



Annual Stormwater Program Report

April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

NPDES Phase II MS4 General Permit

City of Ames, IA: Permit Number 85-03-0-03

Public Works Department



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Ames was issued its first NPDES Stormwater MS-4 permit from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in 2003. The permit serves as the stormwater management plan for the City of Ames and summarizes progress made towards permit compliance during April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 during the fourth permit cycle. As required, the City addresses the following six minimum storm water control measures as an overall stormwater management plan:

1. Public education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
5. Post-construction Storm Water Management
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

STORMWATER PROGRAM STAFF

Public Works Staff		
John Joiner	Public Works Director	Directs Public Works programs
Tracy Warner	Municipal Engineer	Oversees implementation of MS4 program; program and Public Works CIP budgets; education and outreach; post construction plan review
Jake Moore	Stormwater Specialist	Construction site erosion and sediment control program; SWPPP review, quarterly inspections, tracking and enforcement; education and outreach; illicit discharge response and follow up
Liz Calhoun	Stormwater Analyst	Post construction stormwater management plan review and ordinance implementation; education and outreach, public participation activities; website updates; inspection and maintenance of post construction BMPs
Nate Willey	Civil Engineer II	Stormwater management plan review
Justin Clausen	Operations Manager	Manages staff that conduct intake and outfall inspections and maintenance; street sweeping and maintenance; tree inventory; post construction BMP maintenance; facility good housekeeping and pollution prevention
Corey Milles	Fleet Services Director	Oversees fertilizer and pesticide use at city facilities; maintenance of post construction BMPs at the Community Center; facility good housekeeping and pollution prevention
Damion Pregitzer	Traffic Engineer	Oversees Ames Municipal Airport General Permit No. 3 SWPPP implementation

Pat Sauer	Consultant	Staff pollution prevention training, post construction BMP maintenance, education and outreach, reporting
Parks and Recreation Staff		
Joshua Thompson	Parks Superintendent	Oversees park and natural area maintenance, post construction BMP maintenance; park fertilizer and pesticide use
Resource Recovery Plant Staff		
Bill Schmidt	Superintendent	Oversees the solid and hazardous waste management program and Trash Cleanups for the City.

STORMWATER PROGRAM EXPENSES

Program	Expense
Education and Outreach	
ISWEP Membership	\$5,455
Ames Homebuilder Association Membership	\$235
Ames on the Go reporting App	\$16,748
Staff, Consultant, Training, Materials and Advertising including Smart Watershed & Smart Trash Programs	\$50,551
Public Involvement and Participation	
Staff, consultant, equipment and material costs	\$24,813
City's Annual EcoFair (MS4 portion) and STEM nights at elementary schools	\$11,001
Resource Recovery handling and disposal of wastes from stream/river, Stash-the-Trash, and Project Aware cleanup events	\$140
Illicit Discharge	
Staff, consultant, equipment and material costs	\$21,653
Resource Recovery Plant operations	\$3,693,139
Food Waste Diversion program	\$12,000
Public Household Hazardous Material disposal program	\$80,824
Sanitary sewer hydraulic model update (Inflow/Infiltration (I&I) reduction)	\$34,700

Construction Site Program	
Staff, consultant, equipment and material costs	\$57,447
Post Construction Program	
Staff, consultant, equipment and material costs	\$49,296
Smart Watershed Cost Share Programs	\$5,741
Somerset Storm Water Facility Rehabilitation project	\$312,174
Storm Water Erosion Control Program (S. Skunk River Stabilization Project)	\$311,871
Kinyon-Clark Subdivision channel stabilization project	\$193,380
Teagarden Area Drainage Improvements project	\$309,950
Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping	
Staff, consultant, equipment and material costs	\$36,823
Street, median, and sidewalk sweeping (staff time, equipment, and contractor)	\$266,309
MS4 system inspections and maintenance	\$26,298
Sanitary Sewer repairs and rehabilitation (found with SSSE to remove I&I)	\$3,522,393
Landfill erosion control and testing/monitoring	\$24,635
Emergency and maintenance infrastructure repairs	\$211,767
Drainage, storm sewer, and other MS4 infrastructure improvements	\$521,359
Municipal Staff Training	\$1,203
Special Conditions	
Geographic Information System (GIS) (storm water portion only)	\$60,582
Total	\$9,862,487

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON STORM WATER IMPACTS

Stormwater Educational Literature

The City is a member of ISWEP and utilizes the provided resources such as numerous brochures and handouts that address pollution prevention, sustainable lawn care, Rainscaping rain gardens, soil quality restoration, rain barrels, and native landscaping, household hazardous waste management and the Smart Watershed Program to educate targeted audiences. Literature is available online, at Public Works office and distributed by Public Works, Resource Recovery Plant and Public Relations staff at numerous citizen events. Monthly stormwater tips and household waste management tips are placed in CitySide, which is a city newsletter distributed to approximately **30,000 Ames utility customers**. The newsletter includes a section that highlights the City contact information for spills and stream concerns. Smart Watershed rebate information was provided in several issues.



