



# Newsletter

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## Years in '15

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- \* Dec. 10 – District 1 Mtg. – Marion County
- \* Dec. 16 - District 6 Mtg. – Jones County
- \* Jan. 8-9 – REAP Congress – State Capitol
- \* Jan. 19-21 – Winterfest 2016 – Waterloo Ramada
- \* Feb. 18 – District 4 Mtg. – Madison County
- \* March 3 – Capitol Day for IWILL – Fund the Trust
- \* March 9 – County Day at the Capitol (ISAC)
- \* March 22 – REAP Day at the Capitol (IEC)

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Hazelton accepts award from Melvyn Houser, 2015 President of ISAC, and a B.O.S., Pottawattamie County

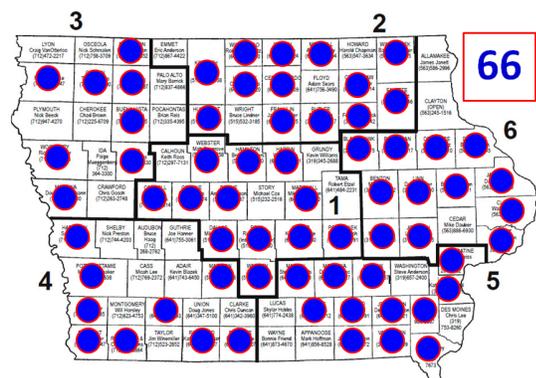
### STATEWIDE RECOGNITION TO MCP.com ☺

[mycountyparks.com](http://mycountyparks.com) was awarded the **2015 Excellence In Action Award** by the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) this past week at their annual Fall School of Instruction in Cedar Rapids. This recognition is awarded for innovative county government programs and projects. Many thanks for your collective participation and support that keeps MyCountyParks.com rockin' forward!



No stranger to awards, the website was Iowa Tourism's 2009 Website of the Year during the very first year of operation. It also received a Silver Addy recognition that year from the website development industry. 2015 also found MyCountyParks.com competing as a finalist for the Iowa Tourism Website of the Year once again! YOUR internet presence is an important aspect of your public persona, IACCB is proud to provide this service for you! ☺

### 2016 TRUST FUND RESOLUTION



### Woo-Hoo! RESOLUTIONS AT 66%!

We have done a GREAT JOB! - progressing with the number of CCBs that have passed, via resolution, support of Funding the Trust in 2016! As we move through your Conservation Board meetings in December, we look forward to receiving additional resolutions as you get a chance to review them! ☺

Should you need supplemental information to foster your discussion - please let me know. We are well in to the process of generating HUGE support for the 2016 initiative – with county conservation once again leading the way. CONGRATS & and *thank-you!* ☺



### SALARY SURVEY UPDATE!

A couple CCBs staggered in past the deadline, but we are very pleased to have 95 of 99 being submitted! ☺ The tabulation of this information has commenced, and we hope to have it available towards the end of next week – thanks for your patience. In the meantime, If you need the specifics from one or two CCBs, let me know – [IACCB@mycountyparks.com](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.com)

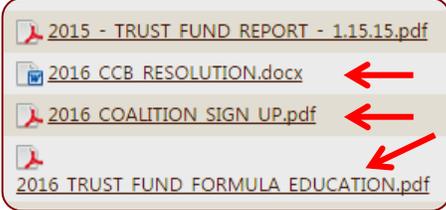
### FUND THE TRUST (IWILL) LEADERSHIP LOOKS TOWARDS 2016 SESSION

At their November 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting, IWILL Coalition leadership welcomed new hire **Brittany Gallagher** as the Coalition Coordinator to help orchestrate our efforts through the 2016 Legislative Session. In other good news, the Iowa Soybean Association has come onboard as the newest member of the coalition, and discussions continue with other commodity groups. If you/your CCB are already members of the Coalition, you will be receiving a request to update your contact information as needed. If you have yet to officially become a member, the last page of this newsletter is the application to do so – which will connect you with Brittany, as well as get you on the network for the every-other-week updates from the Coalition during the legislative session.



## NEW IN THE "IWILL INFORMATION" PORTAL FILE

Fresh items in the IWILL Information file of the Portal include: 1) Updated Resolution for your CCB to consider to support Funding the Trust"; 2) Coalition Sign-up Form; and, 3) A "Trust Fund Formula Education" document to assist folks in better understanding the various pieces of the trust allocations. Please feel free to access these documents and to utilize them as your local efforts warrant in the weeks/months ahead. Look forward to additional information to be forthcoming!

