow drive-down access via a newly constructed gravel road to a parking lot. The first access, which is located between sites 15 & 16, is great for launching canoes or kayaks. The second is located between sites 20 & 21 and allows access to the fishing jetty.



## Reservable RV Sites

About half of the sites in the RV campground are now reservable. Using the State Park model, we “grouped” the sites to allow campers the opportunity to book stays together. Grouping the non-reservables allows last minute campers the opportunity to camp together as well. We’ve also added one buddy site and six buddy by choice sites, offering more opportunities for group camping.





# Employee Directory

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Position	Employee	Work Address	Phone(s)
<b>Director</b>	Chris Lee	<b>Main Office</b> 13700 Washington Rd. West Burlington, IA 52655 leec@dmcounty.com	(319) 753-8260 (319) 572-1564
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Jeff Breuer	<b>Main Office</b> 13700 Washington Rd. West Burlington, IA 52655 breuerj@dmcounty.com	(319) 753-8260
<b>Park Ranger</b>	Pat Rogge	<b>Maintenance Shops</b> 18836 Ranger Ln. Sperry, IA 52650 roggep@dmcounty.com	(319) 985-2502 (319) 759-4779
<b>Park Ranger</b>	John Mercer	<b>Maintenance Shops</b> 18836 Ranger Ln. Sperry, IA 52650 mercercj@dmcounty.com	(319) 985-2502 (319) 572-5445
<b>Natural Resource Manager</b>	Jeremy Yost	<b>Maintenance Shops</b> 18836 Ranger Ln. Sperry, IA 52650 yostj@dmcounty.com	(319) 985-2502 (319) 572-6865
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<b>Naturalist</b>	Frances Owen	<b>Starr's Cave Nature Center</b> 11627 Starr's Cave Rd. Burlington, IA 52601 owenf@dmcounty.com	(319) 753-5808



# Board Member Directory

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## Board Member Directory

Position	Name	Term Expires
Chair	LaVon L. Worley	12/31/2017
Vice-Chair	Angela Vaughan	12/30/2020
Secretary/Treasurer	Cathy Ziglar	12/31/2019
Member	James E. Steer	12/31/2018
Member	James Garnjobst	12/31/2021

## Conservation Board Meetings

- July 6, 2016
- August 3, 2016
- September 7, 2016
- October 5, 2016
- November 2, 2016
- December 7, 2016
- January 4, 2017
- February 8, 2017
- March 1, 2017
- March 15, 2017\*
- April 5, 2017
- May 3, 2017
- June 7, 2017

\*Indicates special meetings or work sessions outside of normal monthly meetings.



## **Des Moines County Conservation**

### ***Mission Statement***

"Des Moines County Conservation is dedicated to the sustainability of natural resources through land stewardship, conservation education, and by providing quality outdoor recreation opportunities."