



Established April 4, 1933

Mission Statement

The objects and purpose for which the corporation is organized is to do whatever is deemed necessary and proper to the end of preserving and developing plant and wild life areas and natural scenic spots in the county of Dubuque, Iowa, and its vicinity; to promote conservation of natural resources; and whatever educational programs may be deemed essential to carrying out the objects of the corporation; and generally to encourage youth organizations in all interests related to the conservation ideal; to acquire and promote the establishment of forest preserves and to cooperate in the work of establishing park areas; and to promote fish, bird, and animal and wildlife conservation.



"Organized in 1933 for Protection of Soil, Forests, Waters and Wildlife"

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Individual/Family Membership	1 year	\$20.00
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Individual/Family Membership Special	5 years	\$75.00
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Business Membership	1 year	\$25.00
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Lifetime membership		\$1,000.00
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Dubuque County Conservation Society is a nonprofit organization striving to help promote and protect land for recreational use for citizens of today and future generations. We would not have been able to accomplish what we have without the generous support of those who value the beauty of nature and those who are concerned with the environmental impacts of not protecting what we have.

Please help us with our mission (page 2) by becoming a member of the

Dubuque County Conservation Society

**DCCS is a member of the
Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.
Any donations made to DCCS thru the Founda-
tion may entitle you to additional tax credits.**

OBJECTS OF THE DUBUQUE COUNTY CONSERVATION SOCIETY

To support true conservation of our resources.

To promote the acquisition of forest areas, game shelters, sub marginal land; and fish and wildlife areas.

To encourage good sportsmanship and sportsman-farmer relationships.

To propagate species of game and fish desirable in Dubuque county and nearby surrounding areas.

To stimulate appreciation of natural and historic points of interest and encourage their protection.

To spread the knowledge of conservation through all public mediums.

To encourage youth organizations in all interests related to the Conservation Ideal.

To acquire and promote the establishment of wildlife areas and preserve their natural scenic beauty.

Conservation Pledge:
I give my pledge to
save and to faithfully
defend from waste,
the natural resources
of my country, its
soil and minerals, its
forests, waters and
wildlife.

DCCS funded a classroom and numerous displays when the new Swiss Valley Nature Center was built in 2003.

This is where the Society hosts the annual bluebird workshop.



Numerous tree plantings have been held on the various properties. Not only does this improve the site but fosters a love of nature in our younger generation.

Other Projects



The Society has been partnering with the Dubuque County Conservation Board for over 20 years doing the bluebird workshop. We buy the material for about 75 houses, help cut them out then help people assemble the houses. There has been no charge to the public.



We purchased trees and assisted with planting them along the Little Maquoketa River behind John Deere. This was done with the Dubuque County Conservation Board and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

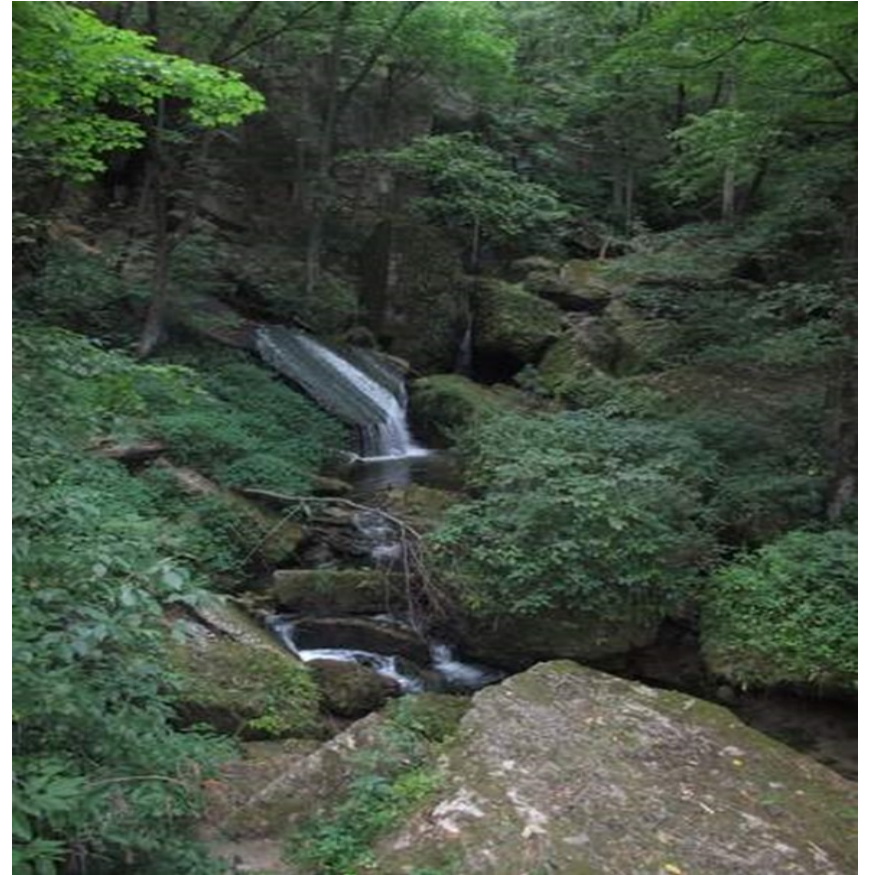
It would be impossible to cover all of the many projects the Society has been involved in for over a half century but some of the past projects we are especially proud of are highlighted below.

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WHITE PINE HOLLOW

A forest preserve in the Northwest corner of Dubuque County, originally containing 650 acres and containing the only large remaining stand of white pine in Iowa. This area located near Luxemburg, Iowa was saved for future generations as a direct result of the original efforts of the Society. The Society recently helped the DNR fund wildlife plantings at the property.



