



ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2010-11

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Webster County Conservation Board to preserve our natural resources, to educate the public about the environment, to create learning and recreational opportunities without exploiting our resources, to promote activities that create an awareness or understanding of the environment through programs of conservation and to ultimately develop environmentally responsible citizens of Webster County.

BOARD MEMBERS

YRS.

Jerry Beck	5
Mark Thompson	24
Brad Luke	12
Jim Eslick	6
Kirk Seltz	5

From the Director's Desk

The 2010-11 Fiscal Year has been full of activities, new opportunities, and great accomplishments!

After months of hard work, Webster & Hamilton Counties were selected as Iowa's newest "Great Place"! The collaborative effort focused on the regions rivers & recreational opportunities. The communities will partner over the next five years to accomplish regional goals and improve our quality of life.

In another "team effort", Webster County & Fort Dodge were awarded a \$1.2 million dollar Vision Iowa Grant

to complete a comprehensive trail network. The grant was part of a 15-mile, \$6.7 million dollars expansion of the Fort Dodge & Webster County Trail System. The process involved federal, state, county, city, & over \$400,000 of local donations from generous individuals & businesses.

The newest WCCB project is expanding the Gypsum City OHV Park. The board has teamed up with the Webster County Improvement Corporation, IDNR, Fort Dodge, & Webster County Wheelers to manage the nearly 800 acre park! Future improvements may include a campground & cabins.

The board and staff would like to thank the partners that have supported County Conservation in Webster County over the past year and we look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2011-12!

Sincerely,
Matt Cosgrove, Director



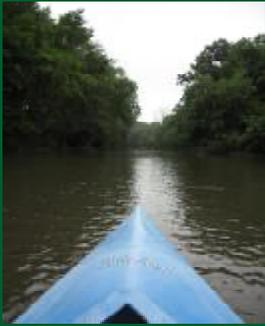
2010-11 Highlights...

- Webster & Hamilton Counties were selected as an "Iowa Great Place"!
- Fort Dodge & Webster County receive a \$1.2 Million Dollar Vision Iowa Grant for Trail Development!
- WCCB donates Lost Acres to the IDNR to be added to Brushy Creek State Recreation Area!

- WCCB enters into a \$25,000 maintenance contract with IDNR for the Gypsum City OHV Park!
- Three landowners donate public access sites along the Lizard Creek Water Trail!



Webster County's Natural Areas



Lizard Creek Water Trail

*Buy land,
they're not
making it
anymore.*

Mark Twain

Area	Acres
1. Bob Hay Memorial Wildlife Area	225
2. Becker Wildlife Area	10
3. Carlson Recreation Area	126
4. Deer Creek Wildlife Area	17
5. Holiday Creek Wildlife Area	36
6. John F Kennedy Memorial Park	400
7. Lindquist Wildlife Sanctuary	7
8. Liska-Stanek Prairie	20
9. Lundgren Church Nature Park	1
10. Meier Memorial Marsh	35
11. Miller Marsh	185
12. Moorland Pond	23
13. Prairie Pond	18
14. Rossow Prairie	40
15. Skillet Creek Indian Mounds	19
16. The Diggings	7
17. Whispering Wings Marsh	20
Lizard Creek Access	
18. Lentsch	.28
19. Cunningham	.28
20. Rasch	1.04
TOTAL	1,190.6



Management Agreements	
	Acres
Gypsum City OHV Park	225
Smeltzer Learning Farm	35
Smeltzer Gowrie Farm	40
TOTAL	300

Land Management



Miller Marsh Seeding

2010-11 Land Management Activity

Native Grass & CRP Seeding	129.8 acres
Private acres seeded with CCB drill	137.5 acres
Prescribed Burning	43 acres
Acres of native seed ordered	267.3
Bridge & Ditch Clean-out plantings	15
Trees planted (private)	144
Canada Thistle spraying (South 1/2 of county)	
Leafy Spurge spraying (South 1/2 of county)	
Sprayed all county bridge rails	

