

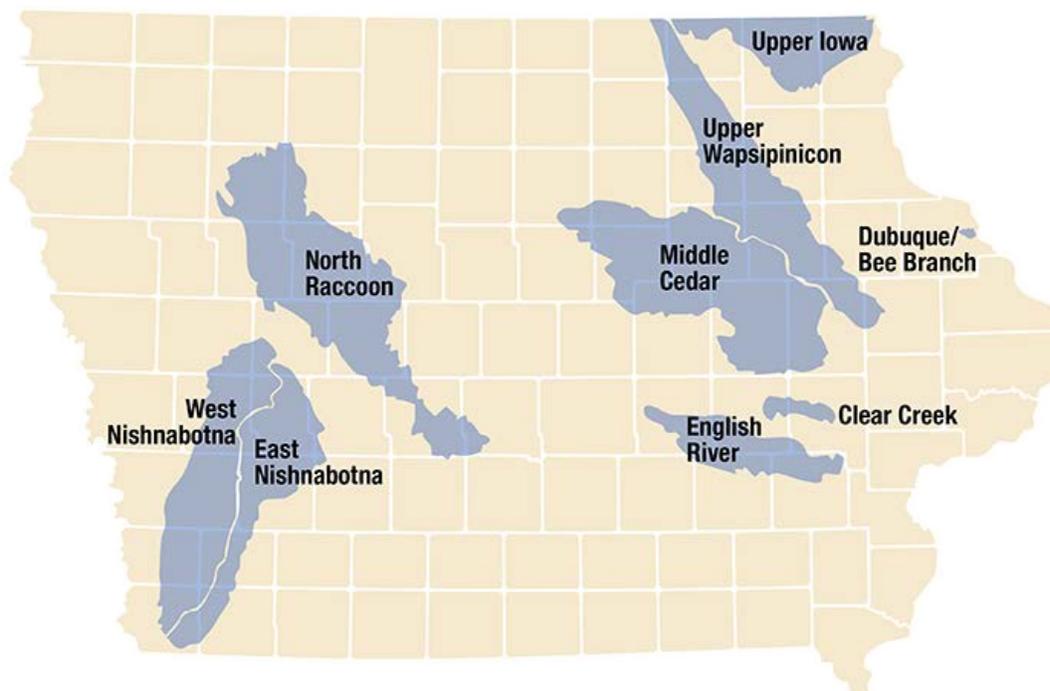
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Flood Reduction Practices Eligible for 90 Percent Cost Share

Through the Iowa Watershed Approach statewide program, qualifying landowners can receive up to 90 percent cost-share assistance to implement small-scale flood mitigation practices.

Across the state, the Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) is working with landowners and other stakeholders to implement watershed projects to reduce flooding and improve water quality. The program focuses on nine watersheds (Dubuque/Bee Branch, Upper Iowa, Upper Wapsi, Middle Cedar, English River, Clear Creek, East Nishnabotna, West Nishnabotna, and North Raccoon).



Participating Iowa Watershed Approach program watersheds.



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Local stakeholders and volunteer landowners within the qualifying areas will be considered for 90 percent cost-share assistance to implement in-field and edge-of-field conservation practices that offer flood reduction and water-quality improvement benefits. Eligible conservation practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Wetlands
- Farm ponds
- Stormwater detention basins
- Terraces
- Sediment detention basins
- Floodplain restoration
- Channel bank stabilization
- Buffer strips
- Saturated buffers
- Perennial cover
- Oxbow restoration
- Bioreactors
- Prairie STRIPS





Farm pond in the Soap Creek Watershed constructed through the Iowa Watersheds Project (2010-16).

The 90 percent cost share is a recent increase from the original 75 percent. The landowner will cover the remaining 10 percent through local match. Conservation practices will meet all NRCS specifications and guidelines. For more information, contact **insert project coordinator name, (email, phone number)**.

The IWA is a five-year project to minimize flood risk in Iowa that began in 2016. This approach builds upon other Iowa programs designed to reduce flooding and improve water quality, such as the Iowa Flood Mitigation Program and the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.



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For more information, visit the IWA website at www.iowawatershedapproach.org.

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