

Buchanan County Conservation Board 2004-2005 Annual Report



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The Buchanan County Conservation Board

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2004-2005 BCCB Board Members

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Executive Summary

The Conservation Department began the 2004-05 year scrambling to repair damage and rehabilitate the landscape from the damaging flood of May 22-23, 2004. Floodwaters had ravaged the parks, washing out many of the roads, closing campgrounds, and depositing debris on park land. Hit hardest was Buffalo Creek Park, where more than 4,000 tons of sand and other debris covered the disc golf course and picnic areas. Although all other county parks were quickly repaired and open for the year, the disc golf course and other facilities at Buffalo Creek did not reopen until spring of 2005.

The Board's priority to protect and enhance important natural areas was evident with a large river protection project along the Wapsipinicon River. More than 700 feet of river bank was stabilized and improved for fish habitat. Conservation Department activities to enhance natural areas showed signs of success. The state District Forester complemented the Conservation Board on its diligent timber stand improvements at Jakway and Fontana Parks. Prairie areas improved through efforts to eliminate woody plants and protect areas from invasive weeds.

The Conservation Board's Environmental Education (EE) Program once again received notoriety in the form of a state Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program award. Program participant attend school field trips, camps, public programs, and more. Some experienced wilderness training and outings to spectacular events in the Midwest. The Conservation Board views an engaged citizenry as essential to successful conservation. Participation in EE programs, private lands plantings, and other outreach initiatives demonstrated that Buchanan County citizens are involved in conservation. Nearly 200 area residents attended the first ever Nature Center Banquet, and were among a growing number of people who donated to the Conservation Board's efforts.

As the year came to a close, new projects were underway. The Conservation Board has received confirmation of a federal Enhancement Grant that will help fund a paved bicycle/pedestrian through Fontana Park. As always, this project will succeed through cooperation with other agencies, nonprofit groups, and individual supporters.

Dan Cohen, Executive Director
Buchanan County Conservation Board

Conservation and Natural Resources

The Conservation Board has a strong policy of promoting and implementing conservation practices, and protecting and enhancing natural areas. These policies have been evident during the past year.

- Landowner Assistance

The Conservation Board has long provided tree planting assistance to Buchanan County residents. A tree planter is available upon request, and the Conservation Board furnishes a tractor and staff person to help plant trees if needed. During the past year, nearly 3,000 trees were planted on private land with the assistance of the Conservation Department. In addition, the Conservation Department served as a distribution site for more than 11,000 trees ordered through the State Forest Nursery.

Grassland habitat plantings also receive support from the Conservation Board. Seed drills, specially designed for prairie and CRP grassland plantings, may be rented by landowners for use in implementing conservation practices. Landowners may also contract to have the Conservation Department do the planting. During the past year, more than 120 acres of buffer strips, CRP ground, and prairie areas were planted on private land with the assistance of the Conservation Department.

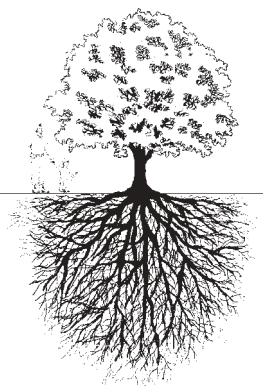
In the long-term, the most important impact of conservation on private lands will result from the Conservation Board's efforts to educate today's youth. In the short-term, annual Landowners Workshops, and related publicity to inform adult citizens of their options for habitat enhancement and protection, are important factors of success.

In 2002, the Conservation Board initiated a Prairies to Schools/Prairies to Businesses Program which has resulted in several school and business prairie plantings throughout the county. The Conservation Department does the planting and Pheasants Forever pays for the materials. Perhaps due to poor seed, or the 2002 drought, most of these plantings have not shown much sign of success. Therefore, efforts were taken during the year to prepare the sites for a new 2005 first seeding.



Above: Students in Gary Buresh's 5th Grade Class at West Elementary School in Independence display information they collected by studying a Prairies to Schools plot, planted by the Conservation Department.

People encounter native habitat when going to school or area businesses, thanks to the Prairies to Schools/Businesses Program. However, due to poor growth, several 2002 plantings are being prepared for new seedlings.



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- Conservation on public lands
A large project to enhance and protect the Wapsipicon River at the Troy Mills received important funding through a successful request for Fish Habitat Grant funds and a donation from the Buchanan County Soil and Water Conservation District. The Conservation Board was able to riprap approximately 700 feet of badly eroded river bank and in the process provide important aquatic habitat.



The badly eroded river bank at the Troy Mills Area (left) was armed with riprap (below), protecting the river from sediment and improving fish habitat.

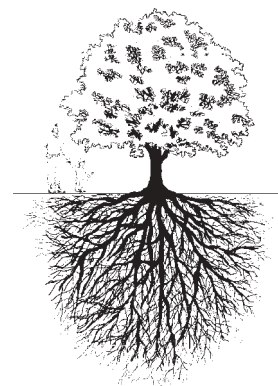


During the past year, the Conservation Department planted more than 2,500 trees in attempts to regenerate oak timbers, and to improve wildlife habitat. A new project began to increase plant diversity in the Rowley Fen prairie. A section of the prairie was interseeded with wildflower species. Mowing was also used manage competition in this and other young prairie plantings. Traditional burn management was used at a dozen prairie areas, encompassing more than 100 acres.

Invasive species problems received a lot of attention, especially at the Crumbacher and Hodges & North Wildlife Areas, where thistles, parsnip, and crown vetch presented major problems. In woodlands, major timber stand improvements were conducted in the Jakway and Fontana forests. These areas were later toured by the Iowa DNR District Forester who complemented the Conservation Board on its efforts, and recommended a couple of small tree harvests at Jakway. Other habitat work included the planting of food plots, and placement and monitoring of nest boxes.

In outlying parks, shelters were painted and drop ceilings installed; the playground at Lime Creek was resurfaced; interpretive signs were placed at the Rowley and Fairbank Fens, and Jakway TSI areas; and property line and fence disputes were addressed.

The Conservation Board currently has management authority over 34 county parks, river accesses, and natural areas. Each of these areas provides wildlife habitat and protection of natural resources. Natural areas constitute the vast majority of the public land managed by the Conservation Department. On these areas, park rangers and maintenance workers implement management practices that enhance wildlife habitat and maintain unique natural features, including healthy forests, prairies, wetlands, and waterways. For more information about management of individual Conservation Board areas, see pages 12-19.

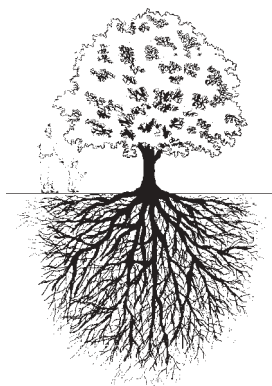


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Future Conservation and Natural Resources Objectives

- Preserve and enhance natural areas through education, fee title acquisition, conservation easement, bequest, or third party intervention.
- Give acquisition priority to the major river greenbelt areas, and to unique natural areas in immediate jeopardy.
- Monitor fish populations at Koutny Pond and the Fontana Reservoir.
- Consider wetland development at the Fairbank Fen.
- Support full funding of the REAP Program and various other state and federal initiatives.
- Sponsor annual landowner workshops.
- Provide planting assistance and habitat assessment to landowners, and coordinate efforts of various agencies and groups to assist landowners.
- Expand participation in the Prairies to Schools/Prairies to Businesses Program.
- Better mark and define property lines on Conservation Board properties.
- Conduct prairie and timber burns as per a burn schedule.
- Continue nest box programs throughout the parks.
- Consider the building of jetties at Koutny Pond.
- Use mechanical removal, in addition to fire, to rid prairie areas of woody plants.
- Continue to address the following severe invasive species problems:
 - Canary grass at Fairbank Fen.
 - Crown vetch at the Hodges and North Wildlife Area.
 - Thistles and woody plants at the Crumbacher Area.
 - Garlic mustard at the Jakway Forest.
- Expand the sand prairie area at Bearbower by removal of portions of the poplar-dominated forest on the prairie's south border.
- Increase diversity in old prairie stands using interseeding/mowing.
- Conduct a timber harvest in the Jakway Forest.

In some areas, intense management is needed if native plants are to dominate in natural areas. Invasive species, such as thistles, crown vetch, canary grass, and garlic mustard, threaten biodiversity and native ecosystems. Similarly, in the absence of fire and other management efforts, trees and shrubs take over native prairies.



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Crown vetch (above) canary grass (right), and garlic mustard (left) can take over natural areas.



Parks and Recreation

Of the Conservation Board's 34 areas, seven are considered parks where at least a portion of the area is maintained for picnicking or camping. Parks received a lot of attention during the year.

Plans were finalized and funding secured for the new Fontana Trail. The trail will provide pedestrian, bicycle, cross-country ski, and handicap access along the east side of the Fontana Reservoir. It will link to the Hazleton Trail and county Share-the-road trail to provide an outdoor recreation loop and access to many of Fontana's facilities and attractions. A federal Enhancement Fund Grant will provide nearly 80 percent of the funds for the project, and the Conservation Board plans to apply for REAP Grant funding to cover the remainder of the project costs. The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, County Engineer, and Secondary Roads Department have supported the project by providing engineering and surveying services. A group of students from the University of Iowa engineered the Fontana Trail as a class project.



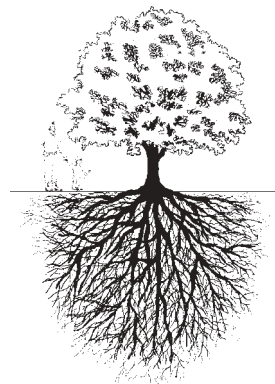
Above: The Fontana Trail (red) will provide multi-use access to many features of Fontana Park, and result in a recreational trail loop to the City of Hazleton.

Also at Fontana Park, a drop ceiling was placed in the West Shelter House; sewer lines were improved in the Wildlife Display, new displays were created for the Nature Center, and wetland plants were transplanted to improve the wastewater treatment cell in the campground.

Buffalo Creek Park near Winthrop was closed for most the year due to the more than 4,000 tons of sand and gravel deposited in the park during the May, 2004 floods. The park was unburied, repaired, seeded, and cleaned before reopening on April 15, 2005. Once opened, visitors again flocked to the disc golf course and other facilities. Nearly all the classes at East Buchanan Schools used the park during the year.



Buffalo Creek Park was restored to its prior beauty and uses (left), a large task after the floods of 2004 deposited more than 4,000 tons of sand and gravel over the picnic area and disc golf course (above).



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Expert review of the Richardson-Jakway Historic Site will help the Conservation Board and staff decide on a plan for better interpreting the Site.

Jakway Park was another of the many areas affected by the flood. The Jakway Observation Blind had been washed off its foundation, but returned and anchored to its original location. Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies provided the funding needed to restore flooded areas and protect against future flood damage. The Conservation Board is very appreciative of this assistance.

