The Small Landowner Assistance Program in Squaw Creek Watershed is a continuing effort of Prairie Rivers of Iowa’s Watersheds & Waterways Program to improve soil health and water quality for all. This project is funded by a Conservation Collaboration Grant through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Iowa.

Qualifications for the Small Landowner Program

Landowners in the Squaw Creek Watershed with **100 acres or less**, and are within **5 miles of Ames** are a priority for this program. Additionally, all landowners in the Squaw Creek Watershed qualify for assistance through our Watersheds & Waterways Program at Prairie Rivers of Iowa. This 5-mile area around Ames is a **critical zone** for water quality and wildlife habitat for the Squaw Creek Watershed.
Benefits of Participating in the Small Landowner Program:

- Free-of-charge consulting
- Assessment of current land management (crops, pasture, etc.)
- One-on-one assistance with Prairie Rivers of Iowa Land Management Specialist
  - Discussion of your short and long-term goals/objectives for your land
  - Identified opportunities for conservation aligning with goals/objectives
- Packet of information on your land, including:
  - Aerial photos
  - Historic aerial photos
  - Soil maps
  - Conservation practice eligibility
- Technical information and available resources related to your goals/objectives for land management
- Financial assistance identification
  - Squaw Creek Watershed funds (Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship)
  - Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) federal funds
  - Soil & Water Conservation District funds
- Implementation assistance
  - Cost-share process and paperwork assistance
  - Management practices resources
  - Process management for structural practices

Cost and Timeline

This program provides landowner consultation at no cost to you.

The Small Landowner Assistance Program is funded by a Conservation Collaboration Grant and will be available until September of 2019.

Act fast to participate in this program designed for landowners like you!

Interested in Learning More?

Sign up for an appointment today!

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