

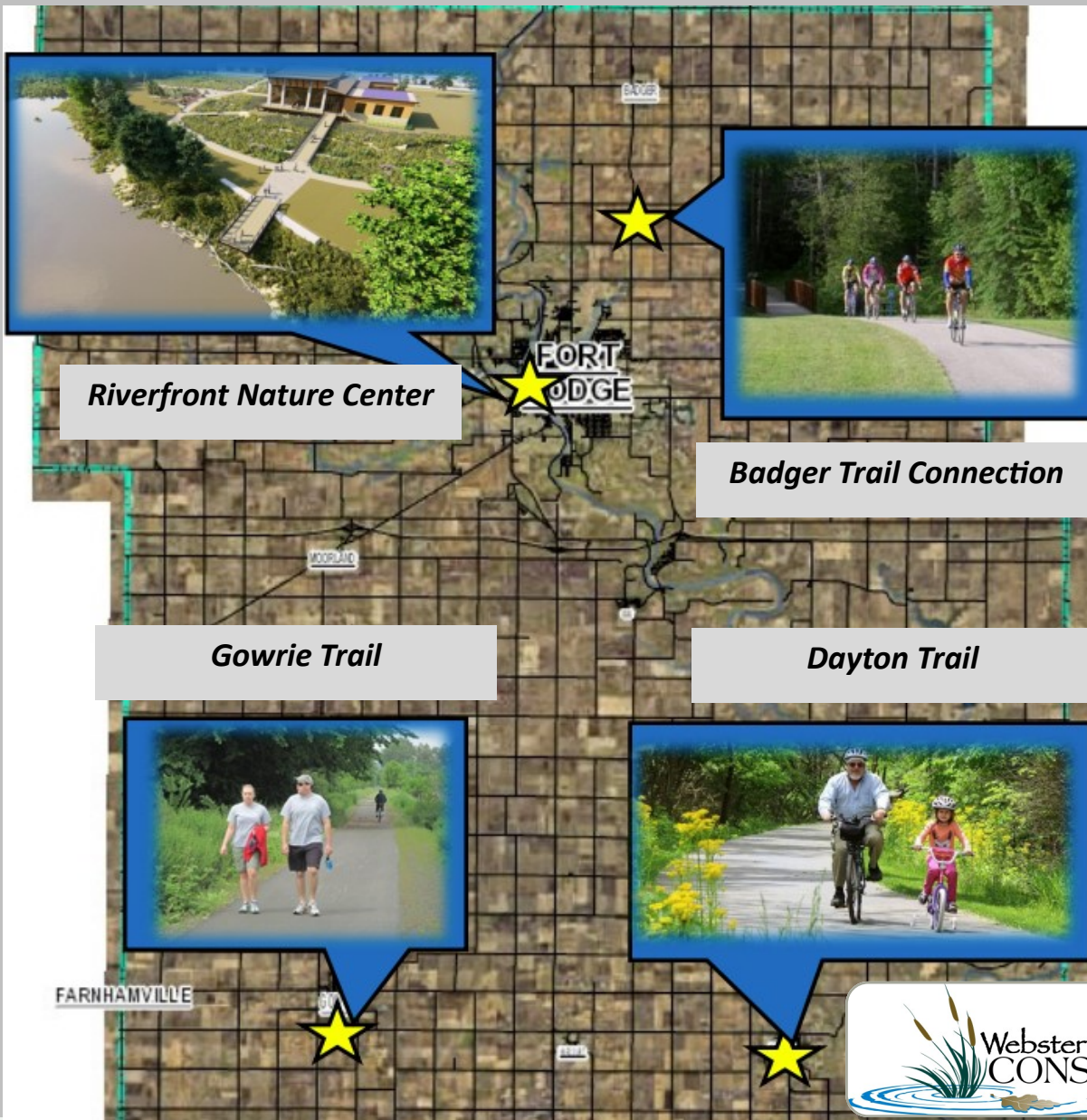
# An ANNUAL REPORT of the Webster County Conservation Board

Fiscal Year 2020-21

## Mission Statement

*The Webster County Conservation Board exists to protect, manage and interpret our natural resources and open spaces for the benefit of present and future generations.*

## Conservation Board & Supervisors partner on “Quality of Life” projects



# Webster County's Natural Areas

## Area

## Acres

### Board Members

Yrs.

