



Johnson County Resource Enhancement Committee

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Johnson County Resource Enhancement (REAP) Committee Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Johnson County Administration Building
Second Floor Boardroom
913 South Dubuque Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240
. Via ZOOM .

Present: Timothy Brown, Solon Community School District Board of Directors
Mike Carberry, Sierra Club
Terry Dahms, REAP Vice Chair
Ilsa DeWald, Board of Supervisors Staff
Terry Donahue, City of North Liberty, Mayor
Peg Fraser, REAP Chair
Brad Freidhof, JC Conservation
Louise From, City of University Heights, Mayor
Larry Gullett, Johnson County Conservation
Pat Heiden, Johnson County Board of Supervisors
Tim Kemp, City of Hills, Mayor
Juli Seydell Johnson, City of Iowa City, Parks and Recreation
Sherri Proud, City of Coralville, Parks and Recreation
Kelley Schlitz, City of Hills, Staff
Jennifer Price, Johnson County Historic Preservation Commission
Linda Schreiber, Project GREEN
Jill Wenger, Board of Supervisors Staff

1. Call to order: 5:00 p.m.
2. Approve July 31, 2019 Johnson County REAP Committee meeting minutes – Motion by Brad, 2nd by Juli. Approved.
3. Presentation, review, and comments regarding REAP grant applications:
 - a. City of Coralville application for West Land Use Park Land and Fen Preservation Buffer, Part 2 for \$125,000
 - b. City of Hills application for a Splash Pad and Nature Park Expansion Project for \$50,000
 - c. City of Iowa City application for Whispering Meadows Wetlands Park Ecological Renovations for \$100,000
 - d. Johnson County Conservation Department application for Acquisition of the Malinda V. Reif Reilly Fen and Prairie for \$400,000
4. Review the Johnson County REAP Plan update and brainstorm projects for 2020-2024. Municipalities and organizations should submit projects that they foresee being part of their five-year plan for REAP grants. This is simply a list of project possibilities that may come up as opportunities in the next five years.

Sherri Proud, Brad Freidhof, Juli Seydell-Johnson met to work on this plan. We reviewed other county REAP plans, they had more along the lines of a five-year plans rather than very broad statements as our last draft. We have identified five focus areas. Protect, preserve and manage. Enhance and develop. Educate and provide stewardship. Recreational opportunities. Protect historical areas. We want to remain inclusive to all. Sherri would like input on the five areas and any projects that the Committee has in the hopper. We need to add that each of our orgs might have a REAP plan and we need to accept or adopt all of those within this plan. Get your comments to Sherri Proud by September 23, 2020.

Brad Freidhof: REAP did get extended into 2023, please make sure to contact your legislators so that this remains funded.

5. Next meeting date and time: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. ***(8/3/21 NOTE: This has been rescheduled to Thursday, August 19 at 5:00 p.m.)***
6. Adjourned at 6:12 p.m.