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Cline Branch - North Fork Maquoketa Watershed Initiative

Farmers in the Cline Branch - North Fork subwatershed have the opportunity to receive **higher payment rates** on conservation practices and systems that avoid, control and trap nutrient runoff; improve wildlife habitat; and maintain agricultural productivity. The Cline Branch - North Fork covers western sections of Jackson County and the eastern edge of Jones County within the Maquoketa River Watershed.

This project is part of a new Initiative – the Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI). The goal of MRBI is to reduce nutrient loading in the Mississippi River Basin, which contributes to both local water quality problems and the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

The project, which covers 28,472 acres, aims to improve the water quality of the streams and reverse damages that have affected the fish/aquatic populations and habitat in the streams. Reducing sediment delivery and the amount of phosphorus entering the target water body will help achieve the project goals.

Installing best management practices that reduce or trap sediment and nutrients before the get to the stream will help improve in-stream and riparian habitats. A list of core project conservation practices is on the the back page.

MRBI will be offered now through fiscal year 2013. To enroll, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). **Eligible practices and payment rates are listed on the back page.**

For more information about the Headwaters North Fork Maquoketa River Project and MRBI, contact the Anamosa Field Office:

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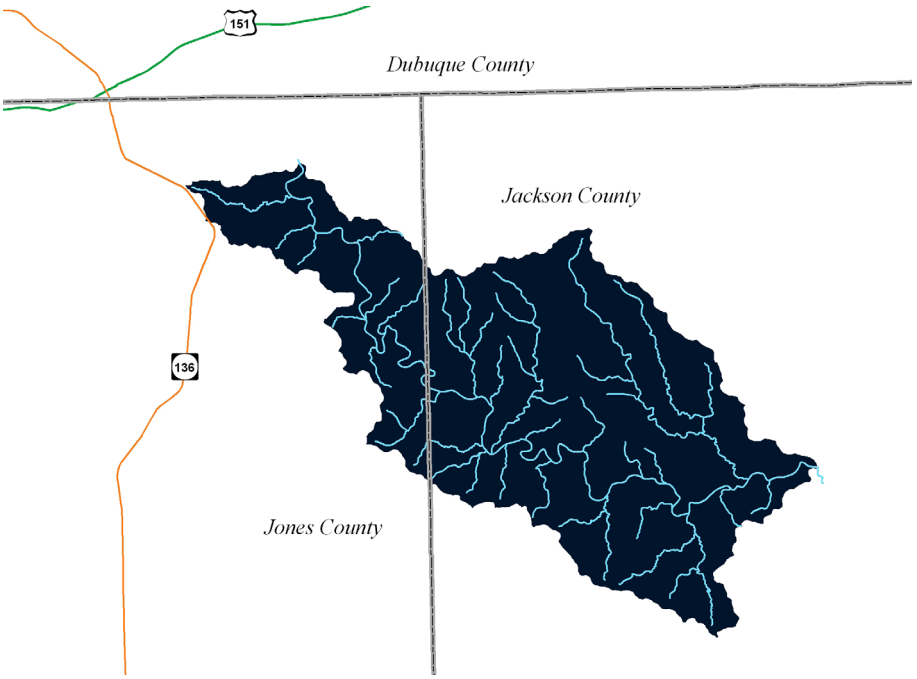
Stop by the Anamosa office if you farm in this area!



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Project Partners:
Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District
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Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Jackson County Conservation
Tete des Morts Creek Watershed Project
Jackson County Farm Service Agency

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MRBI Core Conservation Practice and Payment List

Practice	Payment Rate (Additional technical and financial assistance may be available from the MRBI project partners.)
Cover Crop	$32 - $79/acre (up to three years)
Prescribed Grazing	$61 - $123/acre
Grassed Waterway	$1.16 - $2.90/foot
Pasture & Hayland Planting	$42 - $161/acre
Contour Buffer Strips	$30.75/acre
Wetland Restoration	$255/each - $1,020/acre
Denitrifying Bioreactor	$5,999
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	$4,860 - 7,695
Monitoring & Evaluations	$4,687 - $14,250

Prescribed Grazing

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Denitrifying Bioreactor

Grassed Waterway

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