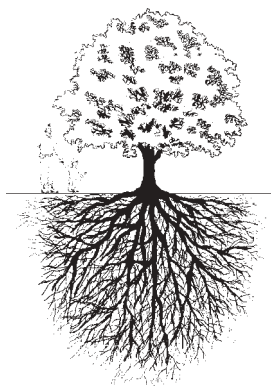
Also at Jakway, electrical service was upgraded and improved. A Technical Assistance Network (TAN) Grant provided expert review of facilities at the Richardson-Jakway Historic Site. A TAN report provided by Dr. Marlin Ingalls will be used in future improvements and interpretation of the site.



Above: The bird blind at Jakway Park is back in place after having been washed off its foundation by flood waters in May, 2004.

Future Objectives:

- Develop an interpretative plan for the Richardson-Jakway Historic Site.
- Monitor fish habitat needs in the Fontana Reservoir and Kutny Pond.
- Investigate the possibility of fish jetties at Kutny Pond.
- Paint shelter houses at Buffalo Creek, Lime Creek, and Cutshall Parks, including the cement block bottoms.
- Assist the local trails association in the development of a Water Trail on the Wapsipinicon River.
- Place interpretive signs at the Putty Root Preserve.
- Develop the Fontana Trail. Apply to REAP for cost-share to match the existing Enhancement Grant.
- Investigate the possibility of a pit toilet at Kutny Pond.
- Increase park use at the Jakway Forest.
- Conduct a Natural Areas Survey to determine public opinion about parks, programs, and facilities.
- Investigate the potential for rural water at Jakway and Fontana Parks.



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Environmental Education

Environmental education is probably the most effective strategy used by the Conservation Board to shape the future of conservation in Buchanan County. In a landscape strongly dominated by private lands and interests, informed choices made by environmentally literate citizens will shape the future quality of water, air, and wild places. In January, the Conservation Board was awarded the 2004 Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Award, in recognition of its quality education program. The prestigious award is presented annually by the Iowa Conservation Education Council and Iowa Association of Naturalists. More information about the Environmental Education Program is available in Appendix D.



Above: Naturalist Sondra Cabell poses with a plaque presented to the Conservation Board in recognition of the Outstanding Environmental Education Program.

- School Programs

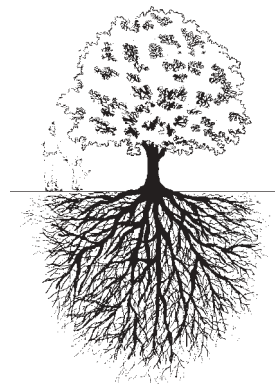
More than 400 environmental education presentations were delivered to students from area schools throughout the year. Both outdoor field trips and in-class programs were offered on a variety of topics related both to the EE program goals and teachers' curricula. Independence and East Buchanan students participated in the Iowa Environmental Workbook Contest.

- Youth and Camp Programs

Fifty six presentations were made to youth groups, including scout, 4-H, and church groups, as well as youth enrolled in BCCB camps. Youth progressed from preschool participants in the Wee Nature Tales, to the Nature Explorers (ages 6-8), and on to Junior Naturalists (ages 9-12). Junior high and high school-age youth entered the Outdoor Adventures Program (OAP). Past OAP graduates Annie and Mary O'Loughlin, and Logan Taylor, went on to register for wilderness trips in the Rocky Mountains. The Conservation Board provides two scholarships per year for OAP graduates to attend wilderness trips.

- Public Programs and Adult Education

Environmental education does not stop with youth. Seventy programs were offered during the year for families and adult participation. These programs were on a variety of topics related to EE Program goals. Senior citizen groups, including residents from area nursing homes, were participants in a large number of these programs. Special landowner and educator workshops were held in the Nature Center. Iowater training workshops were also held in the nature center. The Conservation Board also promoted, and provided meeting space for, the Fontana Herb Society and a new Beekeeping group.

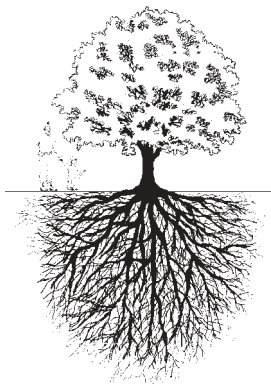


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Above: A new interpretive map in the Nature Center helps visitors understand all the services provided in county parks.

For more information regarding scheduling an education program for a group, contact the naturalist, Sondra Cabell, at Fontana Park 319-636-2617/ fontanapark@iowatelecom.net



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• Interpretive Resources

In addition to direct EE programming, educational efforts include publications, self-guided trails, displays, and use of the internet. More than 1,000 people visited the Nature Center during the year. A new interpretive map, and audio messages for the prairie diorama, were developed. Other interpretive resources developed during the year included four issues of the Otter Creek Quarterly, bulletin board displays, maintenance of an internet list serve and web site, and printing of an updated rules brochure. Signs were installed on an improved interpretive trail at Fontana Park. A Conservation Planting brochure, developed in the previous year, was distributed at appropriate functions. Both the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center and Richardson-Jakway Historic Site were selected as Partner Sites in the Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Areas. As a partner of SSNHA, these areas are advertised as important sites interpreting aspects of our agricultural heritage. There are also opportunities to obtain interpretive training and resources through SSNHA.

With help from students and faculty at East Buchanan Schools, the Conservation Board now has a web site. Check it out at: www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/BCCB/home.htm.

Future Objectives for Environmental Education:

- Increase participation from 6th-12th graders.
- Increase participation by civic groups and other adults.
- Write two articles per month for area newspapers.
- Coordinate more on-loan displays to rotate through the Nature Center.
- Further promote the Prairies to Schools curriculum.
- Develop a display timeline as part of the updated Display Plan.
- Better interpret the mill exhibit near the Main Shelter House.
- Develop a “perspectives” pamphlet to help interpret Nature Center exhibits.
- Provide EE programs to all Buchanan County elementary school classes.
- Revise and improve the Jakway Park self-guided trail.
- Provide timely information for the Conservation Board web page.
- Promote the Iowa Environmental Workbook to gain participation by all Buchanan County school districts and private schools.
- Create a “traveling trunk” as an on loan resource for teachers.
- Offer an advanced Master Conservationists series of classes.
- Investigate ways to make the Wildlife Display appear more “natural”.
- Make outlying areas more user-friendly to field trips.
- Construct a cement “Tracks” display along the Nature Center sidewalk.
- Change at least two displays, including use of travelling/on loan displays.
- Produce a new Buchanan County Natural Areas PowerPoint.
- Evaluate outdoor programs to assure “good experiences in the outdoors”
- Place an interpretive sign at Putty Root Preserve.
- Provide more educational programs at Jakway Park.
- Develop an Interpretive Plan for the Richardson-Jakway Historic Site.
- Explore the possibility of an addition to the Nature Center Exhibit Floor.
- Conduct a public natural history foray through Conservation Board areas.

Conservation Volunteers



Above: Nature Center Volunteer Helen Hoefler, of Fairbank, emerges from the Burrowers Crawl.

Volunteers are an important part of Conservation Board programs and activities, providing both physical assistance and visible public support. Since its opening in 1994, volunteers have been important assets to nature center operations. Nature center volunteers act as receptionists, and assist in preparation of the quarterly newsletter mailing, which is assembled by volunteers at the Independence Senior Center. Since its organization in 1994, nature center volunteers have donated 5,367 hours of service. At the basic minimum wage of \$5.15, the total dollar value of this service is \$27,640. This year, 20 nature center volunteers contributed 510 hours for a dollar value of \$2,626.50 (see Appendix E).

The types of jobs volunteers can do has continued to expand. Today, volunteers have 14 areas in which they may help the Conservation Department. During the year, more than 100 volunteers monitored nest boxes, developed and maintained herb and landscape plantings, conducted cleanups, helped with Septemberfest, served as campground hosts, planted trees, did general maintenance, and more. The East Buchanan High School Tech Team continued maintaining the Conservation Board web site (<http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/BCCB/home.htm>). A group of volunteers installed the new self-guided interpretive trail posts at Fontana Park. Volunteers are recognized for their various efforts during an annual Volunteer Banquet. Appendix E lists the names of our much appreciated conservation volunteers.

The Campground Host Program entered its third year. Several new campground hosts joined as Conservation Volunteers. These people greeted campers, kept facilities clean, sold firewood, and reported problems to on-duty park rangers. The Conservation Board and staff mourned the loss of Brian Jackson, who died in a boating accident. Jackson was among the first campground hosts to serve, and was a valued volunteer and friend.

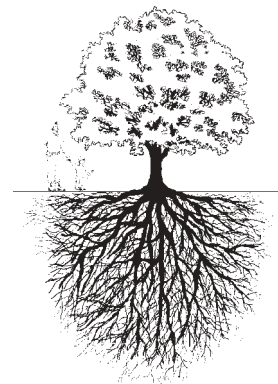
The Conservation Board had two AmeriCorps members, beginning in spring of 2005. Trevor Rhines served as a park technician, and Julie Havran served as a naturalist intern. AmeriCorps, a domestic Peace Corps program, provides great opportunities for people to engage in local community service.

Future Objectives:

- Develop and distribute a brochure of volunteer opportunities and benefits.
- Train volunteers for use in the environmental education program.
- Work to regain AmeriCorps funding.
- Host a Volunteer Banquet.
- Provide timely information to our volunteer web masters.



Above: Tom Klingman of Oelwein helped install new signs on the interpretive trail at Fontana Park.



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Board and Staff Development

The Buchanan County Conservation Board is directly responsible to the residents of Buchanan County. The Board functions as a corporate body, making policy decisions regarding the preservation and enhancement of local natural resources, development of recreation areas, and environmental education. Conservation Board policies are implemented by the Executive Director, who is responsible to the Board. Other staff are hired by the Executive Director with Board approval, and are directly responsible to the Executive Director.

Every other year, the Conservation Board furthers its development by conducting a Strategic Planning Retreat. During this important meeting, Board members discussed strategies, working relationships, and the Conservation Board mission. Some Board members also attended the Iowa Association of County Conservation Board's annual spring meeting. In June, all Board members participated in a field day, during which they visited Conservation Board areas, noting management, maintenance, and facilities.

Conservation Department staff also furthered their development during the year. Park ranger staff kept current on all necessary chemical applicator and law enforcement certifications, and attended County Conservation Peace Officer Association (CCPOA) and other training. The naturalist attended workshops and training provided by the Iowa Association of Naturalists (IAN), Iowa Conservation Education Council (ICEC), and others. The Director attended meetings and training provided by the Iowa Association of County Conservation Board (IACCB), Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), Conservation Directors Association (CDA), and others.