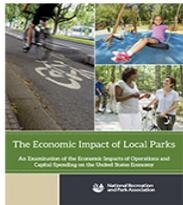


## REAP GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE – Position Opening - Procedures

I have had a couple of inquiries as to this opening, as has Tammie Krausman – DNR REAP Coordinator. As indicated in the 11/13 IACCB Newsletter - Our process will be to review applications at the January 2016 Board of Directors meeting, and then to recommend a candidate to Director Chuck Gipp of the Iowa DNR for appointment to the committee. Applicants for this position should demonstrate involvement and experience with the REAP Grant program, and possess a thorough understanding of the criteria. Experience in writing grants and being involved in grant processes is important, experience in reviewing grants is welcomed. Information should contain an introduction to the Board of Directors, as in most cases they may not all be acquainted with the applicants. **Letters of Application** for this position should be addressed to the IACCB Board of Directors and may be emailed or snail-mailed to: [IACCB@mycountyparks.com](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.com) / IACCB, 1775 Mackenzie Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411. **Deadline 1/8/2016.**



## NRPA – The Economic Impact of Local Parks Report



The **National Recreation and Park Association** (NRPA) has released their 2015 report on the economic impact of local parks. "The study, the first nationwide study of its kind, focuses exclusively on the direct, indirect and induced effects local and regional park agencies' spending have on economic activity. The analysis is based on data compiled from both the U.S. Census Bureau and the NRPA's PRORAGIS database."

**LINK TO REPORT & INFO:** <http://www.nrpa.org/parkeconreport/>

## DISTRICT 2 BALLOTS DISTRIBUTED

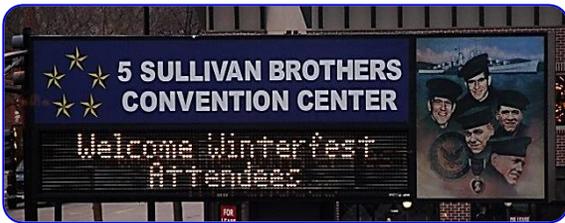
Ballots have been electronically distributed to the Directors of the 17 CCBs in District 2. This ballot is for electing a District 2 Board Member representative to the statewide IACCB Board of Directors. (Each of our 6 Districts are required to provide a Conservation Board member representative to the state Board) Ballots are **due no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>**. They may be received by either email or regular mail as indicated on the ballot. (Directors – please distribute to board members as soon as possible – thanks!)

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## WINTERFEST REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

How about targeting the first of the new year to have your Winterfest registrations all in and paid for????!!! Collectively, our "industry" is notorious for observing a reservation deadline as the date to start finalizing decisions and rounding up the \$\$\$. No matter what event you might be registering for – let's collectively make it easier (which = less stress! ☺) for those who are planning and organizing these events by registering as soon as possible – GRATZE!

**WINTERFEST INFO:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/Info/WINTERFEST.aspx>



Across all sorts of media this week, we are seeing/hearing lists of "Why we are thankful" – even our kids in school are being asked to generate such lists ☺. So here are a couple from my side of the desk – 1) To continue in a field of endeavor across four decades that is truly a passion for me; 2) To have met and worked with individuals with equal passion that both launched our industry in the '50s, and those that will carry it into the next '50s; and, 3) To have a family & friends that have encouraged and supported me all the way! And by the way.....

THANKS for all YOU do! **Tom**



<http://www.mycountyparks.com/Jobs/Default.aspx>

1. JOHNSON Co. – Mechanic
2. WOODBURY Co. – Resource Naturalist
3. DICKINSON Co. – Naturalist
4. TEMPORARY POSITIONS – 2 opportunities listed on website

Full Time Employment

Seasonal/Part-Time – Listed on website



## JOIN THE COALITION

Iowa's Water and Land Legacy (IWILL) is a diverse group of organizations, agencies and individuals working together in coalition to **fund** the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. The Trust Fund will provide a much needed permanent and constitutionally protected funding source for conserving and enhancing water quality and natural areas in this state, including agricultural soils, fish and wildlife habitat, parks, and trails. The coalition's past efforts secured the passage of a constitutional amendment, supported by **63%** of Iowa's voters, to create the trust fund.

### **NOW IT'S TIME TO GET THE TRUST FUND FUNDED**

- Coalition Member** — *Yes, we want to be part of the team!*
  - *Coalition members will be involved in the campaign and will share coalition information with their organization's members, among other opportunities*
  
- Endorsement** – *Yes, we publicly support Iowa's Water and Land Legacy campaign to fund the trust fund and keep the current funding formula the same.*
  
- Outreach** – *Yes, we want to help grow the Coalition by encouraging our members and our peers to join the Iowa's Water and Land Legacy campaign*
  
- Coalition Leadership** – *Yes, our organization's staff or key volunteers want to offer financial and in-kind support to the Iowa's Water and Land Legacy campaign*
  
- Legislative Session Support** – *Yes, we want to help get the Iowa's Water and Land Legacy message to the public and to legislators during the 2015 legislative session*

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