



“If you clean it, they will come”

Field of Dreams Watershed & Water Trail

Stream Restoration, the Iowa DNR River Restoration Toolbox and a Vision for Change!

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Connecting Communities to Water



Water Quantity
Water Quality
Rivers and Streams
Lakes & Ponds
Wetlands



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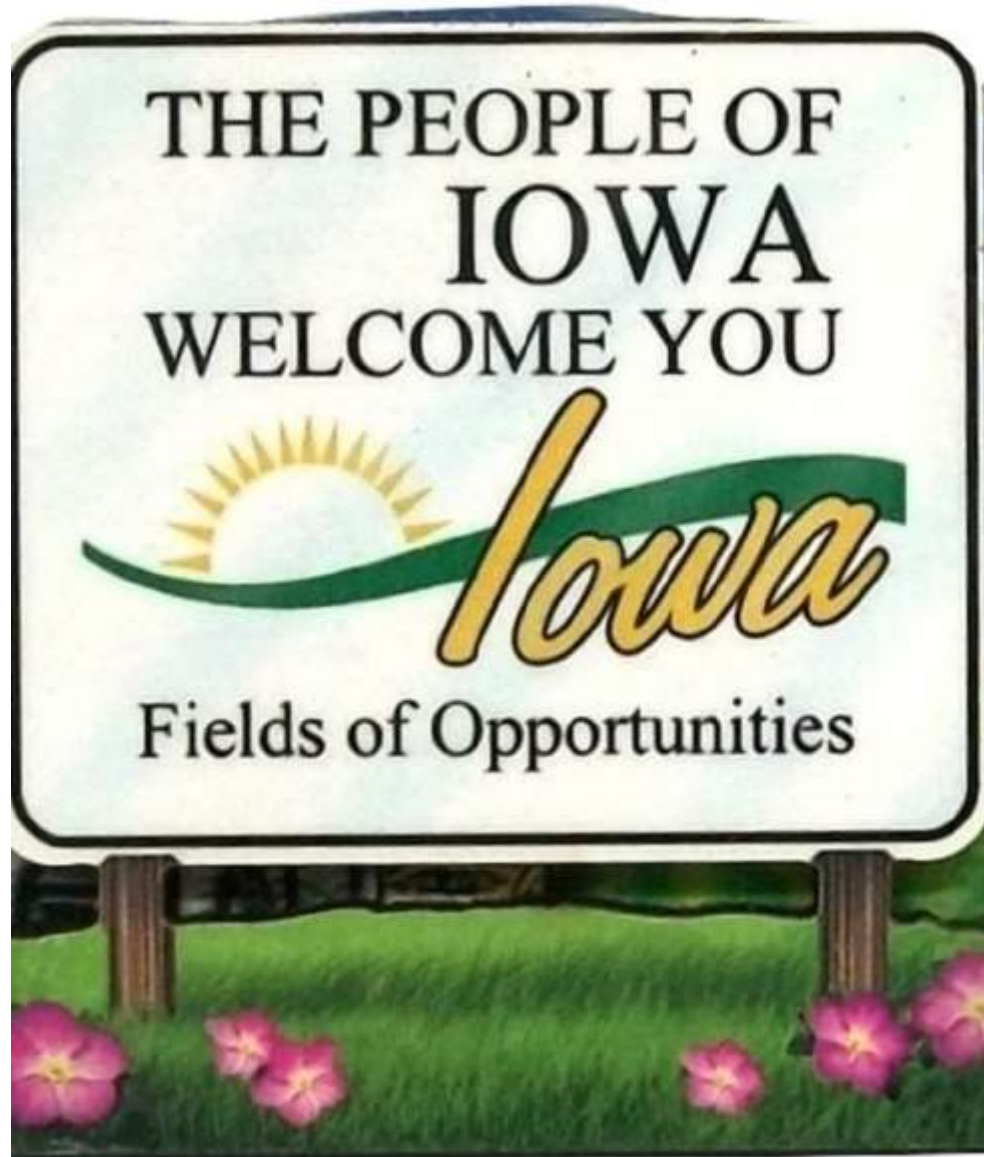
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south