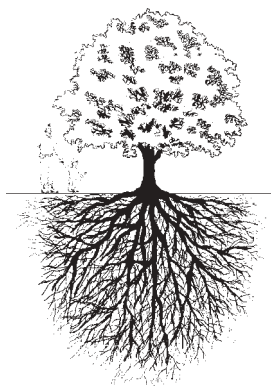
Future objectives:

- Conduct biannual Board Member retreats.
- Increase Board Member participation in statewide conferences and training.
- Conduct an annual Board Field Day
- Provide new Board Member orientation.
- Assist in the planning of statewide and regional training workshops.
- Maintain a minimum of 20 hours of professional development for full-time staff.
- Become better at using GPS and other mapping technology.

Board Members and Term Expiration Dates

Loren Hamilton:	12-31-04*
Richard Vogel:	12-31-05
Ken McDonough:	12-31-06
Roger Johnson:	12-31-07
Gary Buresh:	12-31-08
Jim Klever:	12-31-09*

* Loren Hamilton's term ended, and was filled by the appointment of Jim Klever. The Board of Supervisors has a policy that limits Board Members to two five-year terms.



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On January 1, 2005, Jim Klever (left) of Independence joined the Conservation Board, filling a position vacated by Loren Hamilton, whose term had expired.

Conservation Board Background

County conservation boards are agencies of county government created by statute (Chapter 350.1 of the Code of Iowa, see side-bar) and governed by an appointed, independent, nonpartisan board. They have broad responsibilities in the area of local conservation, education, and recreation programs. Conservation boards are relatively autonomous policy-making boards and control all properties in the conservation program. Conservation boards address such diverse matters as parks, preserves, museums, recreation, wildlife management and conservation education.

The Conservation Board consists of five county residents appointed to staggered, five-year terms by the Board of Supervisors. Members of the Board are appointed on the basis of their demonstrated interest in conservation matters, and serve without compensation. Buchanan County Conservation Board members, with the expiration dates of their terms, are listed in the sidebar on page 10.

Buchanan County Conservation Board Meetings

All monthly Conservation Board meetings are held in the board meeting room of the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center, Fontana Park, 1883 125th Street, Hazleton, Iowa 50641. Board meetings were tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month during 2004, and the third Tuesday of each month during 2005. Other meetings are called as needed. All meetings were open to the public.

Staff Roster

During the year, the Buchanan County Conservation Board employed staff in six full-time and seven part-time positions, including two positions filled by AmeriCorps members. Safety training and compliance with OSHA rules is continuous and ongoing for all employees. Professional development is encouraged for all staff. Names and start dates of employment follow:

Full-time Staff

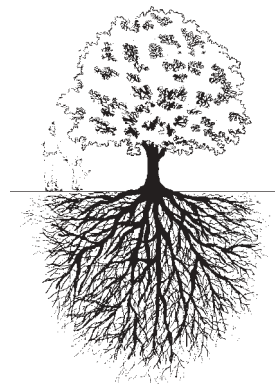
Dan Cohen, Director.....	1/13/86
Dennis Slater, Maintenance Tech./Ranger.....	9/1/76
Mike Van Raden, Park Ranger.....	7/1/90
Nate Sisler, Park Ranger.....	4/30/01
Sondra Cabell, Naturalist.....	5/30/01
Chris Hansen, Maintenance Technician.....	5/15/00

Part-time Staff

YuVonne Buckman, Receptionist.....	4/1/94
Linda Heins, Secretary/Bookkeeper.....	7/19/96
Michele Buhr, Custodian.....	6/20/03
Sandra Hemmingsen, Secretary.....	7/10/99
Karen Ott, Wildlife Caregiver/Park Technician.....	9/01/03
Julie Havran, AmeriCorps Naturalist Intern.....	4/1/05
Trevor Rhimes.....	4/1/05
Jennifer Jessen, Wildlife Display Caregiver.....	4/16/03
Connie Chase, Naturalist Intern.....	3/29/04 - 8/29/04

Chapter 350.1 Code of Iowa: Purposes of County Conservation Boards

"The purpose of this chapter is to create a county conservation board and to authorize counties to acquire, develop, maintain, and make available to the inhabitants of the county, public museums, parks, preserves, parkways, pathways, playgrounds, recreation centers, county forests, wildlife and other conservation areas, and to promote and preserve the health and general welfare of the people to encourage orderly development and conservation of natural resources, and to cultivate good citizenship by providing adequate programs of public recreation."



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2004-05
Full-time
Staff



Dan Cohen Executive Director



Dennis Slater Park Ranger



Sandra Cabell Interpretive Naturalist



Mike Van Raden Park Ranger



Nate Slater Park Ranger



Chris Hansen Maintenance Technician

The BCCB currently has management authority over 34 county parks, river accesses, and natural areas. Each of these areas provides wildlife habitat, resource protection, and recreational opportunities..

Areas and Facilities

The following are descriptions of Conservation Board areas and facilities, and a brief account of highlighted activities during the year . Not described are routine maintenance activities such as mowing, maintaining roads and fences, janitorial and cleanup, etc.; administration, and public relations.

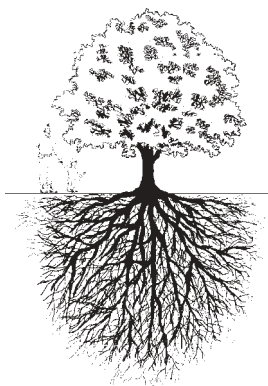
Buchanan County Conservation at a Glance

Facilities

Parks.....	7 containing.....	699.5 acres
Natural Areas.....	23 containing.....	1,475 acres
River Accesses.....	4 containing.....	190 acres
Areas open to hunting...	24 containing.....	1,991 acres
Modern campgrounds.....		3
Primitive campgrounds.....		7
Number of picnic shelters.....		10
Shower houses.....		1
Group campgrounds.....		1
Interpretive trails.....		2
Hiking/walking trails.....		5
Ski trails.....		3
Nature center.....		1
Live animals on display.....		32
Other interpretive displays.....		2

Visitors and participation ('04-'05)

Nature center visitor signatures in Guest Book.....	11,253
Fontana campground users.....	2,949
Jakway campground users.....	781
Lime Creek campground users.....	533
Participants in environmental education programs.....	12,360



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Conservation Board Areas (key)

- A - Location; C - Current Management
 B - Acquisition D - Activity During the Year

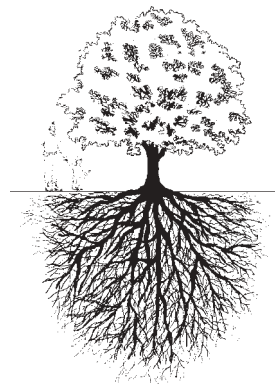
1. Fontana Park - 134 acres

- A. Fontana Park is located one mile south of Hazleton, Highway 150.
- B. The original 128 acres were acquired in 1959, and since that time Fontana has been the base of operations and the location of administrative offices for the Conservation Board. An additional six acres was added in 1998 with the donation of the Jarrett-Slater addition.
- C. Fontana Park offers modern and primitive camping, a shower house, wetland wastewater treatment system, an extensive live animal display, a prairie plot, three picnic shelters, chapel area, interpretive and ski trails, stream/lake fishing, Conservation Board offices, and the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center. Management practices relate to visitor use, park and recreation area development, wildlife exhibit, nature center programming and administration, and managed woodland.
- D. A Tenth Anniversary Nature Center Banquet was held. Plans are underway, and funding is being sought, for a surfaced Fontana Trail from the nature center, along Otter Creek, and meeting with the Hazleton trail. A drop ceiling was placed in the West Shelter House. The woodland received a lot of attention, with the removal of invasive species and the hand-planting of more than a thousand trees and shrubs. A fall timber burn was conducted on the woodland's east side, along the reservoir. The nature center prairie was burned. An agreement was struck with a neighbor to ensure use of the creek by campers. Each year, there is a lot of general maintenance and upkeep associated with the Wildlife Display, Nature Center, and parks grounds. Two older buffalo and a yearling calf were sold to make room for new stock. Two new displays were developed in the Nature Center. During the ten years the Nature Center has been open, visitors have come from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 54 foreign countries. Fontana Park continues to be the showcase for the Conservation Board, and the chief area of introduction to park users, drawing them into other conservation and education programs.

The first-ever Nature Center Banquet was held in September. Nearly 200 people enjoyed a fine meal, and learned more about Conservation Board programs.

2. Jakway Forest - 315 Acres

- A. Located 1 1/2 miles south of Aurora off W45.
- B. Acquired in 1968, 1970, 1971, 1973 with LAWCON Grant Funds.
- C. Managed for modern and primitive camping, picnicking, public hunting, interpretive and ski trails, and a historic site. Ongoing Timber Stand Improvement (TSI): 100-year rotation on approximately 200 acres of timber. Contains two pit toilets, picnic shelter, staff residence, heritage gardens, and the Richardson-Jakway House Historic Site.
- D. The wildlife observation blind was restored to its original position and condition. Timber stand improvements were made in the southern half of the timber, with extensive removal of dense growth of basswood and other competing trees and augmented plantings of oaks. Approximately 1,200 trees were hand-planted. The District Forester toured the park, and recommended a winter timber harvest. Shrubs were planted between the ranger residence and historic site. The annual Septemberfest celebration was held. Historian Marlin Ingalls provided a report to help staff develop a better interpretive plan for the site. Ski trails were expanded, and signs were posted to teach visitors about ongoing timber improvements. Electricity service in the campground was improved. The Conservation Board discussed ways to increase use of the developed park area.



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3. Buffalo Creek Area - 81.5 Acres

- A. Located one mile East of Winthrop.
- B. Acquired in 1961. In 1998, 1.5 acres on the east side were donated by Dr. A.J. Murphy.
- C. Managed for picnicking and primitive camping from April 15 to September 30, and for public hunting from October 1 to April 14. Natural areas include a bottomland woodland, three ponds, and constructed prairie. Contains a pit toilet and shelter house. A loop trail from the park to a pond is maintained.
- D. A lot of work was done to rehabilitate the area from the May, 2004 floods. The disc golf course was reinstalled in 2005, and received a lot of use during the remainder of the year. The prairie areas was burned. The Buchanan County Roadside Department seeded the adjacent north roadside to prairie. Local school groups used the area for disc golf, pond study, and other field trip classes.



4. Lime Creek Area - 45 Acres

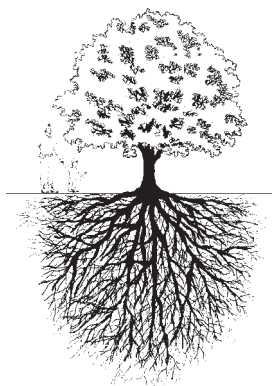
- A. Located 1.5 miles Northeast of Brandon.
- B. 39 acres were acquired in 1964. A six-acre addition was donated by Lime Creek Fish & Game Club in 1988.
- C. Managed for modern and primitive camping, stream fishing, and picnicking from April 15 to September 30; public hunting from October 1 to April 14. Natural area is managed as a riverine woodland. Contains pit toilets, a playground, and two shelter houses.
- D. The triangle area along the entrance road was managed to provide songbird habitat. Prairie was planted along the access road in the spring of 2005. The playground was resurfaced, using sand rather than wood chips. Numerous dead trees and branches were removed.