CAMP KLAUS EXPANSION

The Society has contributed a substantial sum towards the effort to expand and preserve the Boy Scout's Camp Klaus, located not many miles from White Pine Hollow Preserve, which was the Society's first project in 1933. The Society hopes to continue to foster protection of this diamond in the environmental crown of Northeast Iowa.

Camp C.S. Klaus is situated within a 200 acre wooded valley, located near the township of Colesburg in the countryside of Northeastern Iowa. The camp is home to a beautiful lake fed by some of Iowa's rare waterfalls from a natural stream, which is also one of the only naturally reproducing trout streams in the state of Iowa.



Ram Hollow Addition

The DCCS purchased 20 acres adjoining Ram Hollow in the summer of 2017 to facilitate the expansion of Ram Hollow under DNR ownership. The DNR was not able to pay us what we paid for the property so we in effect donated the difference to them when we sold the property to the DNR.

The property consists of mature hardwood timber.



SWISS VALLEY PARK

Now a large county park six miles south of Dubuque, it is the result of the Society's purchase of the original seven acres in 1949 for \$1,100. Subsequently, the Society turned over the acreage to the Dubuque County Conservation Board. The park has been expanded greatly and provides trout fishing, picnicking, and outdoor recreation facilities.



MUD LAKE AND MASSEY CONSERVATION PARKS

These areas are both located on the Mississippi River. The Society originally leased the Mud Lake area located north of Dubuque, then known by the name of “Zollicofer’s” which is still the name of below what is now known as Mud Lake. Mud Lake Park is located 6 miles north of Dubuque off of Mud Lake Road.

The Society eventually turned over this and the Massey Conservation area to the Dubuque County Conservation Board and these areas were established as county parks. Massey Conservation Park is located about 9 miles south of Dubuque on Massey Station Road.

Both parks provide camping, picnic and recreational areas. Boat launching facilities for the public are also located at both sites.



Oxford Junction Wildlife Area

The Society was able to partner with Pheasants Forever and several other organizations to purchase 265 acres along the Wapsipinicon River near Oxford Junction. 172 acres are enrolled in the Wetland Reserve Program, with several wetland areas and several small ponds. Crop fields were planted in prairie and part with a pollinator mix. There are four acres planted in native shrubs for wildlife.



Leifker Wildlife Area

This property is approximately 96 acres, located in Jones County, six miles south of Cascade on Hwy 136, right before the Maquoketa River on the right side of the road, and borders to the west is land acquired by the Jones County Conservation Board and the Iowa Heritage Foundation. Most of the acres were planted in crops which have been converted to native grasses, buffer strips and shrubs to stop the continuing erosion along the river bank and provide premium wildlife habitat. This will now provide 12 continuous miles of protected river banks where erosion is reduced significantly.



O'LEARY'S LAKE, WISCONSIN

The society spent much time and effort in cooperation with Jamestown Township in preserving and maintaining this excellent fishing and recreation area just south of the lock and dam. The lake improvement project was a pet project of Leo McLaughlin, a long time board member and former president of the society. A boat landing area was constructed, a portion of the lake deepened, and an opening to the river was dredged in the 1960's and later again in the 1990's.



MAUS CONSERVATION PARK

This is an area developed on the south side of Dubuque by the Society. It was originally known as the Moore's Mill area and later was named after the late Ed Maus, a dedicated local conservationist and long time member of our Society. The area has the potential to become a fine fishing area. The Society is continuing to encourage the city to restore the area, including dredging the accumulated silt and debris.



Hafeman Wildlife Area

Located on the North Cascade Road these 34 acres were formerly a nursery area for Cascade Forestry. The area contains a fen, a mature oak forest, as well as a large selection of native trees and shrubs. Some native prairie plants still exist there. Plans have been made to restore and increase the prairie area.



White Water Canyon

After Society board members had visited the proposed Whitewater Canyon Wildlife Area in 2006 the Society made a couple of substantial monetary donations, first towards the purchase of the property and then the subsequent expansion of the area.



Riverview Park

This is a 35 acre site which was leased by the Society from the City of Dubuque for many years. It is located at the northern end of what was formerly called Ham's Island or City Island and is now called Father Schmitt Island. The area provides excellent access for local Mississippi River fishing, especially for the handicapped and elderly. It also provides picnic, recreation, and camping facilities. The City of Dubuque took over the park and its operations a number of years ago.



LEO McLAUGHLIN HABITAT AREA

The Society purchased approximately 50 acres in Jones County, just south of Cascade a number of years ago. It is located about 1 mile west of Highway 136 on River-view Road next to marker 21874. This is a literal oasis of habitat cover in an area of intensive land usage. There are numerous species of wildlife including game animals that inhabit the area.

While the area is open for hunting, the main focus is to provide needed permanent wildlife habitat. Throughout the years, trees, shrubs, grasses, and prairie forbs have been planted. The area is truly an emerald in the crown of habitat preservation in the Tri-State area.



Sageville Marsh

The Society partnered with the County Conservation Board and Ducks Unlimited to purchase 14 acres of wetland next to Heritage Pond, at the eastern trailhead of Heritage Trail. This is an important site for migrating waterfowl. The Society has built a number of wood duck houses which have been placed there. The marsh is also important for amphibians, all of the frogs species found in Iowa have been identified there. It is a small remnant of large wetland, the remainder which has been drained and paved. It helps provides some flood relief for the Little Maquoketa River.