

Reed's Run becomes new public area in Dickinson County

Comprised of 43 acres of restored prairie and wetlands, Reed's Run Wildlife Area lies just off the eastern shore of Big Spirit Lake and along the Dickinson County trail system. The property was bequeathed to the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church and through the help of the Spirit Lake Protective Association (SLPA) and INHF, the property was protected and has been transferred to Dickinson County Conservation (DCCB) for public use.

"This particular piece of property sits at the foot of a watershed that has some pretty profound impacts on the water quality of Big Spirit Lake," said SLPA Vice President Joe Ulman. "There's also a significant opportunity to enhance recreation in the area."

INHF helped SLPA complete a fundraising campaign to raise private and public funds to complete the transfer of the land to the DCCB. 📍

QUARTERLY PROTECTION REPORT

An quick look at new INHF protection projects and land transferred between **Dec. 2018–Feb. 2019.**

Newly protected areas

Buffalo Creek WMA addition

8 acres in Delaware County will be restored to native vegetation to provide runoff filtration and increased water storage. *(Will be owned and managed by the Delaware County Conservation Board)*

Loess Hills WMA addition

162 acres of the in Monona County protects classic Loess Hills topography, scenic vistas, native prairie and reconstructed prairie. *(Will be owned and managed by the Iowa DNR)*

South Skunk River Greenbelt addition

55 acres in Story County protects historical oxbows and a river buffer along the South Skunk River. *(Will be owned and managed by the Story County Conservation Board)*

Tuttle Lake WMA addition

179 acres in Emmet County protects upland grassland and an additional wetland near the Tuttle Lake Wetland Complex. *(Will be owned and managed by the Iowa DNR)*

Spring Run WMA addition

110 acres in the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture priority area in Dickinson County will be restored to wetland and prairie. *(Will be owned and managed by the Iowa DNR)*

Leo Grau Wildlife Area additions

40 acres in Buena Vista County will build a wetland under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and create more suitable wildlife habitat and benefit water quality. *(Will be owned and managed by the Iowa DNR)*

Warren County

374 acres in Warren County will provide public hunting and recreation land to central Iowa along the North River. *(Will be owned and managed by the Iowa DNR)*

Pilot Knob WMA addition

156 acres of Winnebago County will be restored to wetland basins and native vegetation for migratory birds seeking nesting and breeding habitat. *(Will be owned and managed by the Iowa DNR)*

Polk County

27.5-acre conservation easement in Polk County provides habitat protection along the Raccoon River and maintains a scenic woodland buffer. *(Protected by Fred and Emily Weitz)*

Allamakee County

20-acre conservation easement in Allamakee County protects the viewshed and water quality of the Upper Iowa River just two miles from INHF's Heritage Valley. *(Protected by Michael and Linda Rickert)*

Mahaska County

479-acre reserve life estate in Mahaska County will remain as woodland and grassland, with long-term stewardship benefiting wildlife. *(Protected by Pleasant Grove Land Preservation, Inc.)*

Land transfers to partners

Winneshiek County

108 acres in Winneshiek County helps protect the Upper Iowa River viewshed, water quality, a natural spring and woodlands for wildlife habitat. *(Owned by private landowner with conservation protections)*

Clarke County

17 acres in the City of Osceola provides access to a trail from Osceola Elementary to East Lake Park. *(Owned and managed by the City of Osceola)*

Woodbury County

90 acres in Woodbury County boast the world's second deepest deposition of Loess soil and also contains Native American geoglyphs. *(Owned and managed by the Woodbury County Conservation Board)*

Big Marsh WMA addition

139 acres near Boylan Creek in Butler County will be restored to native grasses and wetlands, providing flood control during frequent high water events. *(Owned and managed by the Iowa DNR)*

Heritage Hills addition

152 acres of grasslands and native woodland in Clarke County will create critical habitat for state threatened species, such as the Henslow's Sparrow. *(Owned and managed by the Iowa DNR)*

Legacy Wildlife Area

273 acres of Hardin County's prairie pothole region were protected through the Wetland Reserve Easement program. *(Owned and managed by the Hardin County Conservation Board)*

Reeds Run Wildlife Area

43 acres of restored wetland and grassland located along Big Spirit Lake's eastern shore in Dickinson County. *(Owned and managed by the Dickinson County Conservation Board)*



Reed's Run Wildlife Area

CONSERVATION FEATURES

-  Woodlands
-  Park
-  Prairies/Grassland
-  Streams/Rivers
-  Wetlands
-  Agricultural land
-  Trail