5. Boies Bend Area - 26 Acres

- A. Located 1.5 miles West of Quasqueton.
- B. Acquired in 1967.
- C. Managed for primitive camping, picnicking, river fishing with river access stairs, restored prairie, and public hunting from October 1 to April 14. Contains a pit toilet.
- D. The prairie planting memorial to Forrest Frost is coming very well.

6. Otter Creek Roadside Park – 13 acres

- A. One mile south of Oelwein at the intersection of Highways 150 and 281.
- B. Acquired as former FEMA buyout property in 2002 from the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors.
- C. Managed as a roadside park with trails, picnicking, fishing, canoe access, and a savanna planting.
- D. The savanna area was reseeded in the fall of 2004. A blowout in the west access road was repaired by the Iowa DOT.



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7. Cutshall Area - 85 Acres

- A. Located 4.5 miles North of Jesup off V-62.
- B. Acquired in 1959.
- C. Managed for picnicking, primitive camping, and fishing from April 15 through September 30, public hunting from October 1 through April 14. Natural area managed as riverine wetland and timber. Contains pit toilets and a picnic shelter.
- D. The area is flooded nearly every spring, requiring cleanup and rocking of roads.

8. Patton Prairie - 45 Acres

- A. Located southwest of Aurora off Quonset Ave.
- B. Acquired in 1998 with REAP Grant Funds
- C. Managed as virgin prairie and wet meadow with public hunting.
- D. This prairie is of unique diversity. Pheasant numbers were high during the hunting season. A fall burn was attempted on the northeast portion, and a spring burn on the south side was more successful.



A beautiful autumn day at Patton Prairie.

9. Otter Creek Wildlife Area - 100 Acres

- A. Located on West edge of Hazleton, adjacent to Fontana Park.
- B. Acquired 1965 and 1975 with LAWCON Grand Funds.
- C. Managed as a nature preserve and wetland habitat.
- D. Only limited attention was required.

10. Nibeck Nature Preserve - 25 Acres

- A. Located adjacent to the North City limits of Hazleton.
- B. Acquired 1981, bequeathed by Leora Nibeck.
- C. Managed as a nature preserve.
- D. ATV use and illegal hunting seems to be on the decline in response to increased patrolling and fencing. Trash pickup is ongoing.

11. Van Laningham Wildlife Area - 3 Acres

- A. Located 4.5 miles East and 4.5 miles North of Independence.
- B. Acquired by gift in 1967.
- C. Managed for wildlife habitat.
- D. A foot path was maintained.

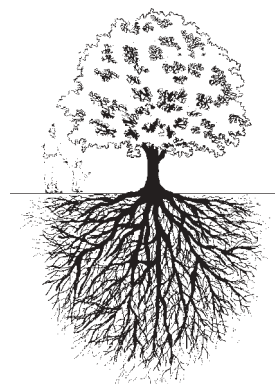
12. Sand Creek Area - 80 Acres

- A. Located three miles east and three miles south of Quasqueton.
- B. Acquired in 1973.
- C. Managed for public hunting and fishing on the Wapsipinicon River.
- D. Road maintenance and trash pickup indicate this is a heavily used area.

13. Pine Creek Area - 40 Acres

- A. Located five miles southeast of Independence.
- B. Acquired in 1971.
- C. Managed for public hunting, fishing, and native hard maple woodland.
- D. Only limited attention was required.

In August, 2003, a prairie foray to Patton Prairie, Rowley Fen, and the Bearbower Sand Prairie showed participants the wonders and diversity of Iowa prairies.



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14. Rowley Fen - 43 Acres

- A. Located 0.5 mile Northwest of Rowley.
- B. Acquired in 1984.
- C. Managed for unique fen habitat, restored prairie, and public hunting.
- D. A portion of the old prairie planting was interseeded with a diverse forb mix, and mowed to reduced competition. An interpretive sign about the fen was added.



Above: Cut cedars were placed in Koutny Pond to provide fish habitat.

15. Koutny Pond-Hoffman Woods - 106 Acres

- A. Located one mile East of Brandon.
- B. Acquired in 1985.
- C. Managed for wildlife habitat, public hunting and fishing, walk-in boat access, prairie planting, contains a 12-acre lake.
- D. Thistle infestation was mowed and interseeded with a mix of alfalfa and rye. The south prairie area along Interstate 380 was burned. Invading trees and shrubs were removed along the lake, and sunk into the water for fish habitat. Additional cedar trees were also placed in the lakebed.

16. Mickey Fox Area - 97 Acres

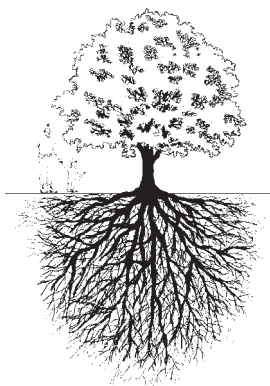
- A. Located five miles north of Jesup off V-62.
- B. Sixty acres acquired in 1960. In 2003, an additional 37.10 acres were acquired from the Melvin and Lila Anderson Estate, with funding from REAP and Pheasants Forever..
- C. Managed for public hunting, fishing, and wildlife habitat.
- D. Junk was removed from an old junk pile on the south end of the Anderson Addition. Trash dumping, although trending downward, is occasionally a problem.

17. Putty Root Preserve - 17 Acres

- A. Located three miles northwest of Quasqueton.
- B. Original five acres acquired in 1962. Ten acres acquired 1992 from Delbert Crow and two acres acquired from Betty Payne in 1995.
- C. Managed as an old growth oak-hickory woodland preserve. The putty root orchid, for which the parcel is named, grows here.
- D. Only limited attention was required.

18. Crumbacher Wildlife Area - 368 acres

- A. Located 3 1/2 miles southwest of Independence.
- B. Acquired in 1989.
- C. Managed for forest, prairie, and wetland habitat, and public hunting.
- D. Weed tree encroachment and other invasive species control are ongoing, labor-intensive tasks. Burns and mowing were conducted on four of 13 prairie management areas. Two food plots were planted. Shelterbelt plantings on the north side were thinned. Nest boxes were monitored. The area was used for monarch tagging and releases.



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Crumbacher is one of several areas in which monarchs are tagged and released.

19. Bearbower Sand Prairie - 40 Acres

- A. Located two miles west of Highway 150, off the Buchanan-Benton County Line Road.
- B. Acquired with public/private cost share grant funds by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Owned by the Iowa DNR. A management agreement was approved by the Iowa DNR in 1995.
- C. Managed for preservation and enhancement of the unique sand prairie and public hunting.
- D. A population of fragile prickly pear cactus received notoriety. Woody plants will begin to be removed on the south side of the sand prairie, with the hope of restoring some wetland/prairie habitat.



Researchers visited the unique Bearbower Sand Prairie in search of the rare fragile prickly pear cactus (below)



20. Blazing Star Prairie - 7.5 Acres

- A. Located two miles east and 1 1/4 south of Rowley.
- B. Acquired in 1987 by cooperative efforts of the Conservation Board, Buchanan County Chapter of Pheasants Forever, and the Cedar-Wapsie Chapter of the Lutheran Brotherhood.
- C. Managed as native prairie habitat with public hunting.
- D. Native plants are thriving, especially on the west end. Woody plant encroachment is the major threat.

21. Swartz Preserve - 4 Acres

- A. Located 5 1/2 miles east of Hazleton at the junction of C-57 and W-33.
- B. Acquired in 1991 by conservation easement from Mr. & Mrs. Ormel Swartz.
- C. Managed for wetland habitat and as a wildlife preserve.
- D. Only limited attention required.

22. Bryantsburg Prairie Preserve - 1.5 Acres

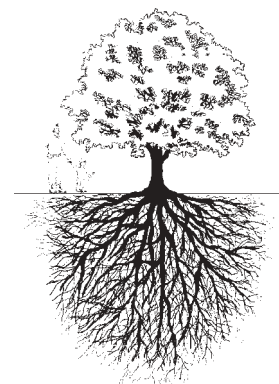
- A. Located two miles south of Hazleton on Highway 150.
- B. Acquired in 1988 by conservation easement from Mr. & Mrs. Henry Brandt.
- C. Managed as a native prairie preserve.
- D. An easement agreement and settlement was agreed upon to rectify damages resulting from installation of an overhead power line. The area was used for monarch tagging and releases.

23. Schneider-Heinick-Rowe Wildlife Area - 20 acres

- A. Located three miles east and 3.5 miles south of Quasqueton.
- B. Acquired in 1996 by Buchanan County Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Tri Rivers Chapter of White Tails Unlimited, Lime Creek Fish & Game Club, Littleton Hook-n-liner Club, and The Buchanan County Wildlife Assoc.
- C. Managed for woodland and wetland wildlife habitat and public hunting.
- D. A survey of the Hoover Area brought to light some property line issues which have been largely settled.

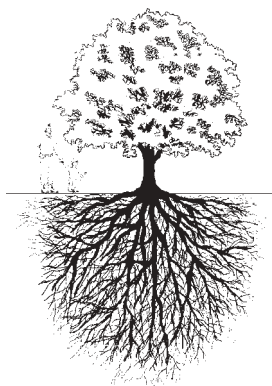
24. Three Elms Area - 75 Acres

- A. Located one mile southeast of Independence.
- B. Acquired in 1964.
- C. Managed for wildlife habitat, river access, fishing, and a public archery range operated by the Wapsie Bow hunters under an agreement with the conservation board. Contains a boat launch built with Motor Boat Fuel Tax Grant funds, handicap fishing, picnic shelter, prairie plot, and porta-pottie.
- D. The area receives high use. It also receives periodic vandalism. Two volunteers conduct park cleanup.



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The 2002 prairie seeding at the Hodges and North Wildlife Area north of the parking lot began showing some good signs of establishment.



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25. Frogville Access - 116 Acres

- A. Located three miles northwest of Troy Mills.
- B. Original 96 acres acquired in 1978 with LAWCON Funds. An additional 20 acres were acquired with WHSF Grant Funds in 1997.
- C. Managed for public hunting and fishing.
- D. Only limited attention required.

26. Troy Mills Access - 63 Acres

- A. Located three miles east and 4.5 miles south of Quasqueton.
- B. 23 acres acquired in 1969. 40 acres acquired in 1981 with Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant
- C. Managed for riverine timber, fishing, hunting, and Wapsipinicon River access. 11.5 acres is Iowa DNR property operated under a long-term management agreement. Contains a boat launch.
- D. The riverbank was armored with riprap, largely through a successful Fish Habitat Grant and Buchanan County Soil and Water Conservation District funds. Prairie was planted along the riprapped stretch. The Board approved an easement to allow private access to a neighboring landowner to the north.