Smart Watersheds Offers Rebates for Native Landscaping

Have you ever considered replacing some of your lawn with native landscaping? Maybe you have an area that is difficult to mow or it's challenging to grow grass because it is shady or wet. Consider changing part of your landscape to native vegetation. The use of native plants in modern landscapes provides a connection to our prairie heritage. Once established, native plants are aesthetically pleasing and require little watering, fertilizing, and mowing. The reduced maintenance can lead to significant cost savings when compared to labor-intensive turf grass.

Native landscaping attracts songbirds, dragonflies, butterflies and other desirable species. It also helps restore soil quality over time and helps landscapes absorb more rainfall, reducing the amount of runoff from urban spaces. The City of Ames Smart Watersheds Program has a rebate for up to \$500 for areas converted to native landscaping. City of Ames utility customers are eligible to apply.

The Smart Watersheds Program also provides incentives for other practices that reduce urban stormwater runoff, improve stormwater quality and increase groundwater recharge. They include restoration of soil quality, and the installation of native turf, rain gardens, composters and rain barrels. For more information and rebate forms, go to www.CityOfAmes.org/SmartWatersheds.

Moving? Don't Forget About Pets!

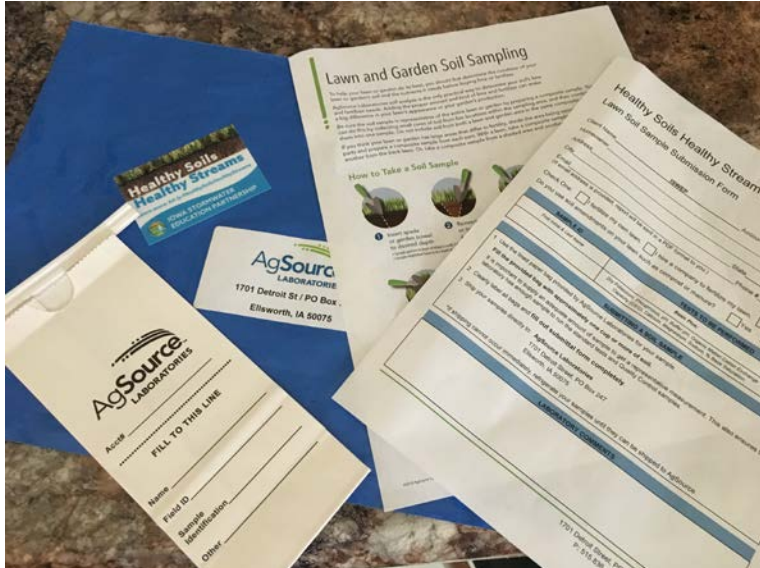
Grasshopper, moving, or leaving over a school break are all very exciting changes, but these events may pose some logistical questions. How are you going to move your aquarium? Who will watch your pet if you move? Does your new apartment allow snakes? There are many decisions to be made, but this one is always wrong: never dump your tank into a waterway or release your pet into the wild.

Most pets released to the wild do not survive, and many suffer before they die. If they do manage to survive, they can wreak major havoc! Releasing non-native plants or animals into the natural areas can harm the environment and the economy. Many plants used in aquariums become invasive species if introduced into a natural system. Some of the most notorious invasive species in the United States were originally sold as pets or plants for water gardens and aquariums.

Prospective pet owners should make sure they will be able to accommodate all life stages of a pet before buying or adopting it. If your circumstances change, the responsible choice is to find your pet a new home. If you are not able to place your pet with another caring owner, contact the Ames Animal Shelter, a natural resource agency, or even a pet store near you. The knowledgeable personnel in these places can help you find the right place for your pet.

Healthy Soils Healthy Streams Campaign

An ISWEP campaign for healthy soils and healthy streams was used in Ames. Soil sampling kits were provided to residents. Samples were collected by residents and submitted to AgSource Labs. City facilities were also sampled. The results are being used to educate residents and city departments on fertilizer use.



A summary sheet was provided to residents with an interpretation of the results and recommendations for types of fertilizers to best suit the soil fertility to help minimize excess use of nutrients.

City of Ames Cable TV Network

The City's Media Production Services ran several EcoFair spotlights that highlighted the Smart Watershed program and the rebates for BMPs. Several commercials were also run that highlighted the EcoFair, which included Smart Watershed displays and information on what residents can do to prevent stormwater pollution. Four public service announcements were run throughout the year, as shown in the table below.

2019 Cable Video Summary	Total Aired since 3/2/16	Aired this report cycle
Yard Care PSA (ISWEP)	300	5
Storm Water PSA (ISWEP)	303	7
Car Wash PSA (ISWEP)	298	4
Oil Change PSA (ISWEP)	298	4

Facebook Used for Social Media

The City uses Facebook to promote many City activities including stormwater education and outreach events. Following is a summary of pertinent Facebook announcements:

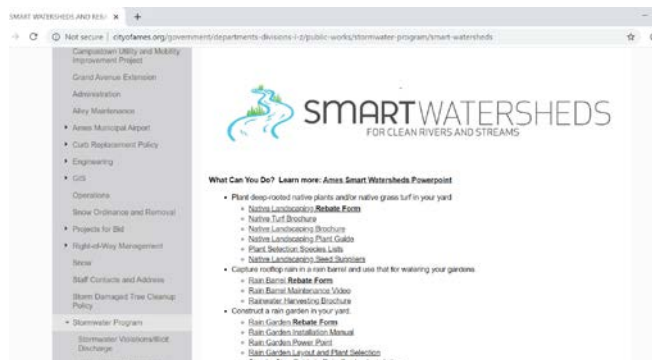
2019 Facebook Post Summary	# shares	# likes	# comments
Arbor Day Tree Planting	4	49	
May 20 -Ames Foundation Tree Planting		41	
May 24 AHS students planting @ City Hall	6	83	
June 11 Watershed Awareness Month	4	39	