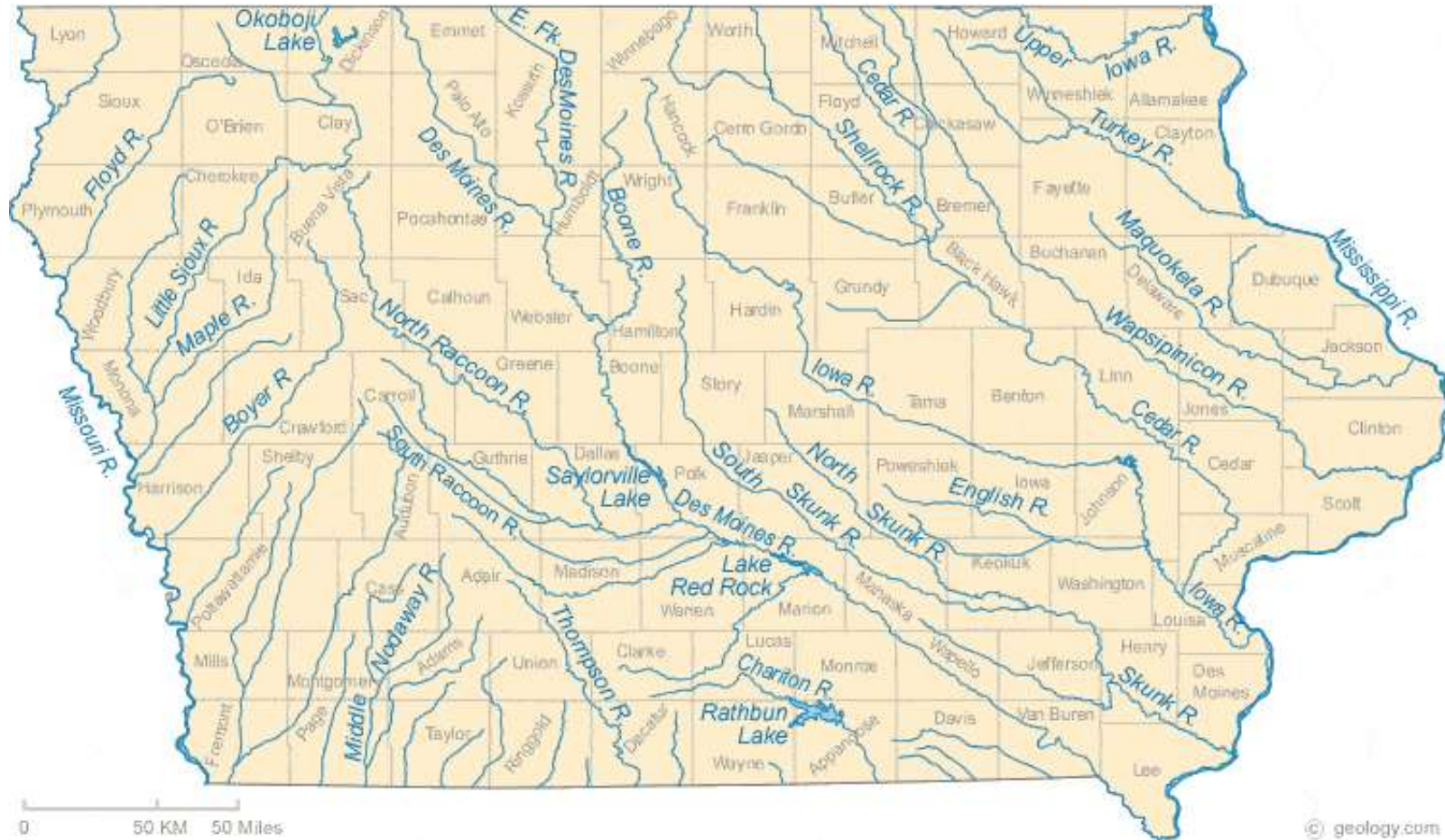




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Iowa has 27,000 miles of perennial streams

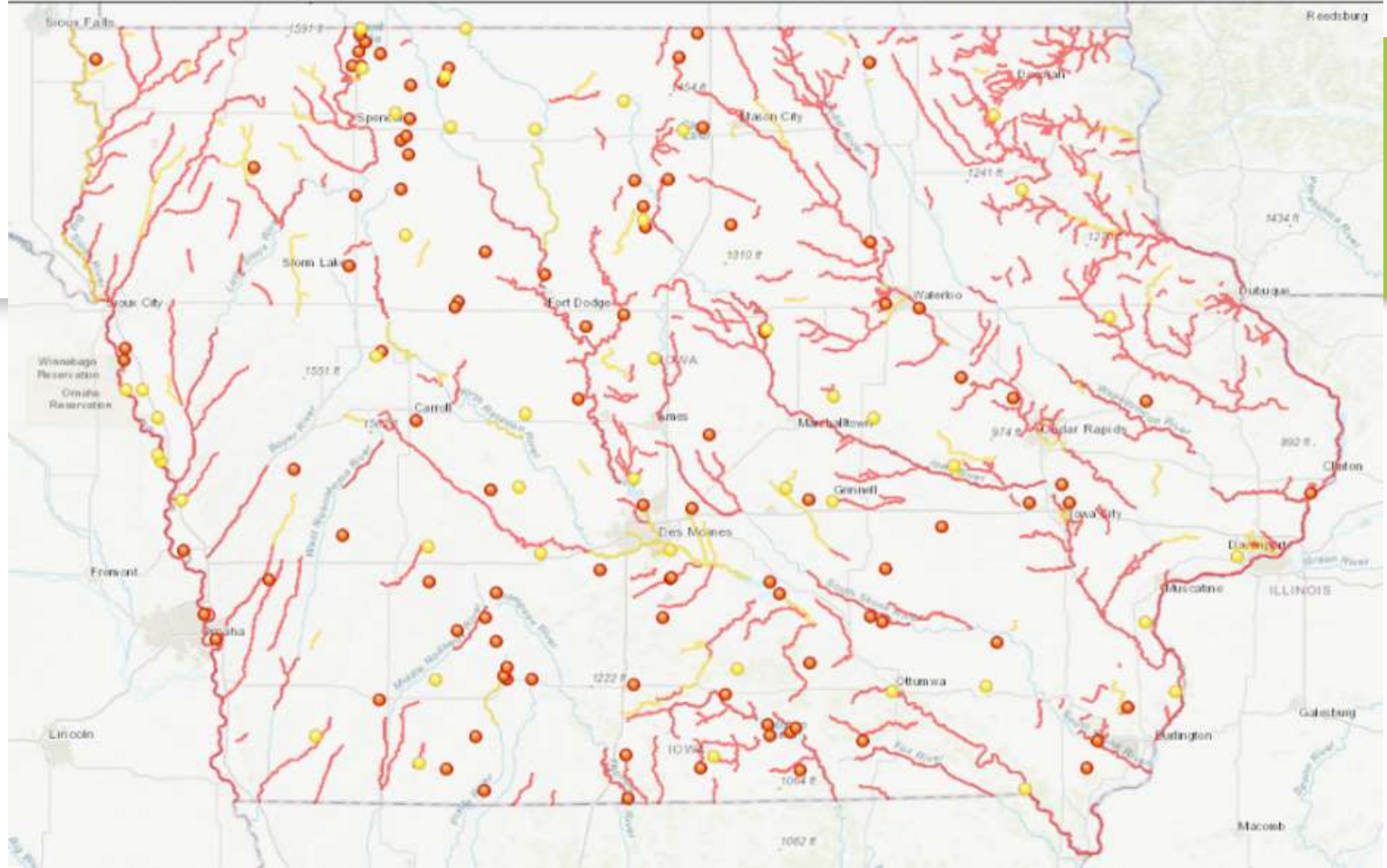
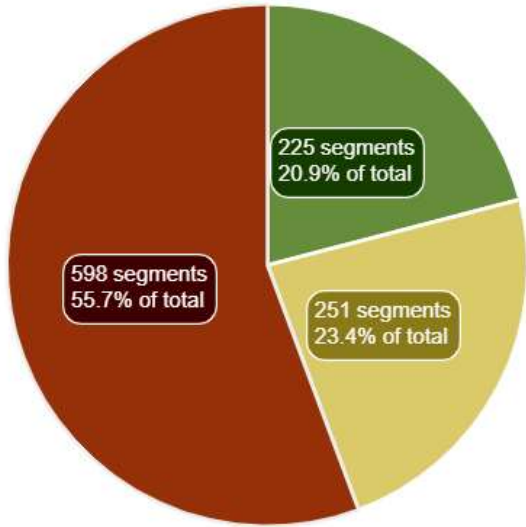




Flooding

Rivers and Streams

Healthy WINOFI Impaired



Water Quality: Impaired Waters

<https://programs.iowadnr.gov/adbnet/Assessments/Summary/2022>

Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategies goals





How do we connect lowans to the water?

• Most of Iowa's landscape --
- more than 90 percent --- is
privately owned and used
for agricultural production.