27. Wapsi River Access - 51 Acres

- A. Located 0.5 miles northwest of Independence.
- B. Acquired in 1963.
- C. Current management practices: Picnicking, fishing, river access, hunting. Contains a pit toilet and picnic shelter.
- D. Only regular park maintenance required.

28. Iron Bridge Access - 1 Acre

- A. Located 4.5 miles northwest of Quasqueton.
- B. Acquired in 1996.
- C. Managed for river access and as an historic site. Contains a boat launch constructed with Waters Access Grant and a circa 1872 Bowstring Arch Bridge.
- D. Old bridge planks were replaced.

29. Newton Township Natural Area - 158 Acres

- A. Located nine miles southeast of Quasqueton.
- B. Acquired with REAP Grant Funds in 1998.
- C. Managed as a riverine woodland with public hunting, fishing, and canoe access to Buffalo Creek.
- D. Only regular park maintenance required.

30. Hodges and North Wildlife Area - 66 acres

- A. Located one mile south of the Jesup interchange off Highway 20.
- B. Acquired in 2001 by a donation of Basic Materials Co. Inc., Waterloo.
- C. Managed as restored prairie and wetland, with public hunting and fishing.
- D. The 2002 prairie seeding north of the parking lot began continued to show good signs of establishment. Crown vetch is a major weed problem along the pond and in the prairies. Much of the vetch was sprayed, but efforts continue. The southwest prairie area was burned.



Egg shells remain after a pheasant hatch at Hodges and North.

31. Buffalo Creek Wildlife Area - 52 Acres

- A. Located six miles south of Winthrop off W-45.
- B. Acquired in 1969.
- C. Managed for riverine woodland habitat, public hunting, and stream fishing.
- D. Only limited attention required.

32. Hoover Area - 20 Acres

- A. Located three miles east and 3.5 miles south of Quasqueton.
- B. Acquired in 1962.
- C. Managed for wildlife habitat and public hunting.
- D. A lot of time was expended trying to get a neighboring landowner to respect boundaries as shown in a survey conducted in December, 2003. The controversy had yet to be settled.

33. Fairbank Fen – 41 acres

- A. Located two miles east of Fairbank, a half-mile off Highway 281.
- B. Acquired by the Conservation Board in August 2002, with funding from Buchanan County and State Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Fairbank Gun Club, Buchanan County Wildlife Association, INHF and Kirkwood Students, and Hook 'n' Liners Club.
- C. Managed as a prairie and wetland fen, with public hunting.
- D. Canary grass continues to be a management challenge. The parking area was moved off of private property and on to the southwest corner of the Fen. A picnic area was established. A patio area was constructed as a donation from Klever Concrete. An interpretive sign about the fen was added.

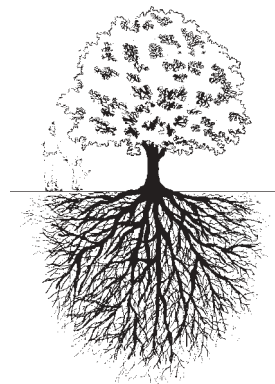
Below: A new parking area, patio, picnic area, and interpretive sign were installed at the Fairbank Fen.



Conservation Board members view the year-old prairie planting at the Anderson Addition.

34. Anderson Addition to Cutshall Park – 25 acres

- A. Located four miles north of Jesup, off Highway V62.
- B. Purchased along with the Addition to the Mickey Fox Area on November 21, 2003 from the Lila Anderson Estate, with a successful REAP Grant and a donation from Buchanan County Pheasants Forever.
- C. Managed as river bottom timber and wetlands in the Wapsipinicon River corridor, and a 6.5-acre area of restored prairie upland, with public hunting.
- D. The Conservation Board held a formal dedication in May. The December 1, 2003 frost seeding showed good signs of establishment. Bluebird and wood duck boxes were placed and monitored.



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In July, 2004, the Conservation Board awarded bids for flood repair work at Buffalo Creek and Jakway Parks. All work would be completed to allow Buffalo Creek to open on schedule in April, 2005.

Potential Acquisition Criteria

The Conservation Board places a high priority on land protection in Buchanan County. Acquisition is one method, and is appropriate in certain circumstances. The Conservation Board often uses the following criteria when evaluating land for possible acquisition:

- Presence of unique ecosystems or endangered species
- Degree of vulnerability to destruction or loss
- Whether the property enhances an existing area of habitat (greenbelts and additions)
- Size and value to wildlife
- Costs involved

Board Meeting Highlights

As defined in chapters 21 and 22 of the Code of Iowa, minutes of all meetings are retained as a permanent record and are available for public inspection at the Board's headquarters at the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center. The following are very brief meeting highlights and reports from the Conservation Board's 12 regular meetings and five special meetings during the year.

July 21, 2004

Neighbors and attorney Frank Sauer attended the Board Meeting to protest results of a land survey conducted on the Hoover Area. County Attorney Vanderhart also attended the meeting to council the Board. The Board agreed on a set of conditions that would end a boundary dispute at Schneider-Heinick-Rowe. The Board approved bids by Gallery for repairing flood damages at the Buffalo Creek Area and Hickey-Schmitz for Jakway flood repairs.

August 18, 2004

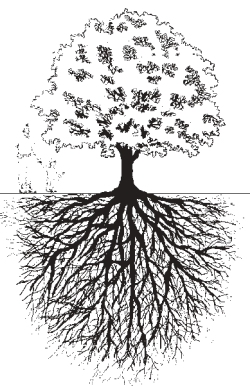
The Director reported that all FEMA projects for the 2004 floods had funding approval, with a total covered cost at \$75,267.53. The federal share of this was \$56,450.65 with an additional 10% to be received from State. The Board voted to proceed with legal action concerning the property line dispute at the Hoover Area. The Board approved a fence agreement with a neighbor to Fontana Park. The Board set fees for planter rental and planting services. The Board and Director reviewed other park fees, rules, and ordinances.

September 22, 2004

The Board met with David Mulneaux regarding a possible land transaction. The Board made final decisions regarding the coming Nature Center Anniversary Banquet. The Board approved the sale of two deer. The FY04 Annual Report was discussed and approved. The Board approved negotiations to attempt to purchase land adjacent to Fairbank Fen.



During the summer of 2004, The Conservation Board approved plans for the Nature Center 10th Anniversary Banquet.



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October 20, 2004

The Director presented a final report on funds raised at the Nature Center Anniversary Banquet. The Board reviewed the Director Evaluation.

November 17, 2004

Tom Spersflage of Iowa Department of Agriculture presented Board with report of South Fork Maquoketa River Water Quality Project. The Director updated the Board on the Supervisor's progress in searching for a new Conservation Board member to fill the position being vacated by Loren Hamilton. The USDA Veterinary Inspection for the Wildlife Display was discussed. Staff salaries were reviewed, and the Board approved salaries for FY06.

December 15, 2004

Jim Klever, who will be filling the Board Member position to be vacated by Loren Hamilton, attended the meeting. The Board decided that a foundation should be started, called Friends of Fontana Park, under umbrella of Greater Buchanan County Foundation. The purchase of a Polaris Ranger was approved. The Board voted to approve a bid to upgrade electric pedestals at the Jakway Park Campground. Exhibit construction projects in the nature center were approved. A settlement offer from Alliant Energy in response to damages at the Bryantsburg Prairie was accepted by the Board. The Board voted to provide funding in the FY06 budget for an opinion survey of county residents. The Board, Director, and Board of Supervisors recognized Loren Hamilton for his ten years of service on the Conservation Board.

January 4, 2004 (special meeting)

The Board reviewed a draft budget for fiscal year 2006, prepared by the Director. The Board approved the proposed budget and staff salaries for fiscal year 2006. Board officers were elected. Meeting dates were scheduled for the calendar year. Director Cohen reported BCCB will be receiving the County Conservation Board Award for our Environmental Education Program Award for counties our size.

January 18, 2005

The Director reported meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the FY06 budget. The Board appointed Buresh and Johnson to serve on the newly formed Friends of Fontana Park Foundation Board. Discussion was held concerning some educational programs, such as Septemberfest, My Side of the Mountain, and Prairies to Schools.

February 15, 2005

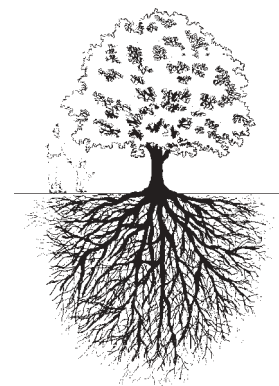
The Board discussed using engineering from the University of Iowa for developing an engineering report for the proposed Fontana Trail. An archaeological review, that indicated a more in-depth Phase 1 survey would be needed, was also discussed. Mike McGill from Heartland Acres gave a presentation about the group's plans for an agribition center. The Board moved to support the concept of Heartland Acres, and that the Director continue to give technical assistance the group. The Board approved the April enrollment of two AmeriCorps members.

February 24, 2005

The Board held a special meeting to approve the hiring of an archaeological firm to survey the proposed Fontana Trail path. The Board also approved the purchase of a water tank/pump to be used with fire management activities.



In December, 2004, the Conservation Board, Director, and Board of Supervisors recognized Loren Hamilton (above) for his ten years of service on the Conservation Board. Hamilton's position was filled by Jim Klever of Independence.



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March 24, 2005

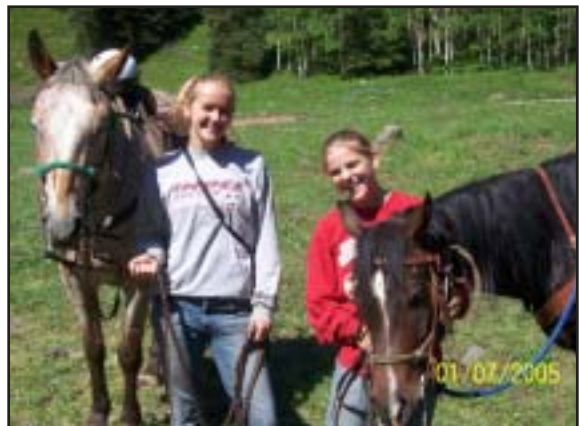
The Director and Board brain-stormed ideas/improvements to generate more public use of Jakway Park. A bid was awarded for the sale of downed trees at Jakway Park. The Board appointed Roger Johnson to serve as the Conservation Board representative on a Comprehensive Planning Committee for Zoning.