June 26 Native planting at FG 1	3	34	2
July 22 Illicit Discharge awareness	1	10	
July 26 Rummage Rampage announcement	19	34	3
August 2 Last day of Rummage Rampage	4	20	2
August 7 Welch Ave construction presentation	2	21	
Agusut 28 ISU WelcomeFest	3	32	1
Sep 5 SQR Rebate Promotion	3	14	5
Oct 9 How to Winterize Your Rain Barrel	3	12	
Nov 5 PRI share-planting natives/free seed bank	3	19	1
Nov 7 Yard Waste Days	2	6	
Nov 11 Yard Waste Days	2	5	
Nov 13 Yard Waste Days		3	
Nov 14 Yard Waste Days		2	
Nov 17 Ada Hayden Heritage Park	11	148	3
Nov 24 Prairie Burn	4	26	
Nov 30 Yard Waste Day	1	8	
Dec 6 and Jan 28 EcoChats Announcement	2	7	
Dec 8 EcoFair Save the Date	3	14	
Dec 16 EcoChats	2	9	1
Jan 12 EcoChats		6	
Jan 23 Smart Business Lunch	1	5	
Jan 27 Chad Pregracke Lecture Announcement		6	
Feb 19 & 23 EcoChat Annoucements	1	4	
Feb 26 EcoChat-Water	1	16	1
Feb 28 EcoFair		12	
Mar 6 Watersheds and Waterways-Winter/Spring (PRI share)		3	
TOTAL = 792	85	688	19



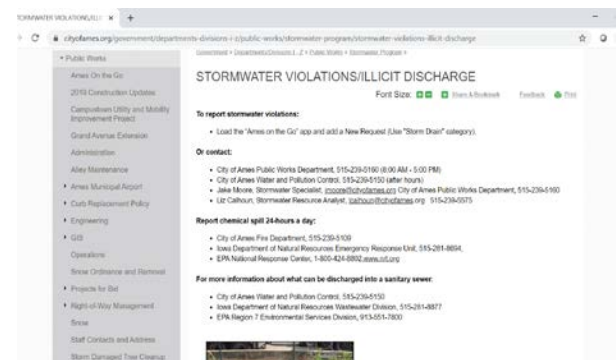
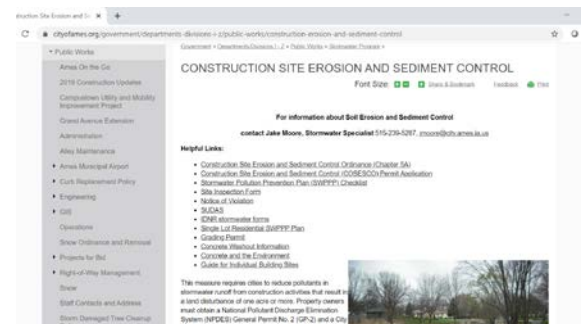
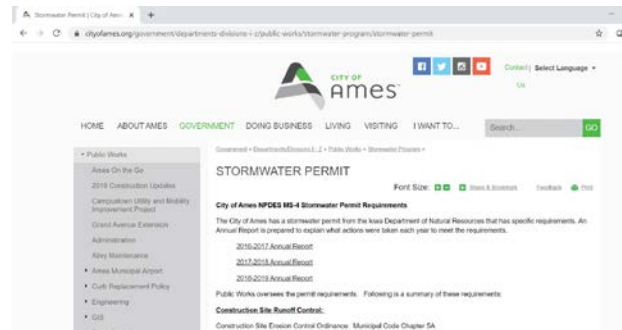
City of Ames Stormwater Website

The City's Public Works Department continues to expand the stormwater portion of the City's website <https://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-i-z/public-works/stormwater-program/stormwater-permit>. The website has pages that address each of the permit requirements, an illicit discharge and spill reporting page and Smart Watershed Program portion of the City's website continues to provide highlights of all local watershed projects that the City has been involved with in the past years. It also includes information on the Rain Garden, Rain Barrel, Soil Quality Improvement, and Native Landscaping Cost Share Programs as well as public education information on what residents can do for stormwater pollution prevention. Watershed maps are also available along with links to local watershed groups and public education information. There is video on pollution prevent. The illegal discharge and spill reporting website is found here: <https://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-i-z/public-works/stormwater-program/stormwater-violations-illicit-discharge>



ISWEP Website

The City of Ames supports the Iowa Storm Water Education Program (ISWEP) website through its membership. The website includes a warehouse of stormwater information for educating the public, contractors, developers, and design professionals. There is a link to the ISWEP website www.iowastormwater.org on the City's webpage. The new ISWEP website was launched this year and there were 14,000 hits on the site during the first few months of publishing the new website.

