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DES MOINES – The next round of funding for the 2020 Derelict Building Grant Program is open for applications through Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.

The grant program was instituted by state legislation to help rural communities with populations of 5,000 or less to deconstruct or renovate abandoned commercial and public structures.

The program emphasizes reuse and recycling of building items, helps improve street appearance and commercial development, and alleviates the environmental concern these buildings can pose. Financial assistance includes asbestos removal, building deconstruction and renovation, and other environmental services.

Through the program, the city of Earlville completed asbestos removal and deconstruction of a former car dealership building in March 2019. By using deconstruction practices, the contractor diverted more than 700 tons of concrete, steel and other metal and lumber from the landfill by separating the material by category, saving the city \$31,500 in landfill disposal costs. Most of the concrete went to a local farmer for an erosion control project.

The city, along with local and regional partners completed a new Regional Transit Authority (RTA) hub. This facility will allow the RTA to provide accessible, safe, convenient and efficient transportation for all citizens in the cities, communities and rural areas of Delaware and Dubuque Counties.



Before

After



Derelict Building Grant Program funding is awarded annually on a competitive basis. A committee from the Iowa DNR, Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations, Iowa Recycling Association, Iowa Economic Development Authority and Keep Iowa Beautiful selects the projects for funding. For more information and to obtain an application on the Derelict Building Grant Program, contact Scott Flagg at 515-725-8318 or Scott.Flagg@dnr.iowa.gov.

DNR enforcement actions

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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.

Sioux County

Farmers Co-Operative Society, Sioux Center, Iowa dba Farmers Co-Operative Society and FCS Cooperative

Develop a standard operating procedure to assure storage of mineral oil and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

Lyon County

Dave Van Beek

Operate feedlots in compliance with all laws and regulations, do one of the following: submit an NPDES permit application or submit and implement plans for interim and permanent measures to eliminate discharges to a water, and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty

Administrative Orders

Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

Washington County (This is the one from last week that hasn't been published yet)

Dennis Grimm

Hire of Certified Groundwater Professional, initiate free product recovery and reporting, conduct annual site monitoring and reporting, establish long-term action plan to address high risk receptors and bring the site to closure, and pay a \$9,000.00 administrative penalty.