April 8, 2005

A special meeting of the Buchanan County Conservation Board was held to discuss an offer by Kevin Kaufman to sell property to the Conservation Board. The Board voted to reject the offer, and to move the parking area for the Fairbank Fen off Kaufman's property. During the process of moving the parking lot, the Board decided to install a picnic area and patio. Jim Klever offered to construct the patio as a donation. Hog confinement rules for facilities adjacent to parks were discussed. The Board and director also discussed tile line issues at Koutny Pond.

April 20, 2004

The Board discussed results of a Jakway Forest review conducted by the District Forester, that mentioned very good progress at timber stand improvement. The Board approved the scheduling of a timber harvest for the fall of 2005. The Director reported on meetings he had with landowners concerning possible habitat improvement or acquisition. Alliant settlement and easement agreements for the Bryantsburg Area were approved. The Board approved the sale of three buffalo. Two Wilderness Adventure Scholarships were awarded. The Board viewed a segment of a news story about cougars that featured the naturalist and cougar at Fontana Park.



The Board awarded scholarships to Annie (2004) and Mary (2005) O'Loughlin to attend a wilderness horse packing trip in the Rocky Mountains.

May 17, 2005

The Director reported he, Buresh, County Supervisor Gaffney and the County Engineer attended a presentation by University of Iowa engineering students for their Fontana Trail Engineering Report. The Board approved the purchase of a computer printer. The Board agreed to allow the county Secondary Roads Department to install a water control structure at Three Elms.

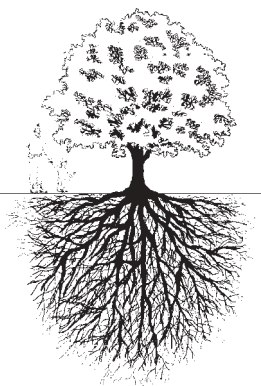
June 8, 2005

The Board, Director, and AmeriCorps member toured county areas, noting management, maintenance, and services offered.

June 15, 2005

The Board voted to enter into an easement agreement to obtain a strip of land from Myron Lohman for use by the Fontana Trail. A fiscal year-end financial report was presented and discussed. Options for increasing use at Jakway Park were discussed, and the Board voted to send free camping vouchers to area RV dealers. The Board voted to purchase a new pickup to replace an older vehicle, and to purchase/trade a new deck mower.

In April, the Board voted to construct a new parking area, patio, and picnic area at the Fairbank Fen. Board member Jim Klever offered to donate time and materials to the project.



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Cooperative Programs and Agreements

The Conservation Board actively partners with many agencies and organizations as a means of increasing its effectiveness. The following partnerships were important during the year.

- Worked with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Pheasants Forever (PF) to encourage the planting of native grasses, trees, and shrubs for wildlife habitat development on private land.
- Partnered with PF and local businesses and school districts, monitoring and managing prairies in the Prairies to Schools/Prairies to Businesses Program.
- Communicated closely with the Board of Supervisors.
- Loaned tree and grass planting equipment to the public and other government agencies.
- Hosted a County Conservation Peace Officers Association State Meeting.
- Shared and borrowed equipment with the County Secondary Roads and Roadsides Departments, City of Hazleton, Black Hawk County Conservation Board, and Buchanan ISU Extension.
- Partnered with Linn County Conservation Board to provide sandhill cranes trip.
- Shared expert advice and conference with DNR, NRCS, EPA and other officials in the development of wildlife habitat, environmental protection, and fisheries improvement.
- Partnered with Buchanan County ISU Extension for administering environmental education programs, such as the 5th Grade Field Day and Outdoor Adventures Program.
- Received assistance from INHF, NRCS, DNR, IDALS, and PF to conduct the Landowners Workshop.
- Worked with the DNR and County Conservation Directors Association to improve support for the REAP program.
- Worked with the National Regional Council of Governments, Buchanan County Supervisors and Secondary Roads, to pursue the Fontana Trail.
- Provided meeting space and helped advertised programs for the Fontana Herb Society a new Beekeeping group.
- Partnered with the DNR to promote frog and toad monitoring, and Iowater.
- Participated in the Monarch Larva Monitoring Program and Monarch Watch tagging.
- The Director served on the Board of Directors for the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards (IACCB); the IACCB Employees Executive Committee, is a member of the Iowa Conservation Education Council's (ICEC) Membership Committee; is a member of the County Conservation Directors Association, and served on the Iowa Important Bird Areas Technical Committee.
- The Naturalist served on the ICEC Membership Committee, and various workshop planning committees, including the Midwest Environmental Education Conference.
- Received funding from a Fish Habitat Grant and Buchanan County Soil & Water Conservation District for the Troy Mills Bank Amenity project.
- Met with area legislators (Rasmussen, Rehberg, Schoenjahn) to promote conservation legislation and statewide funding initiatives.
- Presented the concept of a Water Trail on the Wapsipinicon River to the Buchanan County Trails Association.
- Cosponsored star-gazing with the Black Hawk Astronomy Club and Grout Museum.
- Assisted with the Buchanan County Early Childhood Board's annual fair.
- Assisted with the 4-H Clover Kids and ISU Extension Wellness Program.



Appendices (pages 24-30)

Appendix A: Status of Funds

A.1 Fiscal Year Report July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005 - Revenue:

0001-2-6110-2890-22	Americorp Grant	\$1,453.08
0001-1-6110-5200-22	Camping /Jakway \$3,751; LC \$2,901 Fontana \$18,604	\$25,256.00
0001-1-6110-5230-22	Shelter Reservations	\$1,540.00
0001-4-6110-6120-22	Rent of Equipment	\$739.00
0001-1-6110-8310-22	Sale of Livestock	\$2,500.00
0001-4-6110-8460-22	Fuel Refund	\$622.82
0001-4-6110-9200-22	Sale of Fixed Assets	\$2,500.00
0001-1-6110-6220-22	Firewood Sales	\$1,033.00
0003-3-6110-2421-10	REAP	\$11,786.00
0003-4-6110-6000-10	Interest on REAP	\$174.86
0090-2-6110-2301-22	Disaster Services -FEMA	\$54,680.80
0090-3-6110-2422-22	Conservation Reserve / Donations	\$3,000.00
0090-4-6110-8480-22	Conservation Reserve	\$39,834.82
0090-4-6110-6000-22	Interest on Conservation Reserve	\$616.38
0093 3-6100-8100-22	Conservation Nature Center Donations	\$13,624.55
0093-4-6100-6000-22	Interest on Nature Center	\$213.40
0166-3-0051-8100-22	Fiduciary	\$7,689.93

Accounts:

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>REAP (003)</u>				
\$28,617.31	\$11,960.86			\$40,578.17
<u>Conservation Reserve (090)</u>				
\$173,195.77	\$98,132.00		\$38,200.00	\$233,127.77
<u>Conservation Nature Center (093)</u>				
\$25,366.09	\$13,837.95			\$40,237.53
<u>Fiduciary (166)</u>				
\$15,356.66	\$7,689.93	\$11,618.97		\$11,427.62

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Submitted by
Judy Harland
Buchanan County Treasurer

A.2 Camping and Miscellaneous Revenue

Total Camping Revenue	\$25,256		
<u>Fontana Camping Receipts</u>		<u>Lime Creek Camping Receipts</u>	
Total # of People	2,949	Total # of People	557
Total Camping Units	706	Total Camping Units	173
Total Electrical Received	\$15,922	Total Electric Received	\$2,182
Total Primitive Received	\$ 2,690	Total Primitive Received	\$ 719
Total Camping Revenue	\$18,604	Total Camping Revenue	\$2,901
<u>Jakway Camping Receipts</u>		<u>Miscellaneous/ Non-Budgeted Revenue</u>	
Total # of People	781	Timber Sale	\$1,300.70
Total Camping Units	189	REC Patronage Refund	\$ 125.25
Total Electric Received	\$3,451		
Total Primitive Received	\$ 300		
Total Camping Revenue	\$3,751		

Appendix A: Status of Funds, Cont.

A.3 Financial Report - Expenditures and Balances

Land Acquisition & Development		
0001-0210-600-22	Land	\$30,310.50
0001-0210-630-22	Farm Equipment	\$ 9,750.00
Total Land Acquisition and Development		\$40,060.50
Total Budgeted		\$41,750.00
Remaining Balance		\$ 1,689.50

Iowa FEMA Loan		
0001-0100-520-22-510	Fontana Dam Project / Loan	\$9,334.71
Remaining Balance		\$.29

Expenditures -

County Conservation (Administrative)

0001-6100-100-22-010	Director 's Salary	\$37,852.50
0001-6100-110-22	FICA	\$ 2,811.76
0001-6100-111-22	IPERS	\$ 2,176.55
0001-6100-260-22	Office Supplies	\$ 1,298.57
0001-6100-267-22	Educational Supplies	\$ 1,403.55
0001-6100-294-22	Uniforms	\$ 1,624.62
0001-6100-402-22	Printing Services	\$ 1,070.72
0001-6100-412-22	Postage & Mailing	\$ 761.20
0001-6100-413-22-050	Mileage & Subsistence	\$ 109.51
0001-6100-413-22-052	Mileage & Subsistence	\$ 629.66
0001-6100-414-22	Telephone	\$ 3,512.34
0001-6100-422-22-050	School of Instruction/Dir	\$ 1,007.75
0001-6100-422-22-052	School of Instruction Board	\$ 920.00
0001-6100-425-22	Legal/Court Services	\$ 926.65
0001-6100-462-22	Insurance	\$ 3,123.73
0001-6100-464-22	Workmens Comp	\$ 6,398.00
0001-6100-480-22	Dues & Memberships	\$ 920.00
0001-6100-206-22	Nature Center Assets	\$ 1,023.00
0001-6100-636-22	Office Furniture & Equip.	\$ 1,389.09
Total County Conservation (Administrative)		\$68,959.20
Total Budgeted		\$71,676.00
Remaining Balance		\$ 2,716.80

Expenditures and Balances Continued on page 26....