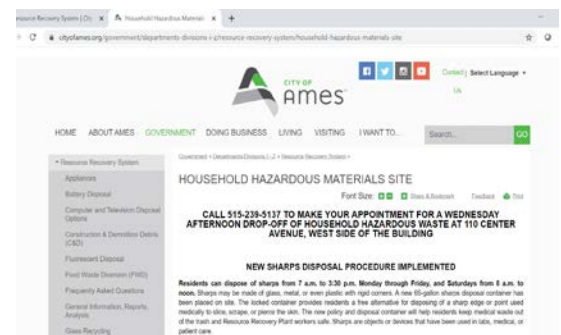
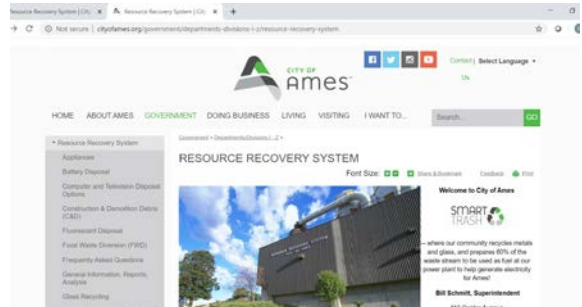


Resource Recovery Plant

The Public Works Department also includes the Resource Recovery Plant and Smart Trash Program. The following website: <http://www.cityofames.org/smarttrash> provides information on waste handling and disposal. Brochures are distributed to the public on stormwater management and the Smart Watershed Program during tours.

Resource Recovery Plant staff conducted regular public tours. Proper disposal of household hazardous materials was discussed as well as proper waste management. Stormwater pollution prevention brochures are handed out during the tours. The website provides additional information on waste handling.

Stash-The-Trash, a cooperative event with Iowa State University, was held in April 2019. The Resource Recovery Plant regularly advertises proper handling and disposal of wastes in the Ames Tribune, the weekly free paper, Story City Herald, and Nevada Journal. Program information is run on the local cable Channel 12 regularly as well as advertising through Mediacom. Ads are run at least one ad per year for Household Hazardous Materials collection and 2-3 times per year for yard waste collection. Resource Recovery staff were also present at the EcoFair, Water and Pollution Control Plant Open House, and ISU WelcomeFest for **>2,000 total attendees**.



Resource Recovery Plant Program

Resource Recovery Tours	# Participants/# Events	Waste Collected
Tours are conducted throughout the year and attract local residents, scout groups, scientists, and other interested groups.	1072	
Stash-the-Trash City and ISU Partnership		
An event is held each year in April	280	2.7 tons
Local Stream Cleanups City and ISU Partnership		
A local partnership. The Resource Recovery Plant picks up the wastes that are collected and appropriately disposes.	1 Event	1.2 tons
Household Hazardous Water Collection		
There are specific collection events where residents can drop off their wastes every Wednesday afternoon after arrangements are made with Resource Recovery.		29, 846 lbs

EcoFair is Major Educational Event of the Year

A major educational event for the entire community was the **EcoFair held on April 20, 2019**. The event attracts about **1,000 attendees** and highlights the City's Smart Programs that include green rebates and household options for residents. The Public Work's Smart Watersheds Program provided **200 native prairie plants to attendees at the fair along with stormwater pollution prevention information**. The plants were raised by Ames High School students. Watershed models were used to educate kids and adults on the street to stream connection. Numerous educational displays such as Smart Watersheds, Smart Trash and Smart Water were present. Other displays included city departments, community educational and resource groups and vendors that provide green products or services. The City Parks and Recreation Department gave away **200 trees** to attendees.

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the City of Ames EcoFair, the City in partnership with the Ames Public Library planned three EcoChats from January-March 2020, that were based on the following presentations: energy home audit tips for residents, electric cars, geothermal, and solar power systems; water conservation tips, Ames drinking water, watershed practices at Lost Lake Farms, and stormwater BMPs that included native turf; and reduce, reuse, recycle, zero-waste lifestyle, and composting. Local experts shared information on these important topics. Educational displays and resource experts were available throughout the events. These well attended events attracted 64 residents in January and 84 in February. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the March EcoChat has been postponed, which is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.



Cellular Telephone Application

The City of Ames now has an App where residents and visitors of our community can report complaints and violations, including storm water related concerns. The App is titled Ames on the Go and is available through iTunes and Google Play stores as well as www.cityofames.org.

Ames On The Go App	Total Downloads
Total Downloads from the iTunes App store	785
# of storm water intake reports	77
# of street sweeping reports	42

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Educational Displays

The following table lists all additional stormwater program educational activities that involved public participation during the reporting period.

