

Land & Water Legacy Bond

The Legacy Bond would invest in Dubuque County's water resources, parks, trails, and natural areas for generations to come. These potential conservation investments are derived from the conservation master plan.

Water Quality & Conservation — 30%

- **Protect water quality** through conservation buffers, easements, wetland restoration, streambank improvements and river/stream monitoring.
- **Reduce flooding** through floodplain restoration and natural floodwater storage projects.
- **Protect and restore natural areas** including forests, prairies, wetlands and wildlife habitat.
- **Strategically acquire conservation land** to protect sensitive areas, expand existing parks and create future public recreation opportunities.
- **Improve hunting and fishing habitat** and public access to these resources.
- **Improve water trail access** along the Little Maquoketa and North Fork Maquoketa Rivers.

Parks & Recreation Area Improvements--40%

- **Locher Lake Recreation Area:** pavilion, restroom, accessible fishing pier, boat launch, trails, prairie restoration, improved entrance and parking.
- **Massey Marina, Finley's Landing & Mud Lake:** marina, boat launch, campground, restroom, trail and public access improvements. The master plan identifies additional trail, habitat and accessibility opportunities at Finley's Landing.
- **Campground improvements:** upgraded campsites, electrical infrastructure, restrooms and showers, with expansion opportunities at New Wine and Fillmore.
- **Fillmore Recreation Area:** campground expansion, irrigation improvements, clubhouse improvements and maintenance infrastructure.
- **Heritage Pond, Swiss Valley and other county parks:** improve parking, visitor amenities, infrastructure and recreation opportunities.
- **Partnership projects** with cities, towns, DNR and nonprofit organizations to leverage additional conservation and recreation investments.

Trails & Outdoor Recreation--30%

- **Heritage Trail:** replace aging bridges, rehabilitate trail surfaces, improve trailheads and expand connections to Proving Grounds, John Deere Marsh, Twin Springs, Miller McGrath and other destinations.
- **Trail connections & access:** improve connections between parks, conservation areas and regional trail systems.
- **Water Trails:** develop the county's water trail system with new kayak/canoe launches, improved river access and signage.
- **Mountain Bike Trails:** improve and expand trail opportunities at John Deere Proving Grounds and Interstate Power Preserve.
- **Accessible Recreation:** improve ADA access and provide adaptive outdoor recreation opportunities.