A.3 Financial Report - Expenditures and Balances (continued from page 25)

Operations

0001-6110-100-22	Salaries Reg. Employees	\$134,794.61
0001-6110-101-22-040	Part-time Employees	\$ 36,524.47
0001-6110-110-22	FICA	\$ 13,271.74
0001-6110-111-22	IPERS	\$ 12,688.89
0001-6110-124-22	Volunteer Program	\$ 5,415.51
0001-6110-201-22-042	Animal Displays	\$ 3,333.09
0001-6110-202-22	Chemicals & Herbicides	\$ 830.96
0001-6110-206-22	Nature Center Expenses	\$ 6,006.59
0001-6110-207-22	Plantings	\$ 2,480.98
0001-6110-212-22-042	Road Surface	\$ 473.68
0001-6110-212-22-043	Road Surface	\$ 190.45
0001-6110-212-22-044	Road Surface	\$ 2,254.85
0001-6110-214-22	Signs	\$ 496.17
0001-6110-219-22-042	Const/Maint/Fontana	\$ 3,507.51
0001-6110-219-22-043	Const/Maint/Jakway	\$ 2,876.52
0001-6110-219-22-044	Const/Maint/All Parks	\$18,913.80
0001-6110-232-22	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 3,328.56
0001-6110-233-22-042	Propane	\$ 1,242.79
0001-6110-250-22	Fuel	\$10,578.82
0001-6110-252-22	Safety Items	\$ 170.45
0001-6110-290-22	Minor Equip. & Hand Tools	\$ 1,294.11
0001-6110-411-22-048	Bldg. Maint./RH Fontana	\$ 160.01
0001-6110-411-22-049	Bldg. Maint./RH Jakway	\$ 88.99
0001-6110-413-22	Mileage & Subsistence	\$ 90.35
0001-6110-422-22	School of Instructions	\$ 1,525.71
0001-6110-431-22-042	Electricity / Fontana	\$ 8,244.02
0001-6110-431-22-043	Electricity Jakway	\$ 2,498.32
0001-6110-431-22-044	Electricity / All Parks	\$ 1,357.59
0001-6110-440-22	Vehicle Equip. & Maint.	\$ 3,752.79
0001-6110-441-22-042	Janitorial & Building Maint.	\$ 1,771.04
0001-6110-441-22-043	Janitorial & Building Maint.	\$ 516.67
0001-6110-441-22-044	Janitorial & Building Maint.	\$ 258.75
0001-6110-443-22	Equipment Repair & Maint.	\$ 4,973.71
0001-6110-445-22-042	Plumbing Repair	\$ 337.71
0001-6110-445-22-043	Plumbing Repair	\$ -0-
0001-6110-446-22	Radio Equipment & Repair	\$ -0-
0001-6110-635-22	Motor Vehicles	\$ 8,295.00
	Total Park Maintenance	\$294,545.21
	Total Budgeted	\$296,827.00
	Remaining Balance	\$ 2,281.79

Total Budget

Land Acquisition & Development & FEMA	\$ 1,689.79
County Conservation (Administrative)	\$ 2,716.80
Park Maintenance	\$ 2,281.79
Year-end Balance	\$ 6,688.38

Appendix B: Donations

Beginning in February, 2004, a nonprofit Friends of Fontana Park Foundation was established to handle all donations and fundraisers to assist the Conservation Board's educational programs. Donations to this group are not shown in this report

B.1 Nature Center Donations

(*Memorial Donations; **Bird Feeder Sponsors)

Name	Amount
Cash Box	\$526.55
Rabbit Sales	\$130.00
Dennis & Dana Lowe	\$10.00
Dean & Lynn Heins *	\$200.00
Eloise Christensen	\$140.00
Ida Evans	\$20.00
Kedzie Davis Fernholz	\$100.00
Mary Jean Linck	\$30.00
Mary Mosiman *	\$25.00
Leona Greenley	\$50.00
John Hoffmeyer	\$25.00
Loyd & Pat Froning *	\$25.00
Ray & Mildred Sefert	\$90.00
Howard & Rosie Bird **	\$50.00
Albert Duroe	\$100.00
Richard & Agnes Fiester *	\$50.00
Independence Garden Club **	\$50.00
John & Ann Vogel **	\$50.00
Fontana Herb Society	\$100.00
Ardith Graf	\$20.00
Paul Graff	\$50.00
Florence Greenlee	\$20.00
M. A. Hootman	\$20.00
Neal & Anna Marie Catt **	\$50.00
Steven & Diana Felt **	\$50.00
Maynard Savings /Hazleton	\$100.00
Richard & Mary Vogel	\$125.00
Ireland Technology	\$450.00
Dorleen Witt	\$20.00
Wayne & Rhyllis Yearous **	\$100.00
Wilbur & Marcella West	\$10.00
Tim & Blythe Hartsook	\$100.00
Dick & Susan Watkins *	\$25.00
Brian & Laura Walton **	\$50.00
Kevin & Carol Vieth *	\$10.00
North-Linn Community School	\$50.00
Richard & Billie Jo Torn	\$20.00
Victor Smith	\$10.00
Suzanne Johnson	\$10.00
Marlys Brownlee	\$15.00
Thomas & Donna Koskamp	\$10.00
Lamont Garden Club	\$25.00
Chris & Becky Sorge *	\$75.00
Linda Lumsden	\$25.00
Medical Associates Independence *	\$50.00
Shirley Nelson *	\$445.00
Vernon & Ann Paul	\$30.00
Paul Niemann Construction *	\$50.00
Katharine Risk *	\$20.00
Darrell Scott	\$50.00
Hershel Slater	\$100.00
Virginia Sleeper *	\$250.00
Grant Sundquist	\$250.00
Geraldine Tabor	\$50.00
James Sloan *	\$10.00
Bob & Jeri Titsworth *	\$15.00

B.2 Nature Center Banquet Fundraiser

Raffle Tickets	\$928.00
Banquet Tickets	\$4,440.00
Silent Auction	\$477.00
Bank Iowa	\$2,500.00
Maynard Savings Bank / Hazleton	\$50.00
1st National Bank - Oelwein	\$50.00
Union Planter Bank - Oelwein	\$25.00
Butterfield Inc.	\$25.00
Miller - Donnelly	\$50.00
John & Shelly Bagge	\$10.00
Jim & Nancy Klever	\$10.00
Loren Hamilton	\$20.00
Kurt Brannian	\$20.00
Ron Hearn	\$20.00
Joseph Krenmer	\$25.00
Profits	
Banquet Profit	\$3,779.46
Raffle Profit	\$955.38
Silent Auction	\$477.00
Total Banquet & Raffle Profit	\$5,211.84

B.3 General Environmental Education Donations

Animal Adoptions	\$2,605.00
Animal Box Donations	\$225.00
Planting Donations	\$355.00
City of Manchester	\$50.00
University of Minnesota	\$368.24

Donated Items / Services:

American Bottling Company	Pop Machine Fill
Oelwein City Laundry	Towel Service
Oelwein Landscaping	Letture for Animals
Elaine McGraw	Telescope
Margaret Willensen	Tables & Chairs
Gunnar Hansen	Cracked Corn
Warren Reed	Cracked Corn
Dennis & Mary Shannon	Program Pumpkins
Norby's Farm Fleet - Oelwein	Dog & Cat Food
Mealey Apartments	Birdhouse
Henry Nelson	Skis
Chris Isham	Cougar Skin
Vic Collins	Honey Bees
Maud Bentley	Quilt - Septemberfest
Ed Cook	Sign - Septemberfest
Hazleton Club	Rugs - Septemberfest

Thanks to all the businesses that

donated to the Nature Center Banquet.

Thanks to people who donated freezer meat for use in the Fontana Park Wildlife Display.

Appendix C: Grant Awards

Fish Habitat Grant	\$25,586.51 (Troy Mills Wapsie Bank Armament)
Buchanan County SWCD	\$ 2,500.00 (Troy Mills Wapsie Bank Armament)
AmeriCorps Grant	\$ 1,453.08 (Katie Karsten position)

Appendix D: Environmental Education

Appendix D.1: Attendance Figures

The following is a summary of the groups served through the EE program. The EE program is designed to meet a set of specific goals and objectives, described in the EE Program Five-year Comprehensive Plan (available upon request). Figures for 03-04 are shown in parenthesis.

School Student Programs (K-college)	
Number of presentations:	414 (384)
Total attendance:	7,823 (7,456)
Average group size:	18.9 (19.4)
Teacher & Youth Leader Programs	
Number of presentations:	8 (9)
Total attendance:	109 (104)
Average group size:	13.6 (11.5)
Civic and Senior Programs	
Number of presentations:	36 (32)
Total attendance:	743 (1,065)
Average group size:	20.6 (33.3)
Youth Programs (other than school groups)	
Number of presentations:	56 (67)
Total attendance:	1,188 (1,269)
Average group size:	21.2 (18.5)
Public Programs (advertised to public):	
Number of presentations:	34 (18)
Total attendance:	1,826 (1,065)
Average group size:	53.7 (65.5)
County Fair Booth Users	780
Total Attendance	
Presentations:	544 (501)
Total:	12,360 (10,969)
Avg. Group Size:	22.7 (21.9)

Appendix D.2: Programming Support

The following groups and individuals provided direct programming assistance during the year:

Tammy Turner, Bremer Co. Cons.	Katie Karsten
Black Hawk Astronomy Club	Roger Ericson, NRCS
Rod Nabholz	Greg Schmitt, Pheasants Forever
Karen Phelps - Benton Co Cons.	Roger Johnson
Gail Barels - Linn Co Naturalist	Mike Flaucher
Terry Van DeWalle	Brue Bearinger, Buchanan Co. Ext.
Vic Collins	Connie Svoboda, Buchanan Co. Ext.
Jason O'Brien - Nature Mapping	Rick W ulfekuhle
Larry Stone	Brian Hayes, Iowa DNR
Jim Mesina	Mark W inn, Iowa DNR
Chad Fields	Ken Arhus
Darin Siefkin, Bremer Co. Ext.	Pat Higby, UNI CEEE
Fontana Friends 4-H	Kathy Post, Buchanan Co. Health Ctr.
Marybeth Jaggard	Scott Kinseth, Iowa DNR
Anita O'Gara, INHF	Ron O'Brian
Roger Erickson, NRCS	Jesup FFA
Amy McGraw	Ken Bouma
Ellen Foland	Jerry Franz
Lee Camp	Wal-Mart

Appendix D.3: Public Programs Offered

The following programs were offered to the general public during the year:

Wee Nature Tales	Skeletons
Nature Explorers	Trick or Treat for the Animals
Young Naturalists	Orienteering Challenge Race
Fontana Campout - Step 1	Natural and Recycled Ornaments
Wilderness Trip - Step 3	Moonlight Ski
Explore Iowa - Neal Smith	Recycled Birdfeeders
Moonlight Canoe Float	Ice Fishing Contest
Jazz in the Park	Owl Prowl
Buchanan County Fair	Landowner Workshop
Birthday Bash for the Bear	Iowater II
Monarch Tagging	Crane Bus Trip
Bee Keeping Program	Early Childhood Fair
Jakway Septemberfest	Wildflower Walk
Photo Contest Judging	Monarch Larvae Monitoring Program
Star Party	Kids' Fishing Derby
10 th Anniversary Banquet	

