

PL-566 Watershed Projects in Iowa

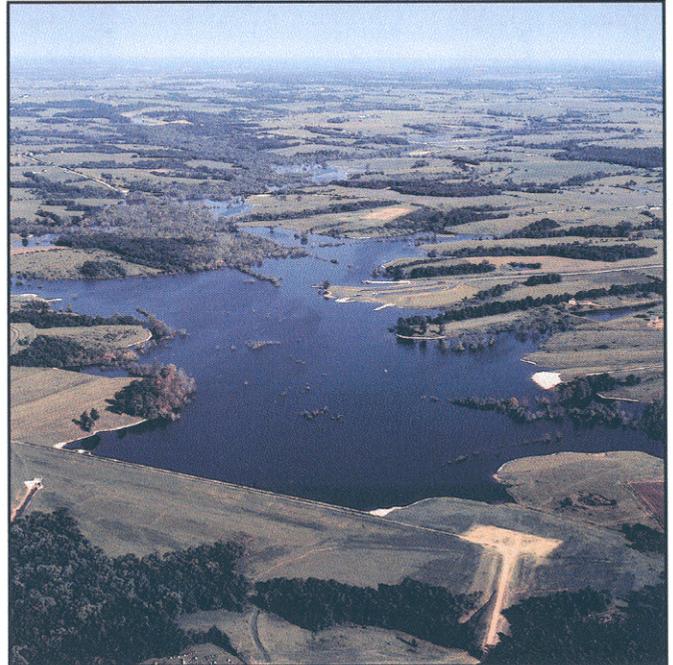
The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program

PL-566 Background

The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program is commonly known as the PL-566 Watershed Program. The program provides technical and financial assistance to state and local governments and tribes through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service to reduce flooding, control gully erosion, create fish and wildlife habitat, develop recreation and rural water supplies, and better manage land in the watershed.

PL-566 in Iowa

Of 59 authorized PL-566 projects in Iowa since 1954, 21 are actively installing planned project measures. Another 38 have completed installation and are actively operating and maintaining the conservation structures. One project, West Tarkio in Page and Montgomery Counties in southwest Iowa and Atchison County in northwest Missouri, is actively being planned. Planning will begin later in 2004 on the Clarke County Water Supply Project in south central Iowa. Refer to the "State of Iowa PL566 Watershed Status" map for a complete listing of PL-566 projects in Iowa.



Lake Sugema in Van Buren County was formed by site M-4 built as part of the Indian Creek-Van Buren Watershed Project.

Project Purposes of Iowa Watersheds

Flood Damage Reduction	Grade Stabilization
Rural Water Supply	Water-Based Recreation
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	Upland Treatment
Agricultural Water Management	

Average Annual Benefits in Iowa ('03)

Flood Damage Reduction	\$8,845,000.00
Other Benefits (water supply, reduced road and bridge repair and maintenance, and water-based recreation)	\$7,861,000.00
Total Average Annual Benefits	\$16,706,000.00



Troublesome Creek Watershed - Cass County