All public lands = 2%

DNR lands = less than 1%

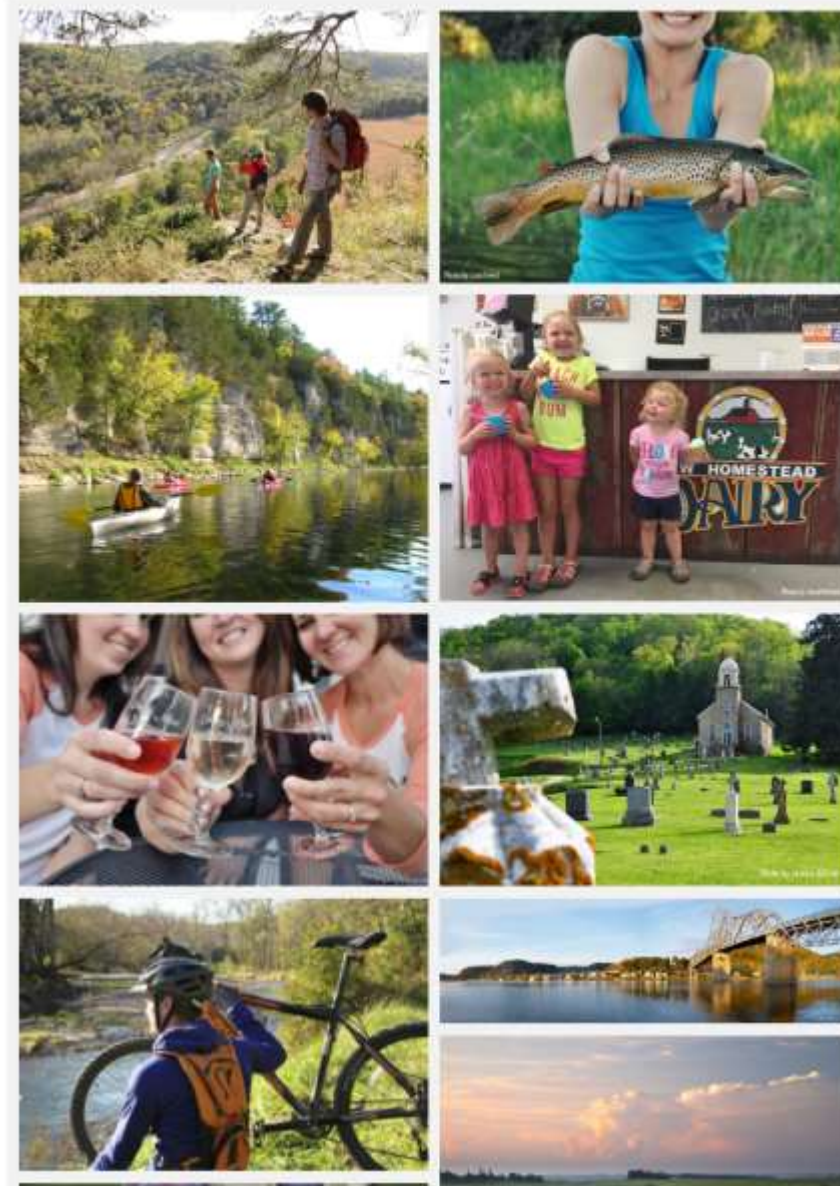


What we needed was a Poster Child for WATER?