Appendix E: Volunteers

Appendix E.1: Special Project Volunteers

<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Project</u>		
John Engquist	Nest Box Program	W anda Havercamp	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Julie Havran	Nest Box Program	Glenn Unwin	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Shirley Rozendaal	Nest Box Program	Kris Tibbott	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Molly Schlumbohm	Nest Box Program	Jan Short	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Peter Lohholz	Park Maintenance	Mary Ann Quint	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Mike Hoffman	Park Maintenance	Barb Sabin	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Donald Wells	Park Maintenance	Leah Johnston	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Loyd Froning	Park Maintenance	Roger and Andrea Bean	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Kelly Murley	Park Maintenance	4-H Club	Richardson-Jakway-Foundation
Pat Husman	Park Maintenance	Orville McRobie	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Ed Husman	Park Maintenance	Court and Maud Bently	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Julie Havran	AmeriCorps Naturalist Intern	Mary Stevenson	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Trevor Rhines	AmeriCorps Park Technician	Bill Hart	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Don Boland	Animal Display	Jay Cox	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Delbert Wilson	Animal Display	Ed Cook	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Independence Senior Site	Assembling newsletters	David Garlow	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Young Naturalist Camp	Invasive species removal	Ellen Foland	Richardson-Jakway Foundation
Donald Wells	Invasive species removal	Brian & Denice Jackson	Campground Host
Kay Hoffman	Gardens/Landscaping	Duane VanDeWalker	Campground Host
Micki Sand-Cohen	Gardens/Landscaping	Brenda VanDeWalker	Campground Host
Laura Isham	Gardens/Landscaping	Rod & Kim Eckhoff	Campground Host
Marybeth Jaggard	Gardens/Landscaping	Vern & W anda Tiet	Campground Host
Marilyn Leafstedt	Gardens/Landscaping	Raymond & Kathie Hack	Campground Host
Eleanor Larson	Gardens/Landscaping	Mark Wilson	Jakway Observation Blind
Julie Johnson	Gardens/Landscaping	Victor C. Collins	Bee Program Presenter
Mary Stevenson	Gardens/Landscaping		
Elaine Johnson	Gardens/Landscaping		
Jo Beth Nehl	Gardens/Landscaping		
Tammy Meaney	Gardens/Landscaping		
Jo Porter	Gardens/Landscaping		
Shirley Rozendaal	Gardens/Landscaping		
Bev Sage	Gardens/Landscaping		
Claudia Schweer	Gardens/Landscaping		
Nature Explorers Camp	Gardens/Landscaping		
Margaret Willensen	Gardens/Landscaping		
Gladys Richardson	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Peter Lohholz	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Mary Davis	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Rick and Ann Pech	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Mary and Roger Johnson	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Chuck and Jane Watson	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Sandra Hemmingsen	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Chris Hansen	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Gary Buresh	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Paul Anthes	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Bob Buckman	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Steve Copenhaver	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Amy Copenhaver	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Jary Griffin	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Marybeth Jaggard	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
David Voigts	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		
Anabeth Voigts	Richardson-Jakway Foundation		

Appendix E.2: Nature Center Volunteers

<u>Volunteer:</u>	<u>Hours:</u>		
Desiree Bourne	55	Patti Olmstead	36.5
Elizabeth Brown	16.0	Judith Porter	12.0
Marlys Brownlee	8.0	JoAnne Rowe	11.0
Marilyn Gallo	41.5	Faith Rilapugh	24.0
Chris Goarke	36.5	Mary Schuler	4.0
Amanda Hanson	4.0	Serena Sechser	7.5
Julie Havran	6.0	Verla Sperry	48.0
Joy Hintz	31.5	Mary Stevenson	3.5
Helen Hoefler	49.0	JoAnn Van Cleave	19.5
Marybeth Jaggard	35.5	David Voigts	27.5
Janet Jessen	55.5	Jeannie Wilson	13.5
Kathryn Karsten	9.0	Warren Wilson	5.5
Arlene Mische	4.5		

Appendix F: Conservation Board and Board of Supervisors

F.1 Board Members and terms from founding to present (*Denotes charter board member)

Ralph L. Kimball*, Independence	1956-58	J.M. Tounshendeaux, Jesup	1968-79
C. L. (Mickey) Fox*, Jesup	1956-67	John Miller, Jesup	1969-94
L.O. Weston*, Lamont	1956-58	Carroll Conklin, Independence	1981-94
" " "	1962-65	Harry Brooks, Independence	1982-83
A.J. Murphy, Wirthrop	1957-62	Bob Booher, Independence	1983-91
R.C. Stewart*, Lamont	1956-62	Nyle McMartin, Jesup	1992-01
H.G. Lincoln*, Rowley	1956-57	Phil Thyer, Independence	1993-00
Jack Gates, Independence	1958-62	Diane Slaughter, Independence	1994-03
Robert Buckman, Aurora	1958-62	Loren Hamilton, Independence	1995-04
" " "	1965-92	Robert Bainbridge, Independence	1996-00
Warren Pratt, Rowley	1962-63	Dr. Kenneth McDonough, Oelwein	2000-
Don Anderson, Independence	1962-81	Roger Johnson, Independence	2000-
Kessler Clark, Brandon	1963-65	Richard Vogel, Jesup	2001-
Miller McMillen, Quasqueton	1964-66	Gary Buresh, Independence	2004-
Raymond Finley, Brandon	1966-80	Jim Klever, Independence	2005-
Max Grover, Rowley	1967-93		

F.2 Board of Supervisors

The Conservation Board strives on the support of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, and their understanding of the importance of local conservation programs. Members of the 2005 Board of Supervisors are shown below.

Board of Supervisors – FY05



Leo "Dewey" Donnelley



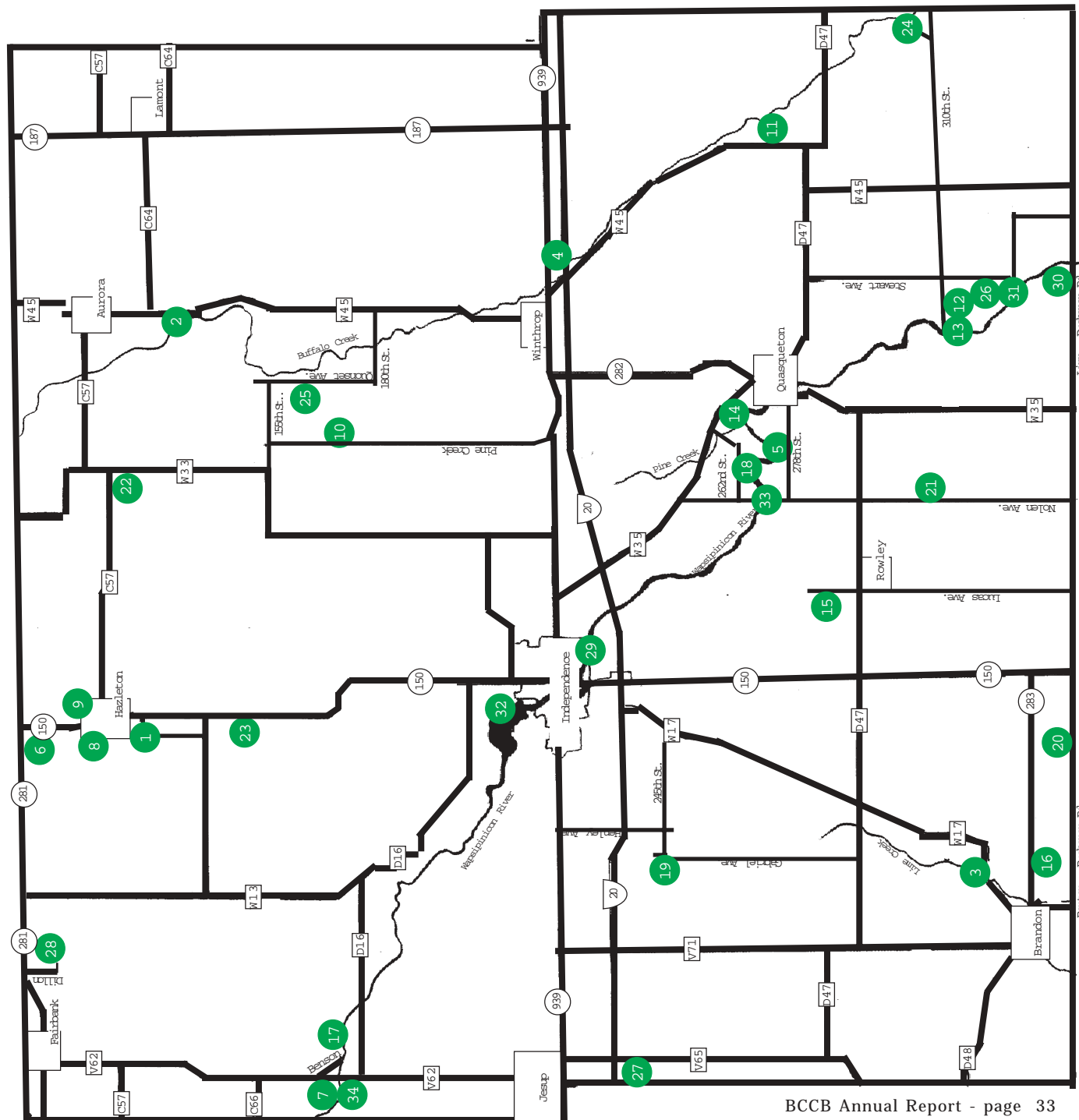
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Ralph Kremer

Appendix G:
Map of Buchanan County Parks

1. Fontana Park
2. Jakway Forest
3. Lime Creek Area
4. Buffalo Creek Area
5. Boies Bend Area
6. Otter Creek Roadside Park
7. Cutshall Area
8. Otter Creek Wildlife Preserve
9. Nibek Wildlife Preserve
10. Van Lanningham Wildlife Preserve
11. Buffalo Creek Wildlife Area
12. Hoover Area
13. Sand Creek Area
14. Pine Creek Area
15. Rowley Pen
16. Koutny Pond/Hoffman Woods
17. Mickey Fox Area
18. Butty Root Preserve
19. Crutbaker Wildlife Area
20. Beardower Sand Prairie
21. Blazing-star Prairie
22. Swartz Preserve
23. Bkayntsburg Area
24. Newton Township Natural Area
25. Patton Prairie
26. Schneider-Heimick-Rowe Area
27. Hodges and North Wildlife Area
28. Fairbank Pen
29. Three Elms Area
30. Frogville Access
31. Troy Mills Wapsi Access
32. Wapsipinicon River Access
33. Iron Bridge Access
34. Anderson Addition to Cutshall Area



Your Conservation Board, FY05: Conservation Board members are county residents who have an expressed interest in conservation. They are appointed by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors to staggered five-year terms. For more information about the roles of a Conservation Board member, contact the Executive Director (see below).



Loren Hamilton (through 12/31/04)
Independence, IA



Roger Johnson, Chair
Independence, IA



Ken McDonough, Vice-chair
Hazleton, IA



Gary Buresh, Secretary
Independence, IA



Richard Vogel
Jesup, IA



Jim Klever (beginning 1/1/05)
Independence, IA



Dan Cohen, Executive Director
Fontana Park, Hazleton, IA

For more information about programs and activities of the Conservation Board, contact the Executive Director, Dan Cohen.

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