Event(E)/ Distribution(D), Public Participation (P)		Date	Staff	Audience	Number of Attendees
E	Stash The Trash at Brookside Park	6-Apr	Liz, Kahner, Pat	Friends of Brookside Park	20
E	Reiman Gardens	9-Apr	Liz	Rain Garden Class	11
E	Story County Trailgate	14-Apr	Liz	Story County Residences	Approx 40
E	Sawyer School Science Night	16-Apr	Tracy,Jake, Liz, Pat, Ben	Sawyer School students and parents	200
E	ISU Students Meet on Construction Sites	18-Apr	Jake	ISU students	15
E	Kate Mitchell Science Night	18-Apr	Jake, Liz	Kate Mitchell School students and parents	120
E	Ecofair	4/20/2019	Tracy, Jake, Pat, Liz, Kahner	Ames residents	Approx. 1500
E	Wheatsfield Coop Earth Week Event	4/27/2019	Liz, Jake, Laura	Wheatsfield Customers	Approx 100
D	Nutrient Reduction Strategy	April and May, 2019	Liz, Kahner	Ada Hayden Watershed	300 homes
E	Iiowa River Restoration Toolbox	5/1/2019	Jake	Practioners, Agency staff	30
E	ISWEP Webinar Serier	2019	PW Staff	COA staff	5 ave
P	Healthy Soils Campaign	April and May, 2019	Liz, Kahner	Ames residents	18
E/P	Tree Rebate - Ames Trees Forever	5/4/2019	Tracy, Liz	Ames residents	70
E	Squaw Creek Coalition	5/7/2019	Liz	Ames residents	20
E	Edwards School 3rd Graders	5/29/2019	Liz	3rd Graders	53 stud. 2 teach.
E/P	College Creek ISU cleanup	6/15/2019	Liz	volunteers	25
D	Pet Poop Campaign	6/18/2019	Kahner	Ames residents	1000
D	Letter to Carpet Cleaners	6/19/2019	Jake	Carpet Cleaner Businesses	17
D/E	Letter to Lawn Care Companies	6/19/2019	Jake	Lawn Care Businesses	38
E	ISU Welcomefest	8/24/2019	Tracy,Jake, Liz,Kahner	ISU Students	500
D/E	Letter to Lawn Care Companies	8/30/2019	Liz	Lawn Care Businesses	42
E	ISU's Climate Change Theater Action	Oct 4,5,6,10 and 13	Tracy, Jake, Liz	ISU students, Primary School students, Ames Residents	550
E/P	Brookside Park -Trash Cleanup	10/19/2020	Friends of Brookside	ISU Students	200
E	Edwards School Science Night	11/11/2019	Tracy, Jake, Liz, Kahner	Elementary school students and parents	Approx 100
E/P	Nov 2019-Porous Pavers and Uptown Girls LegoLeague Teams	Nov-Feb	Tracy, Liz	Middle school students	15
E/P	The Crawford Condominiums Community Engagement	Nov 18/Feb 28	Liz	The Crawford Residents	20
D/E	Letter to Developers, Builders, and Contractors	1/24/2020	Jake	Developer, Builders and Contractors	45
E	Smart Business Luncheon	1/24/2020	Jake, Liz	Ames Businesses	30
E	Somerset Homeowners Association	1/27/2020	Jake	Somerset Homeowners	20
E	EcoChat- Energy	1/29/2020	Tracy, Liz, Pat	Ames residents	60
E	ISU Sustainapoolza	2/25/2020	Jake, Kahner	ISU students & Ames residents	200
E/P	EcoChat- Water	2/26/2020	Tracy, Liz, Pat	Ames residents	84
E	Meeker School STEAM Night	2/27/2020	Jake, Liz, Ben	students and parents	150
	Fellow School Science Night	2/28/2020	Tracy, Jake, Liz, Kahner	students and parents	300

Storm Water Pollution Hotline

Telephone numbers continue to be available for stormwater inquiries to the City, during office hours (515-239-5160) and after hours (515-239-5150), and a 24-hour number for reporting spills. These numbers, along with contacts for IDNR and US EPA, are published in the educational brochure, Cityside monthly utility mailings, and the City website.

<http://www.cityofames.org/index.aspx?page=910>

The City of Ames also has a cellular telephone app where mobile users can report storm water violations. As reported above, 785 users have downloaded the app.

This information is also published in the City's newsletter, CitySide that is provided to more than 30,000 households through utility bills and is posted on the City's website.

Annual Stream Cleanup Event

On April 6, 2019, the annual Stash the Trash cleanup event was held at various locations throughout the community which benefited the S Skunk River and Squaw Creek Watersheds.

During Spring and Fall 2019, the Friends of Emma McCarthy Lee and Munn Woods volunteers cleaned up these park areas where Clear Creek meanders.

In partnership with Iowa State University, City residents, volunteers, and staff participated in a stream clean-up event on June 15, 2019. Trash and debris was picked up along College Creek west of the confluence with Squaw Creek in Ames.

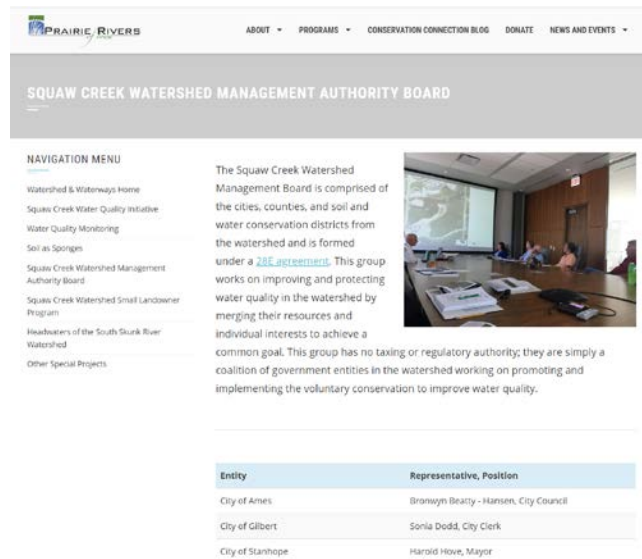
During summer 2019, the Friends of Brookside Park held a volunteer cleanup. Squaw Creek flow through Brookside Park.

