

IOWATER Volunteer based water monitoring program sponsored by the DNR.

The Soil and Water Conservation District applied for a grant through the Watershed Improvement Review Board.

The Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was established in 2005 by the Iowa Legislature to provide grants to watershed and water quality projects. The Board is comprised of representatives from agriculture, drinking water and wastewater utilities, environmental organizations, agribusiness, the conservation community along with two state senators and two state representatives. We were awarded \$23,000 to do innovative practices in the watershed such as boulder weirs, buffering tile intakes, and urban rain gardens. In addition to practices, the district requested money to support an IOWATER coordinator.

The individual that monitors for the WIRB grant has 7 regular sites to monitor and 2 rain event sites. They also enter information into the computer and maintain a spreadsheet on excel of the data collected. Without the WIRB grant money, we would not be able to ensure the sampling of so many sites each month. I would like to thank the many legislators, organizations, and agencies involved in starting the Watershed Improvement Review Board Grant, and encourage them to continue supporting the grant program.

The Lake Preservation Association sponsored and sent myself and 4 volunteers who were interested in the water quality of Storm Lake to IOWATER training July 2005. They continue to monitor 5 sites in the watershed monthly recording information such as:

--Nitrates/Nitrites --Phosphate level --Dissolved Oxygen --pH --Chloride
--Water Velocity, Temperature, and Transparency

Tonight the Lake Preservation Association would like to recognize the lowater Volunteers. The data they collect is being used to set goals and reach accomplishments for the 319 Storm Lake Water Quality Project. We appreciate all the work they do to gather the information in the field, and the time they spend entering the data onto the web-site.

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Josh Abel Sampling at the Turnquist site