



FORESTRY EXTENSION NOTES

FORESTRY CONTACTS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN IOWA

Iowa has several public and private agencies which provide a wide range of forestry services and programs; a brief description of these organizations follows.

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BUREAU OF FORESTRY, IOWA DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING DES MOINES, IOWA 50319 (515/281-5966)

<http://www.iowadnr.com/forestry/index.html>

The Bureau of Forestry offers several services through its state, regional and district offices. The District Foresters can provide up to five days of service to landowners per year. Their services incorporate all aspects of woodland management including tree planting, species selection, fuelwood cutting, timber stand improvement, timber sales and tax treatment of these sales, harvesting and marketing, insect and disease problems, prairie identification, establishment and management, and woodland wildlife management. The District Foresters will prepare management plans and give advice on available financial assistance programs. Cost-share assistance for specific forestry practices such as timber stand improvement and tree planting are available.

The Bureau of Forestry operates the State Forest Nursery in Ames which provides tree and shrub nursery stock at minimal cost for reforestation, erosion control and wildlife plantings.

The State Forests (Shimek, Yellow River, Loess Hills, and Stephens) are operated to show different methods of woodland management and the variety of benefits that come from forested land. In addition, the forests provide opportunities for a wide range of outdoor recreation activities.

The Bureau of Forestry provides technical assistance to communities related to tree surveys, ordinances, and tree planting/care projects. It also surveys insects and diseases that impact on tree and forest health issues, and coordinates youth educational programs (Trees for Kids, Trees for Teens, and Project Learning Tree).

The Bureau works with Volunteer Fire Departments providing excess federal vehicles, training, and financial incentives to promote improved fire protection.

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- District 12: Wayne Fuhlbrugge, P.O. Box 232, 723 Seneca St., Webster City 50595 (Phone: 515/832-3585)
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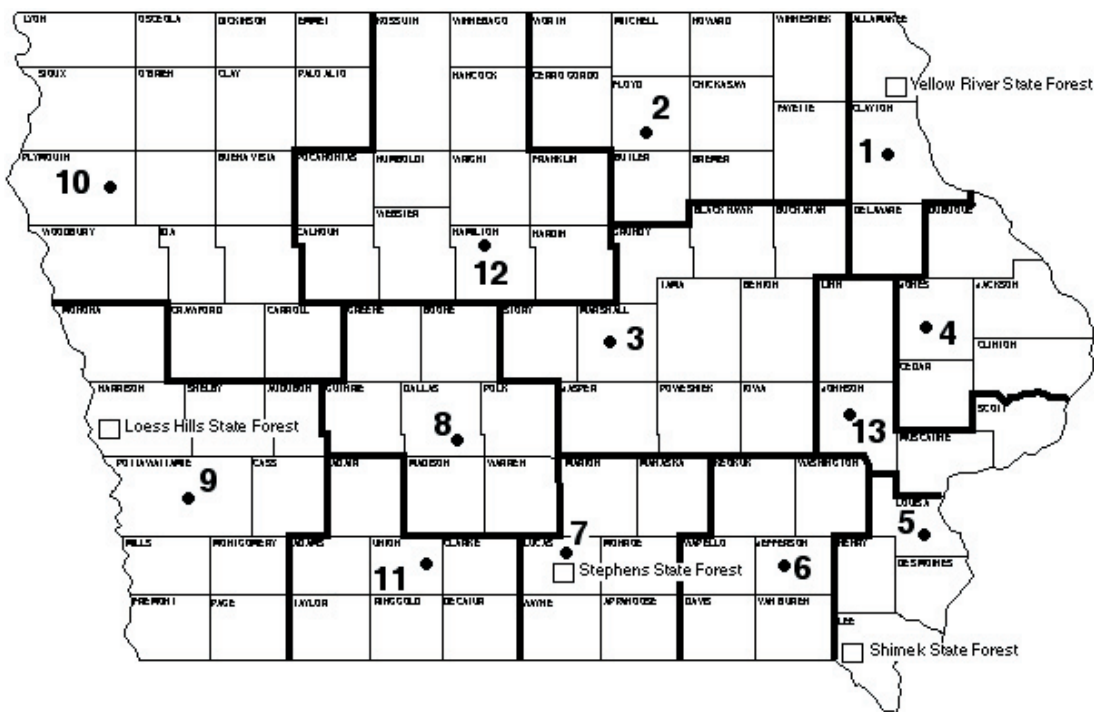
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Roger Jacob, Forestation & Nursery Forester

Aron Flickinger, Tree Improvement/Forest Health Forester

Gail Kantak, Wildlands Fire Supervisor/Conservation Education Forester

CONSOLIDATED FARM SERVICES AGENCY (CFSA)
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www.fsa.usda.gov/ia/

The Consolidated Farm Services Agency provides cost-share for forestry practices through the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), the Stewardship Incentives Program (SIP), and the Conservation Reserve program (CRP). ACP provides cost-sharing opportunities enabling farmers to carry out conservation, water quality, and environmental protection practices including forestry and windbreak practices that result in long term public benefits. SIP provides cost-sharing for a variety of woodland management practices. CRP supports tree planting on highly erodible land. Eligibility requirements and applications can be obtained from county CFSA offices.

COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARDS

george.ecity.net/iaccb/

The Iowa County Conservation Board Program, established in 1955, is recognized as one of the most successful county conservation programs in the United States. Iowa county boards are authorized to acquire, develop, and maintain areas devoted to conservation and public recreation. These boards also serve as a primary natural resource management agency in their respective counties, help educate local residents about environmental issues, and manage county wildlife conservation efforts. The local board office and phone number are listed in local telephone directories under county government offices.

IOWA CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

www.iowachristmastrees.com/

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The Iowa Christmas Tree Growers Association is a nonprofit organization of Christmas tree growers and technical persons dedicated to promoting the interests of the Christmas tree growing industry in Iowa. The Iowa growers hold two meetings each year; one in January, their annual meeting, and a field meeting in early August. Members receive the Iowa newsletter and the midwestern "Christmas Trees" magazine.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & LAND STEWARDSHIP

www.agriculture.state.ia.us/

WALLACE STATE OFFICE BUILDING
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This agency provides several services related to forestry. The Soil Conservation Division is primarily responsible for the preservation of Iowa's soil, water, and mineral resources. It provides assistance and support to Iowa's 100 soil and water conservation districts and has programs for groundwater protection. The agency is responsible for licensing mineral extraction and reclaiming mined land. The Laboratory Division is responsible for training, testing, and regulation of pesticide applicators and dealers. This agency also distributes cost-share funds for a variety of forestry practices and for windbreak establishment under the Iowa Resources Enhancement and Protection program.

IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

www.inhf.org

505 FIFTH AVENUE
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The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) is a non-profit, member-supported organizations that builds partnerships and educates Iowans to protect, preserve and enhance Iowa's natural resources for future generations. Working with private and public partners, INHF has helped protect more than 70,000 acres of Iowa's woodlands, prairies, wetlands and watersheds. INHF also wrote and distributes a free booklet called The Landowner's Options, which outlines 18 legal methods for permanently protecting your land's natural resources.

IOWA NUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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The Iowa Nut Growers Association is a nonprofit organization of individuals organized to promote the planting and culture of nut bearing trees within the state. Meetings are usually held four times each year. Trading and exchanging of seedling trees, seed, and graft wood of superior nut trees is often a highlight of these meetings. Members also receive the quarterly publication "Iowa Nut Growers News."

IOWA TREE FARM PROGRAM
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The Tree Farm Program is a national program sponsored by the American Forest Foundation and coordinated in the state by the Iowa Tree Farm Committee. To qualify as a Tree Farm, the woodland must be privately owned (or be a small public ownership), consist of at least 10 acres of hardwoods or 5 acres of conifers, managed for the continuous production of forest crops, and protected from grazing and other damaging agents. A professional forester will evaluate the woodland to determine whether or not it qualifies. Certified Tree Farmers receive a Tree Farm sign to post on their land and are recertified every five years.

IOWA WALNUT COUNCIL
CASCADE FOREST SERVICE
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www.walnutcouncil.org/

The Walnut Council is a trade association founded in 1979 to represent woodland owners, foresters, researchers, and the wood-using industry; the Council's goal is to increase the production of the highest quality American black walnut trees for the greatest mutual benefit. **[Iowa contact: Calvin Gatch]**

IOWA WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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The Iowa Woodland Owners Association is a nonprofit organization of woodland owners and other interested individuals committed to advancing the interests of woodland owners and forestry and to develop public appreciation of the value of Iowa's woodlands and their importance to the economy and overall welfare of the state. The association has an elected board of directors, sponsors an annual meeting, co-sponsors forestry field days and conferences, answers questions about members' woodlands, speaks to clubs and community organizations, and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Annual association membership is \$10.00.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)
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www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/

NRCS personnel provide forestry assistance to landowners through 100 field offices; NRCS has technical leadership within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for forestry technical standards and services related to farmstead and feedlot windbreaks, riparian forest buffers, woodland site preparation, tree planting, woodland seeding, timber stand improvement, wildlife upland habitat management, wildlife wetland habitat management, and windbreak renovation. NRCS offers financial and technical assistance through USDA programs including the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Forestry Incentives Program (FIP), Rural Development through Forestry (RDTF), Watershed Programs, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), and the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).

TREES FOREVER
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www.treesforever.org/

Trees Forever is an environmental nonprofit, founded by two volunteers in 1989, committed to providing support to individuals and groups engaged in locally-led projects involving the planting of and caring for trees.