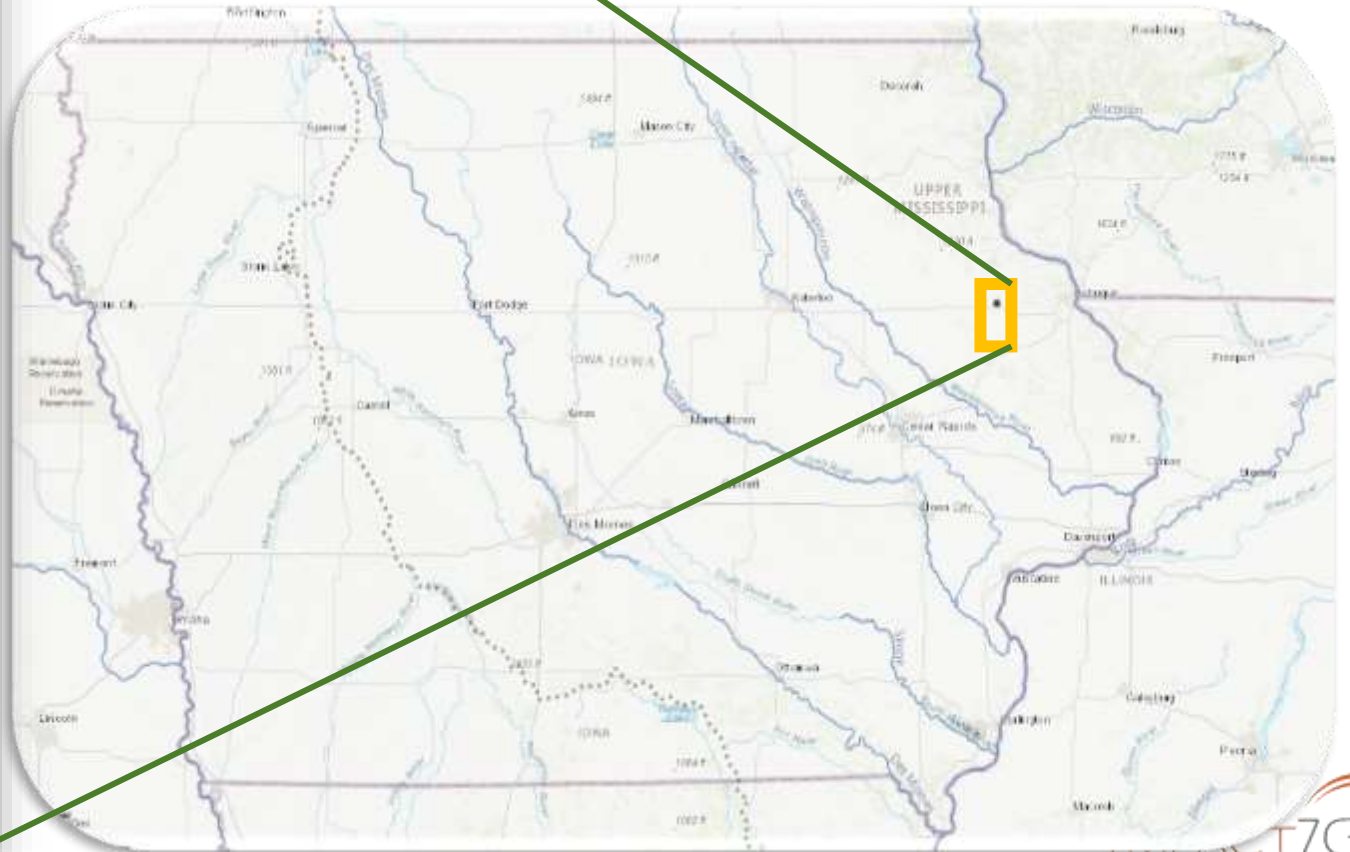




Driftless Area Scenic Byway

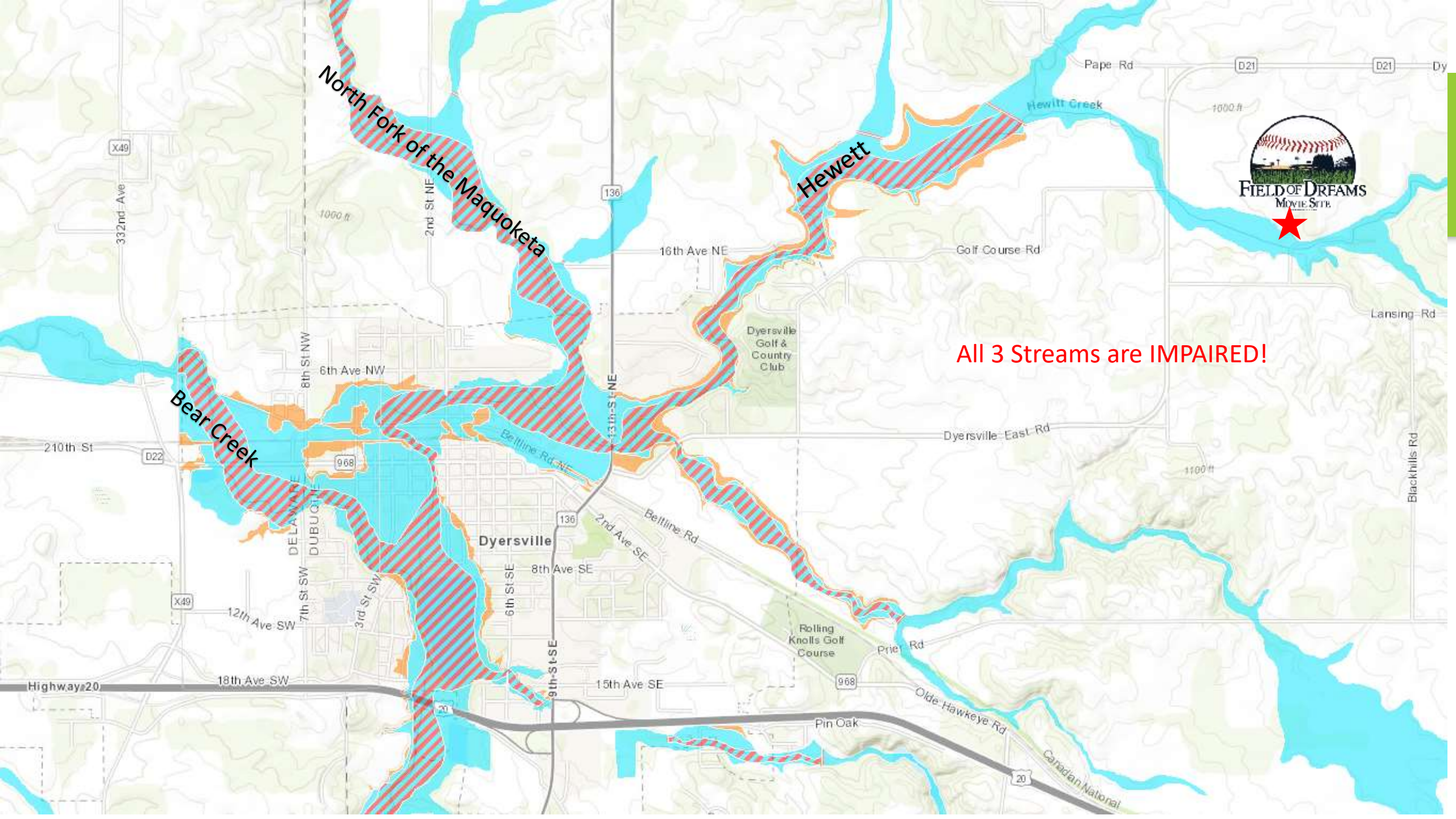


Headwaters of the North Fork Maquoketa River (HUC 10 0706000608)





The “Field of Dreams” Watershed



North Fork of the Maquoketa

Hewitt

Bear Creek

All 3 Streams are IMPAIRED!



332nd Ave X49

1000 ft

136

D21

D21

Pape Rd

1000 ft

Hewitt Creek

2nd St NE

16th Ave NE

Golf Course Rd

Lansing Rd

DELAWARE DUBUQUE

8th St NW

6th Ave NW

210th St

D22

968

Dyersville East Rd

1100 ft

Blackhills Rd

Dyersville

Beltline Rd NE

136

2nd Ave SE

Beltline Rd

Dyersville Golf & Country Club

Highway 20

18th Ave SW

X49

12th Ave SW

7th St SW

3rd St SW

6th St SE

8th Ave SE

136

Beltline Rd

Rolling Knolls Golf Course

15th Ave SE

Pin Oak

968

Prie Rd

Oldie Hawkeye Rd

Canadian National


20



What is the Community's relationship with its streams?



- Streams get the communities full attention during floods
- After events, efforts are made to address flooding and flood mitigation



**What is the relationship with the streams in a
“Normal” and “Low Flow”?**

The Streams are Ignored!

- Hidden
- Limited access
- Limited recreational opportunities
- Poor aesthetics
- No connection to the community!

Normal and Low flows are 99% of the time!



Now that we have the community's attention...

How do we pay for it?!



Funding Sources Required a Design Standard

Reviewers needed training

Check list to assure success

Iowa's River Restoration Toolbox (IRRT)



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River Restoration Toolbox

Welcome to the Iowa DNR River Restoration Tool Box Data Collection and Data Analysis Spreadsheet. On each tab you will find a series of questions or calculations. All fields that are highlighted in light green on the first 10 tabs should be filled out by the user using the most representative data for the analyzed reach. Please fill out one spreadsheet per each reach of stream to be analyzed. To move between tabs, either click on the links to the right, use arrow keys, or click on the tabs below.

The Design Tab, provides a summary of existing conditions and allows the user to input proposed parameters for the design. Selected parameters are then rated as functioning, functioning - at risk, and non-functioning. The ranking tab is based on design values and ranks techniques based on a variety of parameters. Note that often, multiple techniques will be appropriate for a given situation. The analysis provided within this spreadsheet does not replace the need for a detailed design and is provided for informational purposes. Stream bank and channel restoration designs should be performed by an experienced professional.

