



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture

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To: All Secretaries

From: Jim Gillespie,
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Re: Application for Publicly Owned Lake (POL) Designation

This process has been established to maintain a priority list of watersheds above publicly owned lakes and reservoirs. In order to be eligible to receive Publicly Owned Lake Program funds in FY 11, districts must now submit an application for POL priority designation. The application deadline for FY11 is April 1st, 2010. The Division will forward these applications to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for review and Natural Resource Commission approval. Applications will be approved based on compliance with the application requirements, adequacy of watershed plans to reduce the delivery of sediment to the publicly owned lake as demonstrated by the use of the sediment delivery calculator, presence on the priority list for lake restoration and available funding. We will contact you when the status of your application is known.

Only lakes or reservoirs having a watershed acreage-to-lake surface area ratio of less than 80 to 1 and owned by an Iowa County, municipal government or by the state of Iowa are eligible.

To apply for the program, an applicant must be a soil and water conservation district. If a watershed is located in more than one county, applications must be submitted jointly by all districts in which the watershed is located.

Beginning this year, applications will have to contain documentation of the existence of a watershed plan based on the watershed planning protocol (<http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/watershed/files/protocolguide.pdf>).

Designation is good for one fiscal year, however, DNR will consider renewal applications. The renewal application must include a report of any changes to the watershed plan, the practices completed during the most recent period of program eligibility with estimates of the reduced delivery of eroded sediment using the sediment delivery calculator, and the projected practices planned to be completed during the following year. Renewal applications are not guaranteed funding and are subject to review and approval.

Applications may be submitted for watersheds of proposed publicly owned lakes, provided the publicly owned lake is listed as part of a priority watershed.

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