

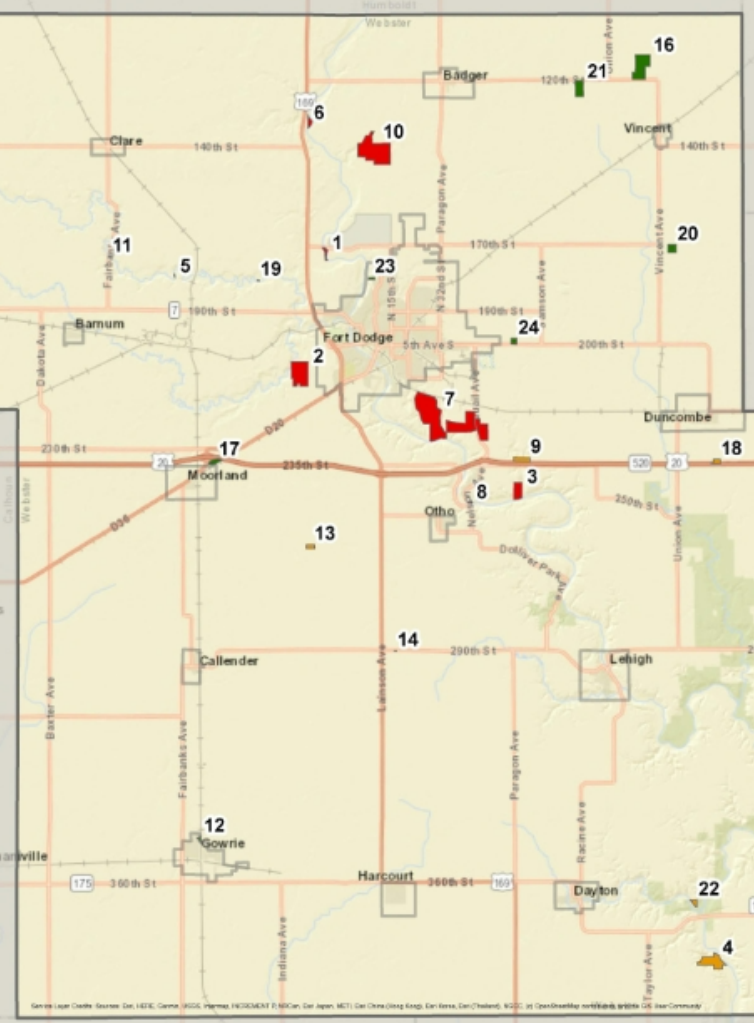
WEBSTER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT





























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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.



EXISTING LOCATION	ACRES	ACTIVITIES
1 Becker Wildlife Area 1702 Madison Ave, FD	10	  
2 Bob Hay Memorial Conservation Area Ave O West, FD	225	   
Camp WaNoKi 2401 WaNoKi Camp Rd, FD	80	    
River Access		
Island Camping		
Adventure Course	80	    
Carlson Recreation Area 3838 River Rd, Dayton		
Cunningham Access 1780 Hayes Ave, FD		
4 Deer Creek Hwy 169, FD	17	  
7 Gypsum City OHV Park 2390 MI Road, FD	800	    
8 Henderson River Access Nelson Avenue, Kale	2.73	  
9 Holiday Creek Peterson Drive, FD	36	 
10 John F. Kennedy Memorial Park 1415 Nelson Ave, FD	400	     
11 Lentsch Access 1500 175th St, Clare	0.28	
12 Lindquist Wildlife Sanctuary Pleasant St, Gowrie	7	 
13 Liska-Stanek Prairie 2601 Johnson Ave, FD	20	 
14 Lundgren Church Nature Park 290th St, FD	1	 
15 Meier Memorial Marsh 170th St, Manson	35	   
16 Miller Marsh 120th St, Badger	185	  
17 Moorland Pond 1599 Hwy 20, Moorland	23	  
18 Prairie Pond Voss Ave, Duncombe	18	 
19 Rasch Access 1794 Johnson Ave, FD	1.04	
20 Rossow Prairie 70th St, Vincent	40	 
21 Shirley Kirchner-Seltz Youth Prairie Taylor Ave, Vincent	80	
22 Skillet Creek Indian Mounds River Road, Dayton	19	  
23 The Diggins 25th Ave N, FD	7	  
24 Whispering Wings Old Hwy 20, FD	20	

LAND MANAGEMENT

TOTAL ACRES UNDER MANAGEMENT 2,203.33

Land Management Activity

Native Grass & CRP Seeding—public 4 acres
 Private acres seeded with CCB drill 3 acres
 Prescribed Burning 170 acres
 Acres of native seed ordered 1.5 acres
 Bridge & Ditch Clean-out plantings 34
 Trees planted 275
 Canada Thistle spraying (North 1/2 of county)
 Leafy Spurge spraying (North 1/2 of county)
 County Brush Contract (3rd tier)