Quick Link

Project Information

Watershed

Geometry

Calculated

Geology

Planform Stability

Bed Stability

IRRT

What it is

- Macro-enabled spreadsheet
- Assessment *tool*
- BMP Guidelines
- Checklist for Funders / Reviewers

What it is NOT

- Fully comprehensive assessment tool
- Final word in stream restoration
- Autonomous design platform

IRRT – Interface

Stream Restoration Technique Recommendations

Click "Calculate" button at right to populate "Recommendations" table below

Calculate

25 Width of Flood-Prone Area (W_{FPA})

Click button to See Line Art Drawing 9 (View)

26 Average Pool to Pool Spacing (P_s)

Click button to See Line Art Drawing 5 (View)

27 Belt Width (W_{BLT})

Click button to See Line Art Drawing 10 (View)

28 What is the dominant BEHI Rating?

high

Click button to See Line Art Drawing 20 (View)

29 What is the D_{50} of the reach?

For Bedrock enter 2048 mm

Click button to See Line Art Drawing 11 (View)

30 Bankfull discharge (Q_{BKf})

Validate with combination of field and desk

Bankfull discharge is less than the 2-year (5

Method - select from drop down list

Darcy-Weisbach

U/U*

Manning

Bankfull width verified less than Iowa Flood Information System 50 percent innu

StreamStats Peak-Flow report

Nearby gauge, statistical analysis of peakflows between 1-2 year range associat

Grade Control

Rock Arch Rapids	0%
Cross Vane	0%
W-Weir	0%
Step-Pool Structure	0%
Rock & Log Riffle	100%
Grouted Grade Control	0%
Rock Constructed Riffle	100%

Vegetation Restoration

Live Staking / Joint Planting	92%
Live Fascines	92%
Brush Layering	92%
Erosion Control Matting	92%
Sod Matting	92%

Riparian Buffering

Restoration / Establishment	96%
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IFIS Inundation	243
USGS StreamStats	257
	46.2
	324
	275

Presence of Nearby Infrastructure

Clear Conditions Re-Calculate

Existing Conditions Design Conditions

	2.07	1.00
	2.05	1.43
	90.50	90.00
	260.00	260.00
	163.12	163.12
	427.59	427.59
	2.87	2.89
	Stage IV	Stage VI
	high	low
Perennial Vegetation 0 to 50 feet beyond Belt Width	Perennial Vegetation 0 to 50 feet beyond Belt Width	
	27.76	40.00
	63.00	120.00
	5.40	3.75
	7.20	5.20
	1.55	1.50
	8.52	17.78
	0.0570	0.0470
	4.37	5.00
	B5c	B5c
	1105.00	1320.00
sand (0.062 mm - <2 mm)	sand (0.062 mm - <2 mm)	
single thread	single thread	
No	No	
1.44	1.00	

IRRT – Project Review

73 List of minimum design documents for review.

- a. Plan view drawing
- b. Profile view drawing (existing and proposed)
Click button to See Line Art Drawing 5 (View 5) Longitudinal Profile
- c. Channel alignment geometry
- d. Typical cross sections
- e. Minimum of 3 site photos, including vegetation (more for larger project areas)
- f. This spreadsheet is part of the submittal
- g. Bankfull stage and discharge determination report
- h. Floodplain risk gradient map

IOWA Flood
Risk

74 List of minimum data to be provided

- a. Profile (*.csv)
- b. Cross section at a riffle (*.csv)
Click button to See Line Art Drawing 3 (View 3) Survey Figure
- c. Cross section at a representative pool (*.csv)
- d. Cross section at most erosive bank (if a goal is reducing streambank erosion) (*.csv)
- e. Velocity/Discharge calculations
- f. Riffle/Reach pebble count
Click button to See Line Art Drawing 11 (View 11) Pebble Counts
- g. Gradation of bar sample (if applicable)

* When using Geomorphic Channel design practice, see Practice Guide 5, sections 2.8 and 2.9 for checklists of minimum report and plan requirements.



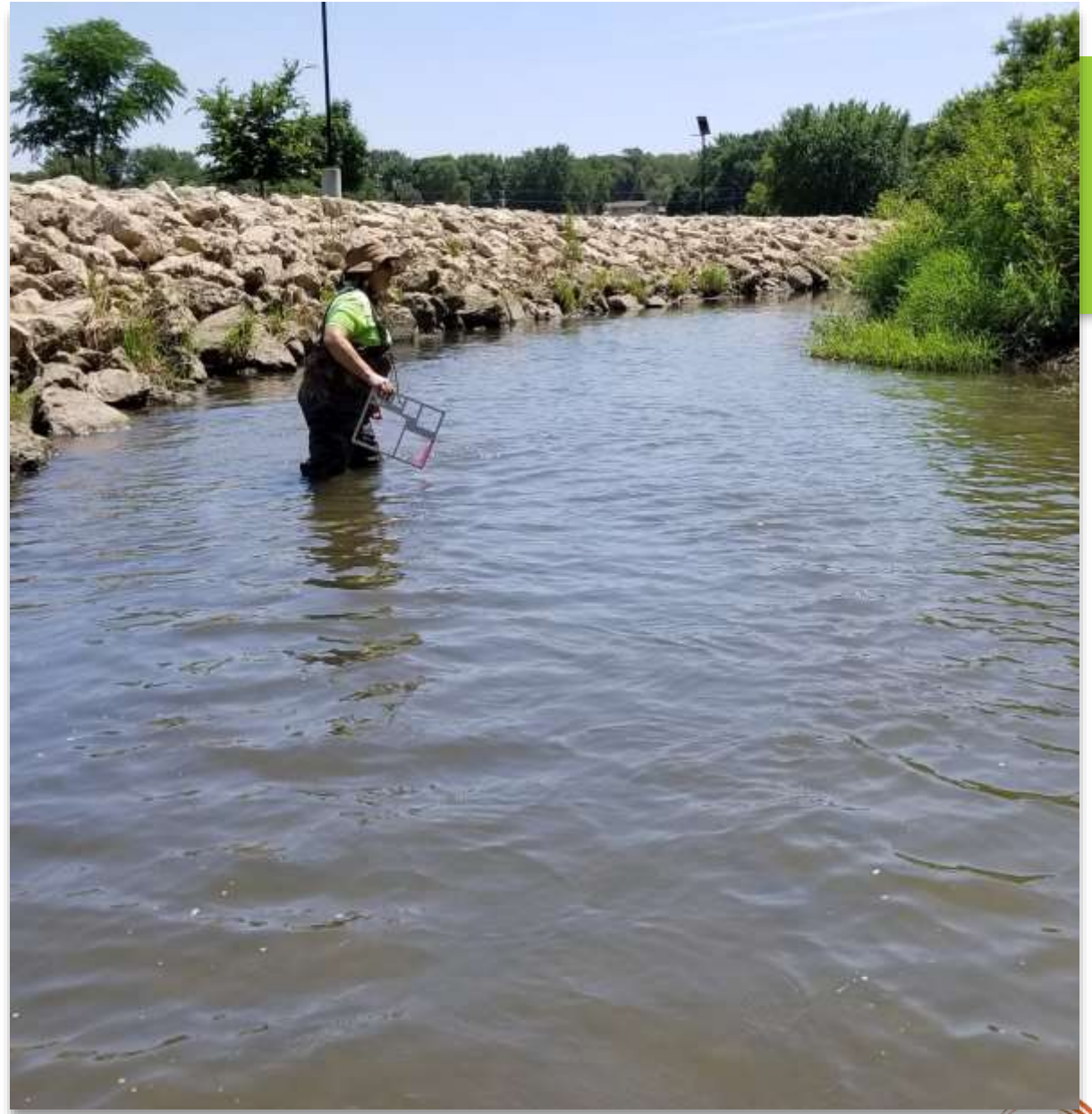
Funding!