Over 1300 Iowa State University students picked up trash from Brookside Park (Squaw Creek), Moore Memorial Park (Squaw Creek), Gateway Park (, and Stuart Smith Park in October 2019.



Storm Water Management Team

The City of Ames is one of the founding members of two watershed authorities: Squaw Creek Watershed Management Authority and Headwaters of the S. Skunk River Watershed. These WMAs were formed through 28E agreements. An Ames City Council member is appointed to the boards. The Squaw Creek Watershed WMA Board met on July 18, 2019 at the Stratford Fire and Rescue, April 20, 2019 at Gustafson Farm / Boone County USDA Office, and on October 17, 2019 in Ames at S. Grand Avenue Extension project site / Practical Farmers of Iowa Office.



Civic engagement is extremely important to the City of Ames organization as we serve the customers of Ames. Information about capital infrastructure projects such as roadway, water system improvements, sanitary sewer rehabilitation, drainage, stream stabilization, storm water facility rehabilitation, and flood mitigation projects are on the City's website under Construction Updates. Virtual or Open House project informational meetings are held during the design phase to gather public input prior to finalizing the construction documents. During the past year, project information meetings were held in person using the Open House format. For those who cannot attend the meeting, staff reached out to them in person or on the phone.

The following is a list of storm water related projects which meetings that were held about:

- Campustown Public Improvements (Welch Avenue) including Secretary of Agriculture presentation of WQI grant award from Fire Station #2 on Welch Avenue
- Ironwood Court drainage improvements
- S. Grand Avenue and S 5th Street Extension projects including new stormwater wetland
- Somerset Subdivision storm water facility rehabilitation
- Little Bluestem storm water facility rehabilitation
- Kinyon Clarke drainage channel stabilization
- Spring Valley Subdivision drainage improvements
- S. Skunk River bank stabilization
- Westbrook Terrace erosion stabilization
- Homewood Golf Course slope stabilization
- Teagarden Drainage Improvements

- Fletcher Blvd drainage improvements
- Gateway Hotel storm water facility rehabilitation
- 1310 S Duff Avenue drainage
- Met with Ames Homebuilder Association members to discuss post construction and erosion control requirements to achieve occupancy permits
- Flood map updates through Iowa DNR by FEMA
- Teagarden Subdivision FEMA Letter of Map Revision
- Co-hosted Iowa River Restoration Toolbox training in Ames
- Story County's Post Construction SWM Ordinance changes public input meetings
- Bird Friendly Community – City of Ames application development
- Collaborations meetings more than quarterly between City of Ames, Prairie Rivers of Iowa, and Story County Conservation
- Working with State Hygienic Lab to establish protocol for fecal coliform source identification
- Worked with numerous First Lego League middle school-aged teams, including nutrients/BMPS, porous pavements, Grand Avenue drainage, and solid waste
- Established team and continue to meet collaboratively with City of Ames, Story County Conservation and Prairie Rivers of Iowa to implement a 10-year water quality monitoring plan

Public Notice Requirements

The City of Ames complies with all state and local public notice requirements.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION

Illicit Discharge Prohibition Ordinance

The Illicit Discharge Ordinance was presented to the Ames City Council and became part of the Municipal Code (Ord. 3819) on February 22, 2005.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program

The City of Ames Public Works Department – Operations Division has been responsible for implementing this program. Program schedule, checklist, and mapping have been developed with the procedures that are documented in a manual. Records are kept for all program activities. Violations were reported during this period and are summarized below. IDNR is notified when necessary and discharges were eliminated.

Annual dry weather flow inspections of outfalls which discharge to non-intermittent waterways or water bodies have been conducted. The program also includes dry weather flow inspections of approximately 20% of all outfalls that discharge to Waters of the State that are intermittent waterways or water bodies with all these outfalls being inspected during the duration of the permit.

- Spill kits at the Operations Facility and Fleet Facility were inspected and restocked when necessary.

- Spill response plans are reposted on bulletin boards each year at major City facilities such as Operations and Fleet, Parks and Recreation and the airport.
- During street projects a vac-tron is used to vacuum concrete cutting slurry before it reaches intakes and is then land applied in City yard to dry out. An absorbent gel was provided to staff to experiment with as well.

Following is an example of a Spill Response Plan poster that is posted on bulletin boards at PW Operations, Fleet, Parks and Recreation and Airport facilities.

Reports of four illicit discharges occurred during this reporting period and are summarized in the following table.



