Introduction to the Division of Soil Conservation
DSC Mission

The Division of Soil Conservation is responsible for state leadership in the protection and management of soil, water and mineral resources, assisting soil and water conservation districts and private landowners to meet their agricultural and environmental protection needs.
Core Conservation Partners

Local
Soil & Water Conservation District

State
Division of Soil Conservation

Federal
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Level</th>
<th>Federal Agency</th>
<th>State Agency</th>
<th>Local Agency</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Local level</td>
<td>100 NRCS Field Offices</td>
<td>IDALS-DSC Field Staff</td>
<td>100 Soil &amp; Water Conservation Districts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regional level</td>
<td>5 NRCS Area Offices</td>
<td>IDALS – DSC State Office Field Rep</td>
<td>CDI - Regions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>WS Protection &amp; Water Quality</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State level</td>
<td>NRCS – State Office</td>
<td>IDALS-DSC State Office SSCC</td>
<td>CDI - Board</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>State Soil Conservation Committee</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National level</td>
<td>USDA - NRCS</td>
<td>National Association of State Conservation Agencies</td>
<td>NACD</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Core Conservation Partners
State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)

The Division of Soil Conservation is administered in accordance with policies established by the State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC).

Primary authorities of the SCC are to:

- Establish policy and approve rules for the administration of DSC programs
- Recommend a budget for the DSC annually, to the Secretary of Agriculture
- Provide leadership on soil and water conservation and related issues through research, information and education, seeking assistance from agencies and education institutions of the state
- Appoint commissioners to fill vacancies in SWCDs
- Provide a forum for discussion of soil and water conservation issues and the development of policy and program initiatives
Timeline of Soil Conservation in Iowa

1928  USDA Circular 33, “Soil Erosion: A National Menace” was published

1936  *Soil Erosion In Iowa* was published by the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station documenting soil erosion problems

1937  President Roosevelt sent a letter to all state governors encouraging them to pass state laws establishing the soil conservation district program

1940  Soil conservation districts formed in Iowa

1971  Iowa became the first state to establish a soil loss limit law

1973  Iowa became the first state to appropriate state cost-share funds for soil conservation

1983  The Division is granted primacy for the Abandoned Mine Lands Program by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior

1989  Resource Enhancement & Protection (REAP) established, creating the Water Protection Fund

1999  Watershed Protection Fund (WSPF) is established, expanding focus on watersheds

2007  Urban Conservation Program is established

2013  Iowa Water Quality Initiative begins. CleanWaterIowa.org launches. Statewide cost-share is administered and 13 demonstration projects in targeted areas begin.
DSC Structure

Field Services Bureau

Mines & Minerals Bureau

Water Resources Bureau
Field Services Programs

Cooperative Soil Surveys
State Cost Share
Field Office Staff
District Initiatives
Urban Conservation Program

State Revolving Fund
No-Interest Loans
REAP Water Quality Protection Practices
REAP Water Quality Protection Projects
Stormwater Best Management Practices Loans
Field Services Bureau

Field Representative Areas

David Strom
515.281.5142
david.strom@iowaagriculture.gov

Matt McDonald
515.281.6153
matt.mcdonald@iowaagriculture.gov

Brandon Dittman
515.281.5853
brandon.dittman@iowaagriculture.gov

Matt McDonald
515.281.6153
matt.mcdonald@iowaagriculture.gov
Mines & Minerals Programs

- Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Program
- Coal Regulatory Program
- Minerals Program

AML Program Extents

Mineral Mines in Iowa

- 42% Limestone Operations
- 56% Sand and Gravel Operations
- 2% Clay or Gypsum Operations
Water Resources Bureau
Water Resources Programs

- Agricultural Drainage Well Closure Assistance Program
- Agricultural Drainage Well Research and Demonstration Project
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Integrated Farm and Livestock Management Demonstration Program (IFLM)
- Watershed Protection Program
- Watershed Improvement Review Board (IWIRB)
- Watershed Improvement Fund
- Upper Mississippi River Sub-basin Hypoxia Nutrient Committee
Employee Resources

IA Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

http://das.iowa.gov/
Includes information on:
Employee benefits, Employee Assistance Program, Discount Programs, Leave Programs, Training and Development Opportunities, & State job listing

IPERS – Iowa Public Employee Retirement System

http://www.ipers.org/

Online Payroll access (with password)

www.egov.state.ia.us/warrants/warrantProcessorServlet

SEHARC – State Employees Health and Recreation Committee

http://seharc.org/
Online Resources

IDALS-DSC  
www.iowaagriculture.gov/soilConservation.asp

IDALS  
www.iowaagriculture.gov

P&P Manual  
www.iowaagdata.com

FARMS  
http://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS

Iowa Legislature  
http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb

State of Iowa  
www.iowa.gov/Government

Iowa DNR  
www.iowadnr.gov

Iowa NRCS  
www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov

AgLearn  
www.aglearn.usda.gov

Conservation Districts of Iowa  
www.cdiowa.org

National Assn of Conservation Districts  
http://nacdnet.org

Parking at Wallace Building  
www.iowa.govgovernment/crc/docs/capitol_parking.pdf
Social Media

www.facebook.com/IowaDeptofAg
www.twitter.com/iadeptag
www.flickr.com/photos/iowaagriculture/
www.youtube.com/user/IDALS1

www.facebook.com/CleanWaterIowa
www.twitter.com/cleanwateriowa