

## Farm to Faucet: Modernizing Iowa's Clean Water Investments

Iowa Republicans are announcing a comprehensive water quality funding package that modernizes how Iowa invests in clean water—from the farm field to the kitchen faucet.

This proposal realigns existing funding—without raising taxes—to invest in the most effective solutions: conservation practices on the land, infrastructure in communities, and monitoring to track progress.

**TOTAL INVESTMENT:** \$319 million over the next 12 years

| <b>Revising the Water Quality Financial Assistance Fund Formula</b>        |   |                  |   |
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| <b>Receiving Entity</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Current %</b> | <b>Proposal</b>   |
| Water Quality Monitoring (DNR)   | Provide a \$500,000 annual appropriation to the Iowa DNR to supplement additional water quality monitoring  | --               | \$500,000<br>(annual)   |
| Water Quality Financing Program (IFA)<br><b>ELIMINATE</b>                  | Provides financial assistance to point and nonpoint projects that enhance the quality of surface water and groundwater, with higher prioritization given to collaborative efforts<br><br>This program is eliminated upon conclusion of existing loan paybacks                 | 45%<br>\$8.5M    | --  |
| Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program (IFA) | Provides grant funding to Iowa communities for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects<br><br>Increases the maximum grant award to \$1 million (currently \$500,000)<br><br>An additional one-time investment of \$8 million is also being made to this program | 40%<br>\$7.7M    | 65%<br>\$12.09M<br>(annual)<br>+<br>\$8 million<br>(one-time) |
| Urban Infrastructure Program (IDALS)                                       | Provides grants for urban conservation projects in Iowa communities like stormwater wetlands  | 15%<br>\$2.9M    | 15%<br>\$2.79M<br>(annual)                                    |
| Greater Des Moines Watershed Program (IDALS)                               | Provides funding for scalable watershed practices and projects upstream from the Des Moines metro, including but not limited to cover crops, edge-of-field buffers, wetlands, and working land conservation programs  | --               | 20%<br>\$3.72M<br>(annual)                                    |

| <b>Create the Rural Iowa Infrastructure Bank</b> |   |                     |
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| Rural Iowa Infrastructure Bank (IFA)             | Creates a revolving loan fund, with financing available to small and medium sized communities at a loan rate of 1% or less to upgrade water and wastewater infrastructure | \$10M<br>(one-time) |

| <b>Investing in Nitrate Removal Infrastructure in Central Iowa</b> |  |                     |
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| Nitrate Removal Infrastructure for Central Iowa Water Works        | Provide a one-time, \$25M investment to Central Iowa Water Works to double their nitrate removal capacity within three years | \$25M<br>(one-time) |