Meanwhile in Dyersville...

Bear Creek – Ignored!





Before

Shallow-rooted turf near stream edge susceptible to bank collapse

Steep rip-rap bank

Turf grass

Bike path

Overwidened channel causing uniformly slow moving water (lack of habitat), and deposition of sediment.

After

Native trees, grasses, and forbs provide excellent habitat for pollinators, birds, and mammals. Their deep roots help hold the streambank in place

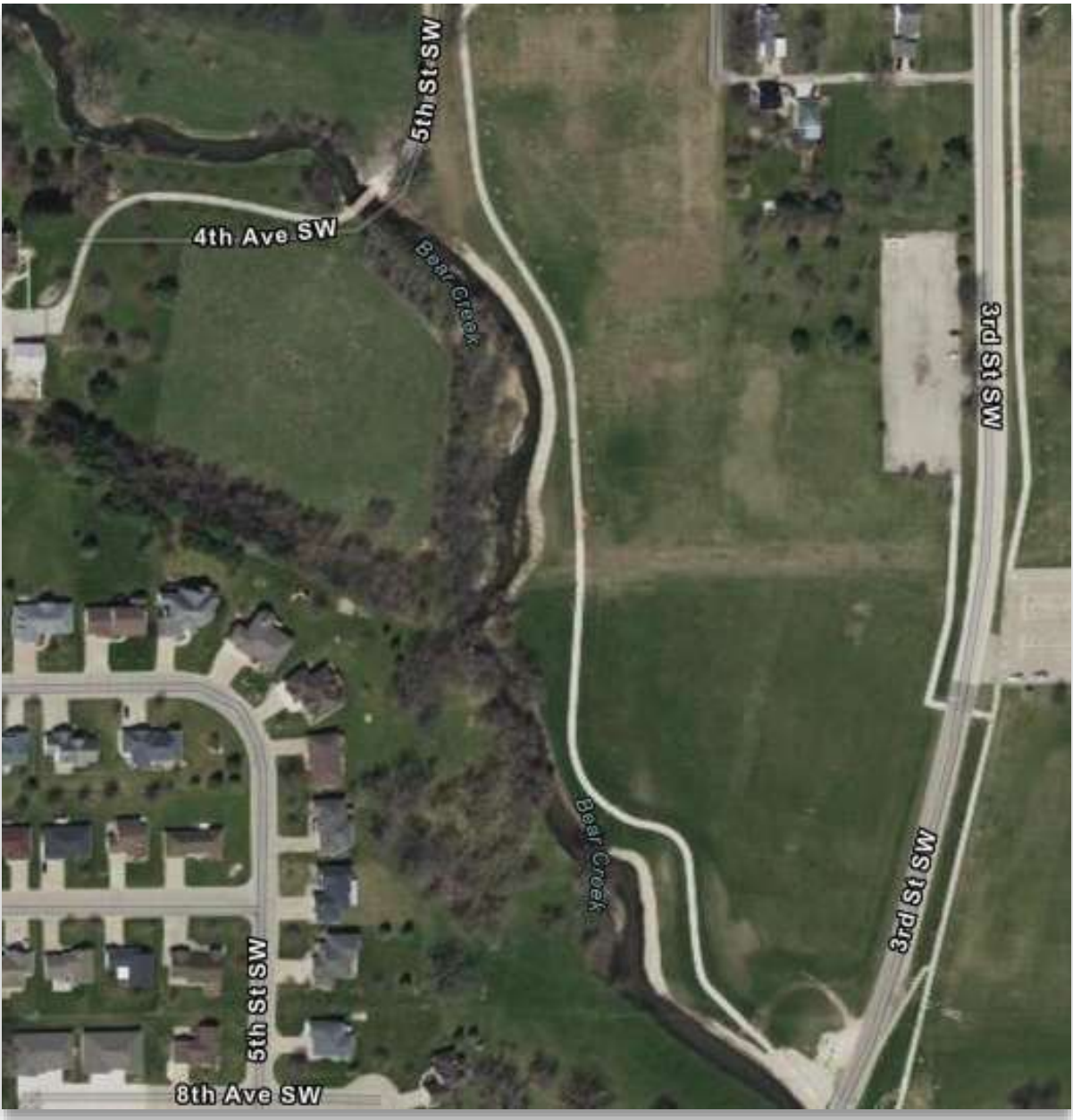
Native vegetation near bike path to increase connectivity with nature