Jerry Beck	15
Beth Collins	10
Nick Carlson	6
Geri Winge	7
Kirk Seltz	15



### Management Agreement

Acres

Gypsum City OHV Park

800

1. Bob Hay Memorial Wildlife Area	225
2. Becker Wildlife Area	10
3. Carlson Recreation Area	176
4. Deer Creek Wildlife Area	17
5. Holiday Creek Wildlife Area	36
6. John F Kennedy Memorial Park	400
7. Lindquist Wildlife Sanctuary	7
8. Liska-Stanek Prairie	20
9. Lundgren Church Nature Park	1
10. Meier Memorial Marsh	35
11. Miller Marsh	185
12. Moorland Pond	23
13. Prairie Pond	18
14. Rossow Prairie	40
15. Skillet Creek Indian Mounds	19
16. The Diggings	7
17. Whispering Wings Marsh	20
18. Lentsch Access	.28
19. Cunningham Access (easement)	1.04
20. Rasch Access (easement)	.28
21. Kirchner-Seltz Youth Prairie	80
22. Camp Wa-No-Ki	80
23. Henderson Access	2.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,403.45</b>

## Land Management

### Land Management Activity

Native Grass & CRP Seeding—public	10 acres
Private acres seeded with CCB drill	20 acres
Prescribed Burning	58 acres
Acres of native seed ordered	40 acres
Bridge & Ditch Clean-out plantings	30
Trees planted	615
Canada Thistle spraying	(South 1/2 of county)
Leafy Spurge spraying	(South 1/2 of county)
County Brush Contract	(2nd tier)

### Weed Complaints

2015—7
2016—8
2017—3
2018—3
2019—2
2020—6
<b>2021—4</b>





## WCCB...Financial Report

<b>EXPENDITURES—General Fund</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Administration	\$508,124	\$547,601
Operations & Maintenance	\$261,952	\$233,879
<b>EXPENDITURES—General Supplemental Fund</b>	<b>\$208,253</b>	<b>\$225,478</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES—Rural Basic</b>		
<u>Integrated Roadside Vegetation Mgmt.</u>	<u>\$177,518</u>	<u>\$187,819</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,155,847</b>	<b>\$1,194,777</b>

**MAJOR PROJECTS    Henderson Access    \$74,137**



### Special Account Balance

REAP Account	\$ 37,195
Conservation Trust	\$351,934

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Recreation Fees (Camping, Shelter, rentals)	\$190,654	\$326,756
State Grants & Reimbursements	\$ 70,197	\$103,950
Rental (land & equip)	\$ 500	\$ 5,103
Sale of Wood, Publications, etc.	\$ 4,104	\$ 15,133
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>\$ 33,611</u>	<u>\$ 48,239</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$299,066</b>	<b>\$499,181</b>

**STAFF****Yrs.**

Matt Cosgrove, Director	25
Cody Peterson, Operations Supervisor	15
Darren Herzog, Park Ranger	14
Joe Sherbon, Park Ranger	2
Karen Hansen, EE Coordinator	28
Erin Ford, Naturalist	16

Joni Hefley, Office Manager	6
Andy Stanberg, Vegetation Specialist	9
Tasha Nielsen, Trail/Natural Resource Tech.	7
Adam Moeding, Maint/ Natural Resource Tech.	4
Vacant, Shared Trail Tech.	0

**TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE = 126**

## 2020-21 Highlights

- COVID-19 restrictions = 50% capacity for facility rentals and on-line programming
- MOU with the City of FD for \$575,000 TAP Grant funding for the Badger Lake Trail Loop
- Received \$350,000 TAP Grant for Badger Lake Trail Loop
- City & county receive \$90,000 water trail and REAP grant for Lizard Creek Access improvements
- Received 10-year lease extensions on the Rasch & Cunningham Lizard Creek Access properties
- Boone Forks website launched for Boone, Hamilton & Webster County tourism
- Constructed Henderson Access on the DSM River with a \$75,000 Water Trail Assistance Grant
- Joe Sherbon, Park Ranger graduates from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy
- Dave Scherff, Maintenance Technician retires after 35 years of service
- Donated Kennedy Park Camping Cabin to the Webster County Fairgrounds
- Installed Story Trail and carved Lorax characters at the Children's Forest
- School of the Wild Program held with Southeast Valley School
- Obstacle course added at Camp Wa-No-Ki
- Lights At Kennedy had a record year with 4,206 cars and \$29,000 raised
- 3,000 ft. shoreline stabilization project completed at Meier Marsh with \$7,500 Cargill donation
- Fill kill at Badger Lake results in lake renovation discussions



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