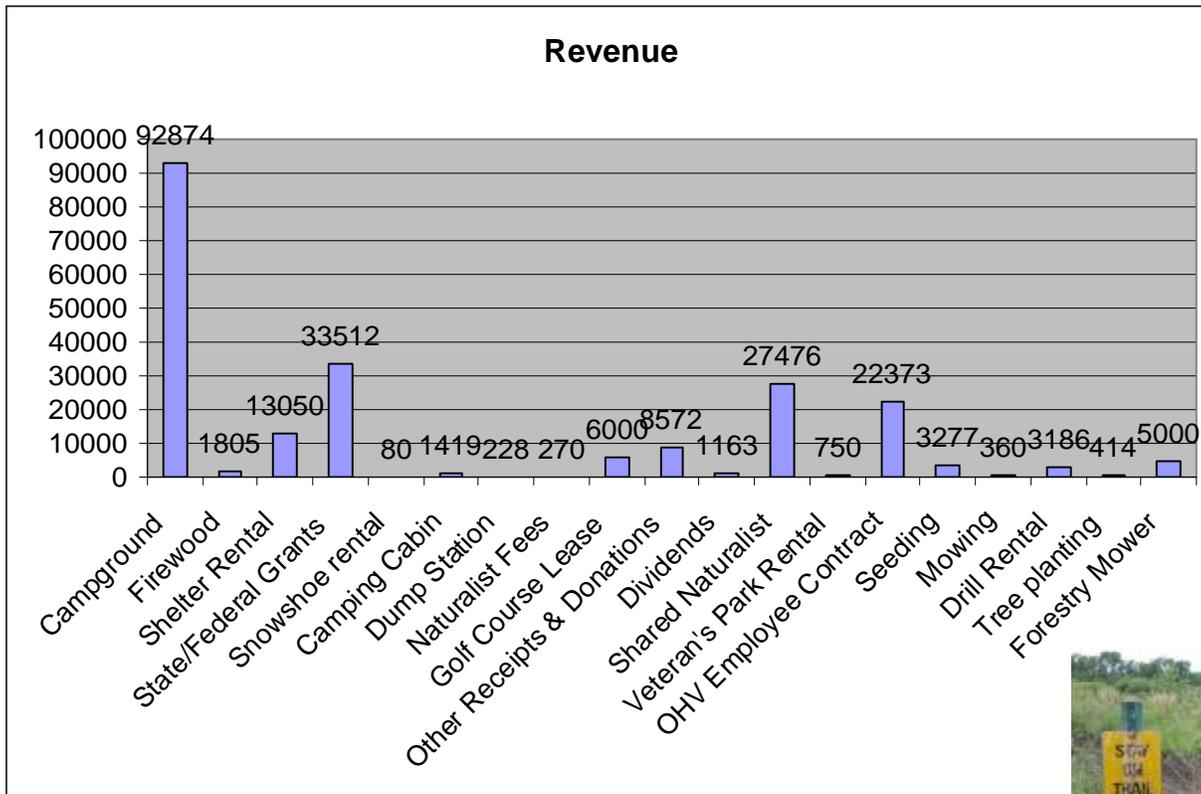
Weed Complaints

- 2006—21
- 2007—12
- 2008—10
- 2009—7
- 2010—10
- 2011-4**

WCCB...Financial Report

EXPENDITURES—General Fund	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Administration	\$399,220	\$394,427	\$384,229
Operations & Maintenance	71,250	73,025	98,394
TOTAL	\$470,470	\$467,452	\$482,623

EXPENDITURES—Rural Basic	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Integrated Roadside Vegetation Mgmt.	\$121,740	\$102,601	\$102,409



Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of men.
Gifford Pinchot



Gypsum City OHV Park

REVENUES	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Recreation Fees (Camping, Shelter, rentals)	\$108,401	\$96,916	\$119,711
Grants & Reimbursements	83,361	27,476	12,636
Rental (land & equipt)	13,124	7,381	14,060
Sale of Wood, Publications, etc	1,805	1,749	689
Other Income	9,117	7,288	972
Golf Course Lease	6,000	6,000	6,000
TOTAL	\$221,808	\$146,810	\$154,068



Webster County Conservation Board

STAFF	Yrs.
Matt Cosgrove Director	15
Cody Peterson Operations Supervisor	5
Pat Shehan Ranger	12
Darren Herzog Ranger	4
Karen Hansen Naturalist	18
Erin Ford Co./DNR Naturalist	6
Cindy Knickerbocker Secretary	21
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2010-11 Partners

Iowa Department of Natural Resources—Shared Naturalist Position & Gypsum City OHV Park

Ann Smeltzer Trust—Iowa Learning Farm & Gowrie Farm

Daybreak Rotary Club—15th Annual Dragon Boat Bash

Noon Sertoma—Veteran's Memorial Park & Lights At Kennedy

Webster County Trails Advisory Board—Trail development planning

Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation—Trail development assistance and land holding

Friends of Webster County Conservation—Event volunteers & funding assistance

Webster County Pheasants Forever—Project funding and habitat assistance

Fort Dodge Young Professionals—Adventure Race

Webster County Bowhunters & Archery Association— 3D Archery Shoots & archery instruction

Iowa High School State Cross County Meet

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Fisheries—Fish stocking and rip rap project

Natural Resource Conservation Service—Badger Creek Watershed planning assistance

City of Fort Dodge—Equipment sharing & grant work

Brushy Creek State Recreation Area—Equipment sharing

Badger Lutheran & St. Olaf Lutheran Church Service—Campground service (Mem. Day—Labor Day)

St. Edmond High School—Host Annual Labor Day Walk/Run