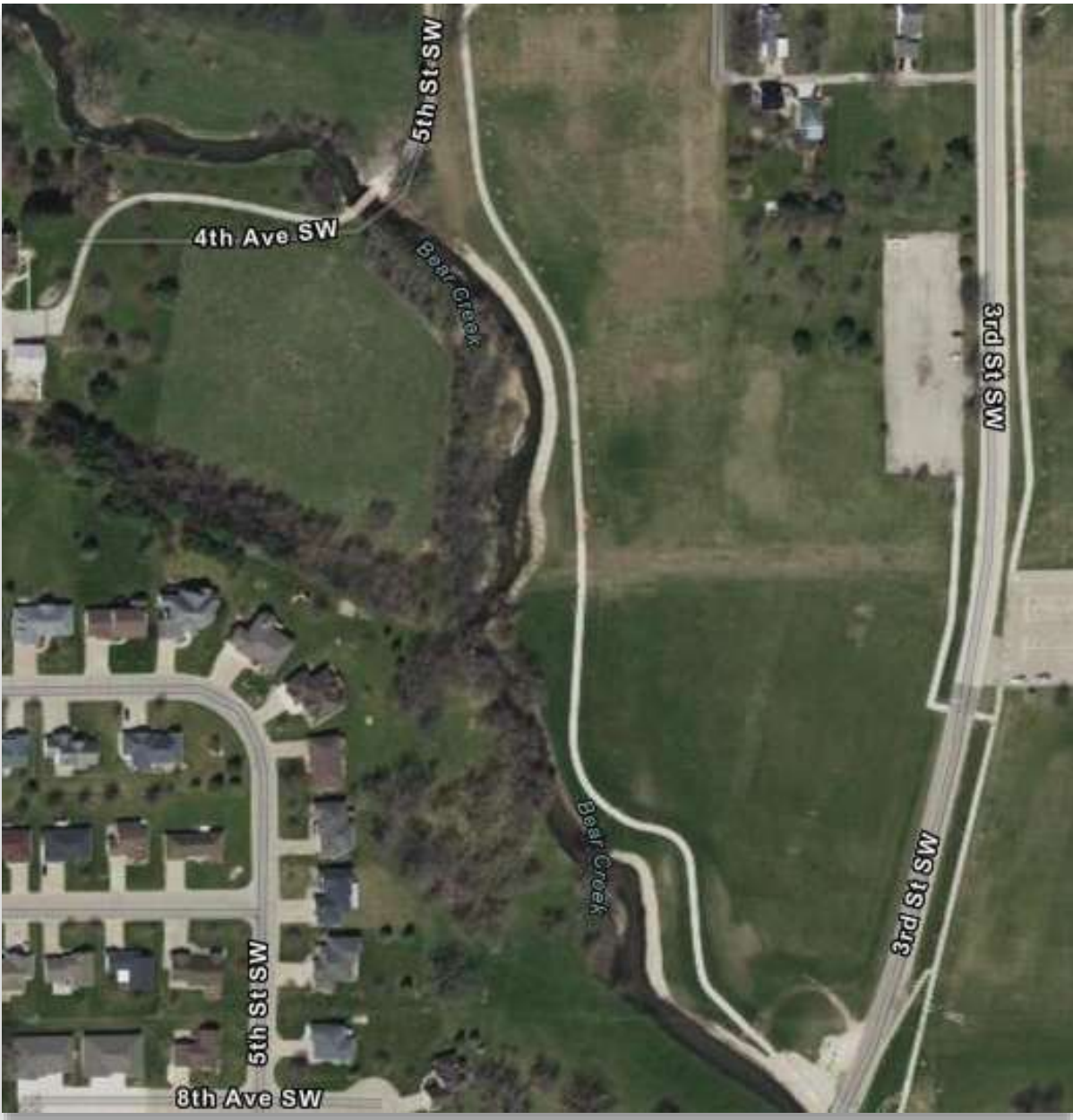
Bankfull benches help dissipate energy during normal high-water events

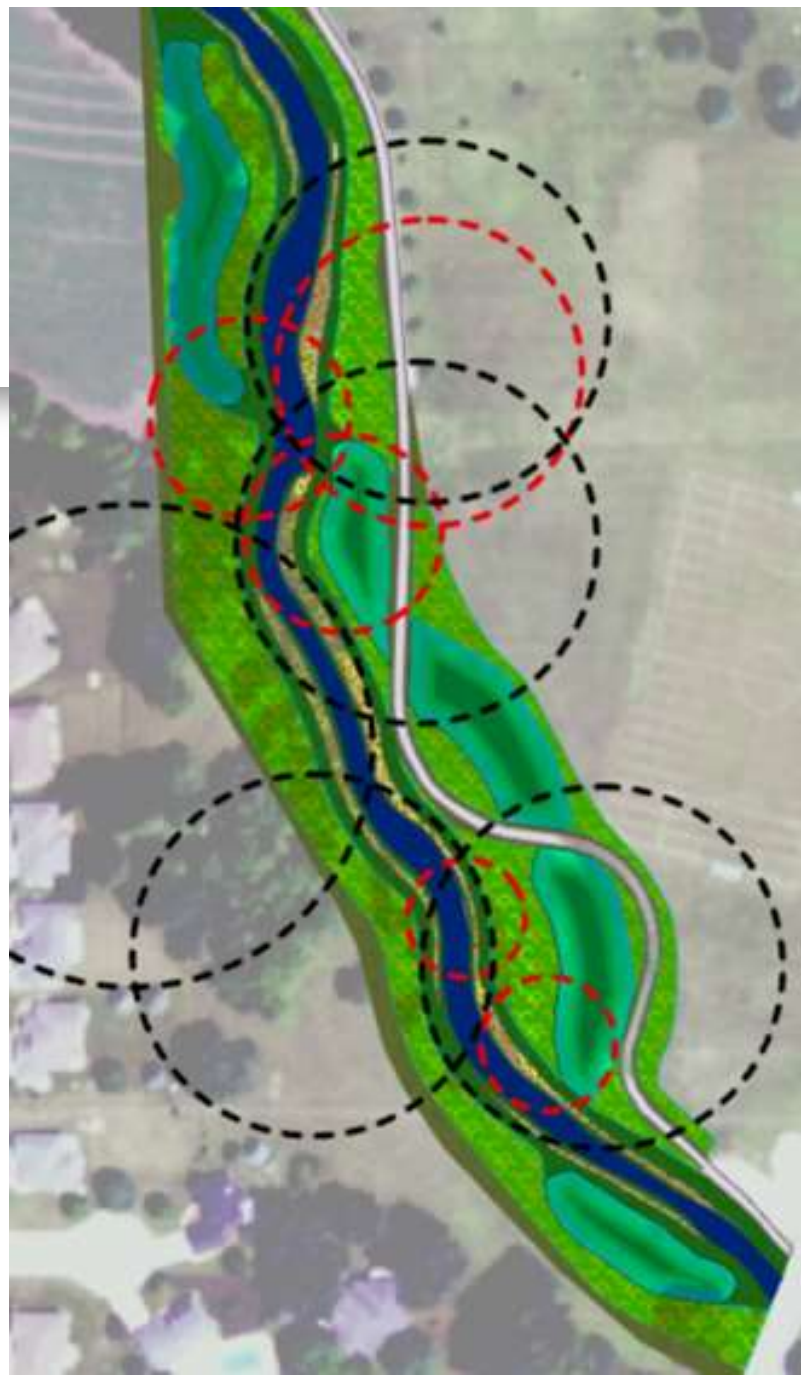
Bike trail moved to create additional floodplain area and flood storage

Shallow oxbow

Rootwads help armor the streambank and deflect flows away from the bank, helping to protect infrastructure, like the bike trail. They also provide excellent habitat for fish and other aquatic life









