

## 8. Funding Sources

The following list includes resources made available to implement a successful Watershed Management Plan. Due to being in the early stages of implementation, the sources of funding could vary.

- **Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS)**

IDALS offers several grants for projects related to water quality and watershed improvements. They offer Development and Planning Assistance grants and support the Watershed Improvement Review Board, which awards grants to eligible applicants.

- **Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)**

The IDNR provides technical and financial assistance to eligible applicants. They offer grants for developing and implementing Watershed Management Plans, such as Section 319 grants, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) funding. The IDNR is also one of the supervisors of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, along with other state loan programs, including the Storm Water Loan Program and the Water Resource Restoration Sponsored Projects Program. The IDNR also facilitates IOWATER volunteer services to provide monitoring data on Fourmile Creek.

- **Iowa Economic Development Authority**

The Iowa Economic Development Authority offers financial assistance through Vision Iowa and Community Development Block Grants, which can be used for water and sewer facilities.

- **Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**

NGOs are organizations that are neither a part of a for-profit business nor a government entity. They may be funded in a variety of ways and can offer their services and/or funding to organizations. Some examples include Ducks Unlimited, Keep Iowa Beautiful, Pheasants Forever, and Trees Forever.

- **Private Donors**

Private donations will provide financial assistance to any projects related to the Fourmile Creek Watershed.

- **United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

The USACE provides technical and financial assistance on wetland, stream bank stabilization, and certain watershed projects.

- **United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)**

The USEPA leads Clean Water Act related initiatives and offers grants and support for projects related to solving environmental problems. Examples of these grants include Environmental Education Sub-Grants, Environmental Justice Grants, and Urban Waters.

- **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

The USDA offers technical and financial assistance to both the rural and urban land uses for implementing conservation practices related to water, soil, and wildlife.

- **WMA/Jurisdictions**

Each jurisdiction that is a member of the FCWMA will provide funding, as needed for each project, and the funding will be allocated appropriately. This funding can be sourced from stormwater utilities, public works funds, etc.