Weed Complaints

2016 - 8
 2017 - 3
 2018 - 3
 2019 - 2
 2020 - 6
 2021 - 4
 2022 - 0



EXPENDITURES—General Fund	2020-21	2021-22
Administration	\$547,601	\$529,204
Operations & Maintenance	\$233,879	\$254,897
General Supplemental Fund	\$225,478	\$209,088
Rural Basic Integrated Roadside Vegetation Mgmt.	\$187,819	\$191,670

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,194,777	\$1,184,859
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MAJOR PROJECTS

New Bridge (40 ft.) installed at Kennedy Park	\$40,500
Interpretive Plan & Exhibits - phase 1	\$350,000
Camp Wa-No-Ki Septic System replaced	\$15,000
Gypsum City Challenge Course	\$20,530
Badger Lake Trail Loop	\$363,850

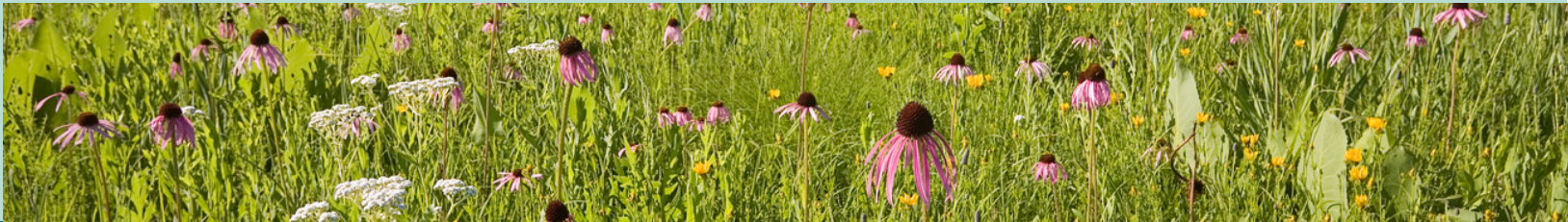
Special Account Balance

REAP Account \$48,302

Conservation Trust \$312,789



REVENUE	2020-21	2021-22
Recreation Fees (Camping, Shelter, rentals)	\$326,756	\$275,734
State Grants & Reimbursements	\$103,950	\$77,329
Rental (land & equip)	\$5,103	\$7,474
Sale of Wood, Publications, etc.	\$15,133	\$7,392
Other Income	\$48,239	\$16,814
TOTAL REVENUES	\$499,181	\$384,743



2021-22 HIGHLIGHTS

- Trail counters installed at Gypsum City and Kennedy Park Trail.
- Meier Marsh streambank stabilization project (3,000 ft.) on Lizard Creek.
- Badger Lake Restoration Project public meeting and plan approved.
- Board of Supervisors approve funding for "quality of life" projects package.
- Awarded \$940,228 COVID Trail Grant for the Fort Dodge To Badger Trail Connection.
- River's Edge Discovery Center officially named and plans completed.
- Supervisors award \$1,196,915 contract to PCI to construct the Badger Lake Loop Trail.
- Board hires McClure Engineering to complete a water and sewer report for Kennedy Park.
- Director attends NACO High Performance Leadership Academy.
- Dayton & Gowrie Trail Master Plans completed.
- Kirk Seltz resigns from the board after 15 years of service. KC Coleman fills vacant seat.
- New well was install at Camp Wa-No-Ki (donated by Lynn Rosenquist)
- Fort Dodge to Badger Trail route approved.
- Approved Memorandum of Agreement with the DNR Water Trails Program.
- Awarded \$63,750 On-stream Impoundment Restoration Grant for the Badger Lake Project.
- Gypsum City Master Plan - updated and approved.
- The veterans memorial at Kennedy Park was officially named the "Terry Moehnke Veterans Memorial Park.
- Brody Bertram fills vacant Trail/Natural Resource Tech. position.

STAFF

	Yrs.
Matt Cosgrove, Director	26
Cody Peterson, Operations Supervisor	16
Darren Herzog, Park Ranger	15
Joe Sherbon, Park Ranger	3
Karen Hansen, EE Coordinator	29
Erin Ford, Naturalist	17
Joni Hefley, Office Manager	7
Andy Stanberg, Vegetation Specialist	10
Tasha Nielsen, Trail/Nat. Res. Tech.	8
Adam Moeding, Maint/ Nat. Res. Tech.	5
Brody Bertram, Trail/Nat. Res. Tech.	1

TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE = 137

Board Members

	Yrs.
Jerry Beck	16
Beth Collins	11
Nick Carlson	7
Geri Winge	8
KC Coleman	1

TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE = 43

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