Oxbow
Inner-berm

Japanese-knotweed
removed

Rip-rap
removed



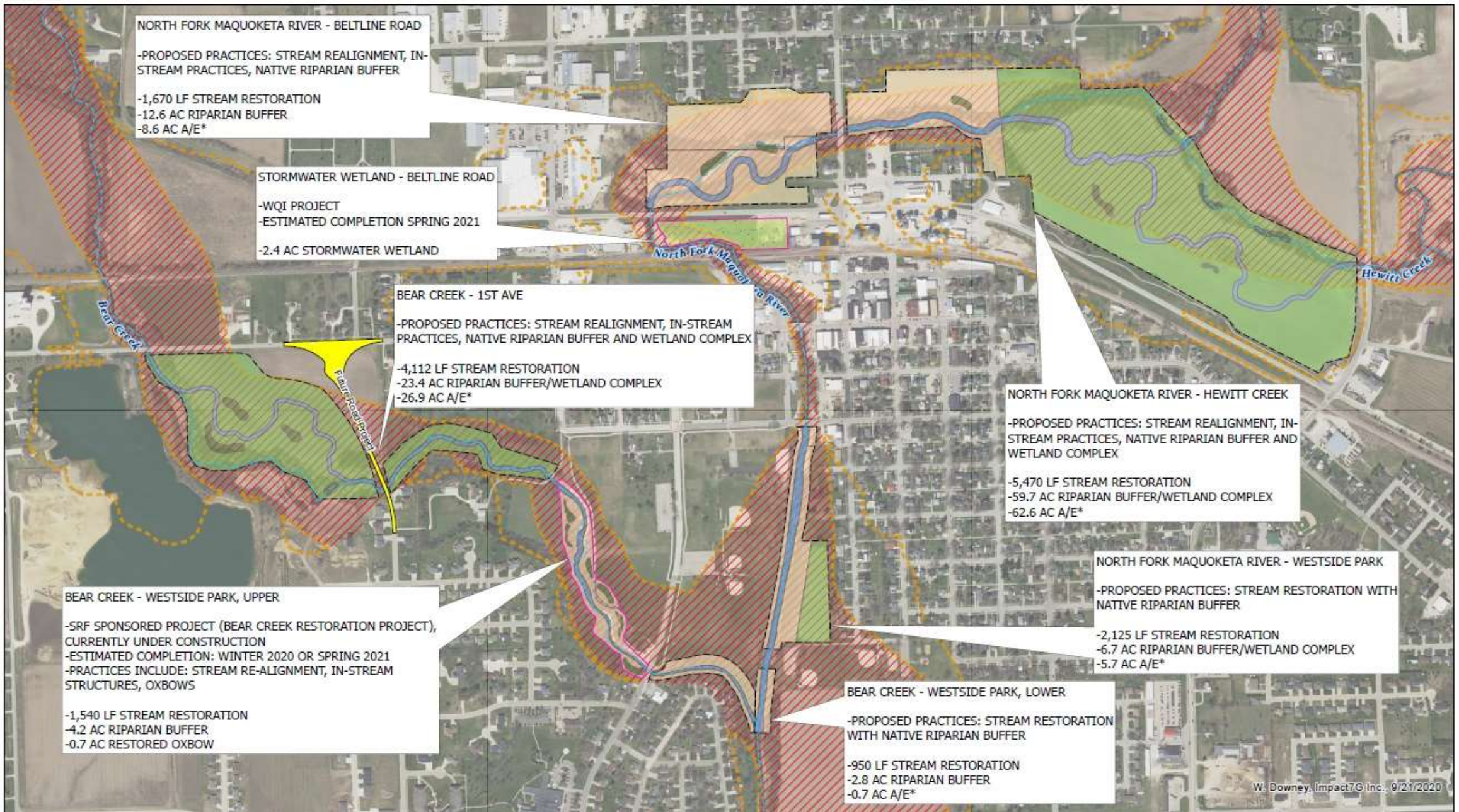






Dyersville – Next up?





NORTH FORK MAQUOKETA RIVER - BELTLINE ROAD

-PROPOSED PRACTICES: STREAM REALIGNMENT, IN-STREAM PRACTICES, NATIVE RIPARIAN BUFFER

- 1,670 LF STREAM RESTORATION
- 12.6 AC RIPARIAN BUFFER
- 8.6 AC A/E*

STORMWATER WETLAND - BELTLINE ROAD

-WQI PROJECT
-ESTIMATED COMPLETION SPRING 2021

- 2.4 AC STORMWATER WETLAND

BEAR CREEK - 1ST AVE

-PROPOSED PRACTICES: STREAM REALIGNMENT, IN-STREAM PRACTICES, NATIVE RIPARIAN BUFFER AND WETLAND COMPLEX

- 4,112 LF STREAM RESTORATION
- 23.4 AC RIPARIAN BUFFER/WETLAND COMPLEX
- 26.9 AC A/E*

NORTH FORK MAQUOKETA RIVER - HEWITT CREEK

-PROPOSED PRACTICES: STREAM REALIGNMENT, IN-STREAM PRACTICES, NATIVE RIPARIAN BUFFER AND WETLAND COMPLEX

- 5,470 LF STREAM RESTORATION
- 59.7 AC RIPARIAN BUFFER/WETLAND COMPLEX
- 62.6 AC A/E*

NORTH FORK MAQUOKETA RIVER - WESTSIDE PARK

-PROPOSED PRACTICES: STREAM RESTORATION WITH NATIVE RIPARIAN BUFFER

- 2,125 LF STREAM RESTORATION
- 6.7 AC RIPARIAN BUFFER/WETLAND COMPLEX
- 5.7 AC A/E*

BEAR CREEK - WESTSIDE PARK, UPPER

-SRF SPONSORED PROJECT (BEAR CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT), CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION
-ESTIMATED COMPLETION: WINTER 2020 OR SPRING 2021
-PRACTICES INCLUDE: STREAM RE-ALIGNMENT, IN-STREAM STRUCTURES, OXBOWS

- 1,540 LF STREAM RESTORATION
- 4.2 AC RIPARIAN BUFFER
- 0.7 AC RESTORED OXBOW

BEAR CREEK - WESTSIDE PARK, LOWER

-PROPOSED PRACTICES: STREAM RESTORATION WITH NATIVE RIPARIAN BUFFER

- 950 LF STREAM RESTORATION
- 2.8 AC RIPARIAN BUFFER
- 0.7 AC A/E*

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Dyersville Downtown Driftless Float Park

One-of-a-kind, family-friendly outdoor recreation experience. The proposal is to create a lazy river float park, through stream restoration measures

If you CLEAN it, they will Come!

Every community has a little **Stream** running through it



Economic Drivers



Assessment Methods



Funding Source



Connect to BIG



Prioritizing Clean Water

For More Information

Impact7G.com

Live webcam

YouTube Video

The image shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top, the YouTube logo and the channel name 'impact7g' are visible. The video content is an aerial view of a large green field with several baseball diamonds, surrounded by trees and buildings. The text 'BEAR CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT' and 'Dyersville, Iowa' is overlaid on the video. Below the video, there is a progress bar and playback controls. The video title 'Field of Dreams Watershed - Dyersville' and the view count '239 views • Oct 22, 2020' are displayed at the bottom. A URL is also provided: <https://www.impact7g.com/projects/bear-creek-stream-restoration/>



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