Illicit Discharges	Staff Responder
Date / IDNR Notified/ COA Staff Responder/ Location/ Impacted water/ Pollutants/ Response, clean up	
April 26, 2019, Diesel Spill at 2720 E. 13th Street Doc Stop (east 13th Street) Gas Station , Fire Responded and cleaned up with Quick Dry. Public works checked storm sewer, no signs of discharge. Reported to DNR	Jake Moore
Aug 9, 2019 - Appeared to be soap In detention basin with fountain. No water discharged. Set up camera to record if it happened again. Never reappeared. Reported to DNR	Jake Moore
July 8, 2019, Dye for Concrete was dropped on ground. Swept up and placed in concrete truck. The remaining dye on the ground was washed with a hose. Contacted manufacturer, non-hazardous material. Contacted DNR.	Jake Moore
March 4, 2020, Carpet cleaning company discharge out of lawn onto sidewalk. Company was contacted to stop discharge. DNR said its okay to discharge to lawn but not street. Checking into additional regulation on carpet cleaners. Soap used was classified as non-hazardous.	Jake Moore

Resource Recovery Plant

The City of Ames Resource Recovery Plant continues to accept household hazardous materials every Wednesday and during special collection events. During 2019/20 household hazardous materials were collected from residents during several collection events. Department staff gave presentations to schools and other groups and provided tours of their facilities to build awareness of proper disposal of household hazardous and solid wastes. An itemization of wastes collected is provided under the Public Education and Outreach section of this report.

CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM WATER RUNOFF CONTROL

Construction Site Runoff Control Ordinance

The Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance was presented to the Ames City Council and passed on (Ord. 3875) February 14, 2006.

Construction Site Review and Inspection Program

A full-time staff person (Stormwater Specialist) is designated for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) review, inspection and enforcement activities for this program which includes residential, commercial and industrial developments as well as the city's construction projects.

A City Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control (COSESCO) permit is issued with evidence of an NOI General Permit Number 2 and after the SWPPP has been reviewed and approved. Inspections are conducted quarterly or as needed for compliance. A database is used to track the status of each project.

Staff regularly correspond with local builders and developers. The attached Construction Site brochure is shared with this target audience.

Velocity Controls		Good Housekeeping	
 <p>Check Dams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Spaced so that the elevation of the toe of the upslope check dam is equal to the elevation of the crest of the downslope check dam. <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect for repairs until final stabilization is achieved. <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment should be removed when it reaches one-half of the original dam height. 	 <p>Concrete Washout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Washout should be contained and waste regularly removed and properly disposed of. It can't be discharged to surface water and affect waters of the state. <input type="checkbox"/> Care should be taken to prevent soil contamination by using lined systems, roll offs, or chute washouts. 	 <p>Paints & Other Hazardous Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discharges from washout of stucco or paint, and from release of oils, compounds, and other construction materials are prohibited. <input type="checkbox"/> Fuels, oils, and other pollutants must be contained and disposed of properly. <input type="checkbox"/> Minimize discharges from vehicle and wheel washing. 	 <p>Construction Site Pollution Prevention <i>Best Management Practices</i></p> <p>FIELD GUIDE</p> <p>Use secondary containment if chemicals are used on site to prevent leaks. Porta Potties should be staked. Waste should be located away from storm drains. Use absorbent gels, or vacuum up and properly dispose of waste. Use inlet protection. Waste can't be discharged into surface water and affect waters of the state.</p> <p>IOWA STORM WATER TSWEP EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>IowaStormwater.org February 2018</p>
 <p>Rock Chutes & Flumes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Placed at release point where runoff enters a ditch, stream, or lake. <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect in the spring to ensure it is level. Correct movement caused by freeze-thaw and add more rock if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the approved plans and specifications to ensure the right size of rock is placed. 	 <p>Construction Debris & Dust Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contain, cover, and remove debris from the site. <input type="checkbox"/> Protect from wind, plug drainage ports. <input type="checkbox"/> Washout containers should be staked down and located away from storm sewers. <input type="checkbox"/> Use water or environmentally friendly dust suppressants for dust control. 	 <p>Other Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use secondary containment if chemicals are used on site to prevent leaks. <input type="checkbox"/> Porta Potties should be staked. <input type="checkbox"/> Waste should be located away from storm drains. 	
 <p>Outlet Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Consider protection at all pipe and culvert outlets. <input type="checkbox"/> If scour erosion is occurring, consider additional stabilization methods. <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation surrounding or within should be well established with no bare spots. 	 <p>Spill Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have a spill kit on site to minimize discharge of pollutants through chemical spill and leak response procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> Use impervious surfaces for loading and unloading of chemicals and fuels. 	 <p>Wet Saw Cutting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use absorbent gels, or vacuum up and properly dispose of waste. <input type="checkbox"/> Use inlet protection. <input type="checkbox"/> Waste can't be discharged into surface water and affect waters of the state. 	
 <p>Diversion Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use around the perimeter of sites to prevent run-on and off-site flows over disturbed ground. <input type="checkbox"/> Any damage to a vegetated or other lining should be repaired, remove and properly dispose of all debris to provide adequate flow conveyance. 	 <p>Soil Compaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Soil that is not compacted and has plenty of organic matter is best for turf growth. <input type="checkbox"/> The Iowa Stormwater Management Manual outlines several methods to preserve and restore soil quality. 	 <p>Topsoil & Compost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Decompact subsurface soils as deep as possible using ripping and tillage equipment. <input type="checkbox"/> Add topsoil and compost, till after addition to reduce compaction. 	
Soil Compaction & Topsoil Requirements			

The following table summarizes the City's construction site runoff control program activities.

