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Algona water quality project ribbon cutting ceremony to be held

ALGONA, Iowa -- The City of Algona, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, invites the public to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at the corner of Moore and Call Streets on June 7, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., to unveil the Permeable Paver/Tree Trench project.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will celebrate the completion of Algona's joint water quality project between the State Revolving Fund Water Resource Restoration Sponsored Project program and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's Urban Demonstration Water Quality Initiative Project.

Speakers for the event include Algona City Administrator Curt Wiseman, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, DNR Acting Division Administrator of Environmental Services Division Ed Tormey, Kossuth County Soil and Water Conservation District's Nancy Bohl Bormann, Project Manager Nick Frederiksen, and ISG Water Resource Strategist Staci Williams.

"This project is just one example of many projects across the state that allow cities to address and improve water quality measures in their communities," said Acting DNR Environmental Services Division Administrator Ed Tormey. "The City of Algona has implemented some cutting edge efforts through this project. This is a great example of how important the SRF program is to our state and the communities."

"Urban water quality projects allow public and private partners and local stakeholders to work together and take actionable steps that support the Nutrient Reduction Strategy," said Naig. "Whether you live in the city or the country, we must all do our part to improve water quality and preserve our natural resources for the next generation."

Through the Sponsored Project Program, Algona developed a project to address a water quality concern in its community by installing permeable pavers and tree trenches. These practices collectively capture and treat storm water from the parking lot before it runs into The East Fork Des Moines River to prevent nutrients and sediment from entering the water.

The Sponsored Project Program enables communities like Algona to fund a locally-directed, watershed-based, non-point source water quality improvement projects. The Sponsored Project Program is implemented through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), a loan program for construction of wastewater improvement projects and nonpoint source water quality projects.

On a typical CWSRF loan, principal is borrowed for the wastewater project and the borrower repays the principal plus interest and fees. On a CWSRF loan with a sponsored project, principal is borrowed for both the wastewater project and the sponsored project. In return the interest rate of the CWSRF loan is reduced so the borrower does not pay any more than they would have for just the wastewater project. Effectively, two water quality projects can be completed for the cost of one.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's Water Quality Initiative provides funding for projects that advance the implementation of conservation practices that are proven to reduce nutrient loss and improve water quality. There is tremendous interest and support among rural and urban audiences across the state to ramp up conservation efforts to improve water quality. The Algona project is a great example of what can happen when a community comes together to advance the state's water quality goals.

The parking lot project was made possible through partnerships with multiple groups and agencies, including the City of Algona, ISG, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and the State Revolving Fund, which is jointly administered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Finance Authority with technical assistance provided by Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

Public meeting to discuss wastewater general permit renewal for mining and processing services

MEDIA CONTACT: David Schelling, DNR, at David.Schelling@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-725-8407.

DES MOINES – The DNR will hold a public stakeholder meeting to answer questions and collect public comments on the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater general permit for mining and processing facility discharges.

The stakeholder meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on June 17 in Meeting Room A, located at 3520 86th St. in Urbandale.

Mining and Processing Facility Discharges General Permit 5 (GP5) will expire on July 19, 2021. The Iowa DNR proposes to initiate rulemaking to renew the permit for a third five-year term. The proposed GP5 has received updated formatting, edits to simplify and

improve clarity, and the inclusion of applicable hazardous condition reporting requirements.

A draft showing the proposed changes is available online <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/NPDES-Wastewater-Permitting/NPDES-General-Permits/GP5-Mining-Processing>.

People may ask questions on the proposed permit and make oral comments at the public meeting, or may submit written comments through June 24 to David Schelling, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E. Ninth St. Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax at 515-725-8202; or by email, including the commenter's name, to David.Schelling@dnr.iowa.gov.

DNR enforcement actions

MEDIA CONTACT: Kelli Book, DNR, at 515-725-9572 or Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov.

DES MOINES – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions.

Consent Orders A consent order is issued as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

Allamakee County

Patrick Reisinger

Operate facility in compliance with regulations; develop and implement a standard operating procedure for addressing mechanical failures; and pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,000.

Pocahontas County

Tukker Dairy, LLC

Operate facility in compliance with regulations; complete construction of basin; and pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$7,000.

Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Lori Hanson, DNR, at 515-725-9525 or Lori.Hanson@dnr.iowa.gov for Title V permits; or Sarah Piziali, DNR, at 515-725-9549 or Sarah.Piziali@dnr.iowa.gov for construction permits.

DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans' health and the air where we live. DNR's permitting staff review the applications to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality standards. The public has the right and is encouraged to comment on draft permits. DNR considers [public comments](#) before finalizing the permits. Submit

comments in writing to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the public comment period.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modified sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch.

Linn County

Archer Daniels Midland Company – 1425 60th Ave. S.W., Cedar Rapids.

Project No. 18-477, Modification of the fermentation, distillation and dehydration permit to increase the PM₁₀ and SO₂ “other” hourly emission limits to align with the BACT emission limits, while still maintaining the NAAQS. Public comment period ends June 28.

Scott County

Linwood Mining & Minerals Corporation – 401 E. Front St., Davenport.

Project No. 19-130, The proposed permitting action is for the modification of existing air construction permits for Kiln #1, #2 Rockbox and Conveyor (EP LP-38), Solid Fuel Crusher & Crusher Burner EP LP-39), and #4 Lime Truck Loadout System (LP-8) to update stack characteristics based on a recent stack test. The project includes issuance of a new permit for four Ingredients Bins (EP CC-17) to include potential PM₁₀ emission limits, control measures and enforceable operating limits. The public comment period ends June 26.