Construction Site Runoff Control Program Tracking

SWPPP Reviews/Approved	Number
Number of Single Family Homes	59
Number of Commercial Reviews	13
Number of Preliminary Plats	1
Number of Plat additions with Public Improvements	2
City Project SWPPP Reviews	10
NOIs Filed for GP #2	
Total NOIs Ames area	24
City Projects (Including 2 DOT city projects and 3 Drainage improvement project)	5
Iowa State	6
Story County	1
School District	1
Private (Soccer field, Gas Stations, Subdivision, Apartments, Hotels, Building Additions, Commercial Businesses)	11
Weekly (City Project) and Quarterly Inspections (Private Sites)	
Total Conducted	471
City Projects	248
Private Projects (Commercial)	161
Single Family Inspections (Home Lots)	62
Enforcement Actions	
Number of Compliance Issues (Private Projects)	165
Types of Issues and Enforcement Actions (Notice sent by email to site contact to have BMP's installed)	
1. Apply Temp Stabilization site has become inactive	
2. Sediment Controls required to be installed or require maintenance	
3. Remove sediment from street.	
4. Install a stabilized drive / Provide maintenance to stabilized drive	
5. Concrete Washout, Install/clean up/repair	
6. Restore vegetation on neighboring lots. Add sediment controls to neighboring lots.	
7. Seed/mulch stockpile	
8. Secure Porta potty with stakes	
9. Pick up Trash	
10. Store Chemicals in covered areas or secure containment	
11. Install rock check in Channel	
12. Protect intakes	
13. Standpipe at basin outlet required, install control to withdraw water from the surface per IDRN GP#2	
14. Move dirt piles away from Street	

15. Install sediment controls around stockpile	
16. Permit Expired - Renew Permit	
17. Clean out storm sewer/manhole.	
18. Not enough controls, add additional. Try to catch this during the SWPPP design.	
19. Water site to prevent dust from blowing.	
Topsoil Requirements	
Number of Sites Where Decompaction Occurred and Topsoil Placed (final occupancy including single family and commercial lots)	Approximately 100
Describe Methods Used and Amount of Topsoil - Scrape/stockpile/backfill with onsite topsoil (amended soil only used on one City Project - Had settlement problems) Some sites hauled in soil on commercial lots.	
8" of topsoil is typically placed on all sites. Decompaction methods used include: Chisel Plow, Box Blade Teeth, Tiller, Farm Disc, Land Leveler/Planer teeth	

Topsoil Requirements in GP#2:

The City of Ames code references SUDAS in chapter 5A of our Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. Therefore, any site which has a COSESCO permit which includes all NPDES GP#2 sites are required to meet SUDAS standard specifications of section 2010. SUDAS calls out 8" of topsoil in section 2010-3.02.

POST-CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Post-Construction Runoff Control Policy Ordinance

A comprehensive post construction ordinance was approved by City Council on April 22, 2014 Earth Day. In 2019, Ames City Council adopted revisions to the post-construction ordinance. Following is a direct link to the ordinance in Chapter 5B:
<http://www.cityofames.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=17750>

Site Plan or Grading Permit Review Procedures

Construction is not allowed until stormwater plans are reviewed and approved. Site plan review procedures are conducted by and implemented by the City through the Development Review Committee process and will be updated and upon approval of the post construction ordinance. This committee consists of representatives from public works, housing and city administration departments. Stormwater management calculations are required and are reviewed for approval by the Public Work Engineering Division.

New practices were installed and include detention and retention ponds, below grade detention systems with water quality components, and native landscaping, and stream buffers based on stream category. Post construction controls are often designed with multi-stage outlets to meet Iowa Storm Water Management Manual Unified Sizing Criteria based on hydrologic soil group B soils in meadow condition. Sites require follow up after construction is completed to have the

site engineer verify the controls are installed per plan design. The following tables list the plan reviews and BMPs installed.

Post Construction Program Plan Review Summary	
Type of Development	Development Projects
New Development	There were 5 plans reviewed and approved for development projects. The approved plans are new development private commercial developments and public facilities. Development requiring post construction practices for Stormwater management on lots meeting City Municipal Code Section 5B. These requirements affect new developments disturbing one acre or more and creating greater than 10,000 square feet of impervious area.
Redevelopment	For redeveloped sites the required threshold for stormwater controls is a minimum disturbance of one acre of impervious cover. The Stormwater Ordinance was revised on April 1, 2019 to add this criteria for redevelopment applications. This ordinance change has resulted in fewer Stormwater Management applications.

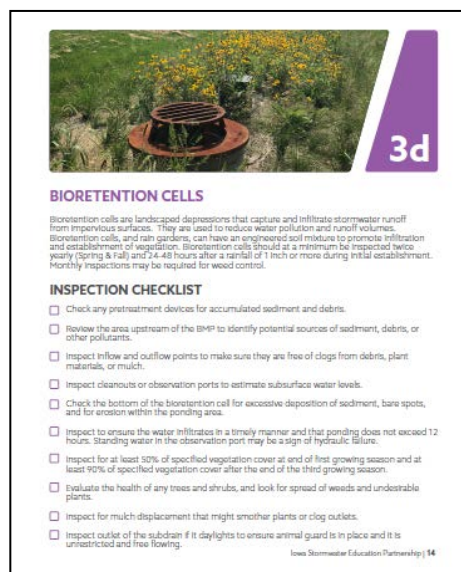
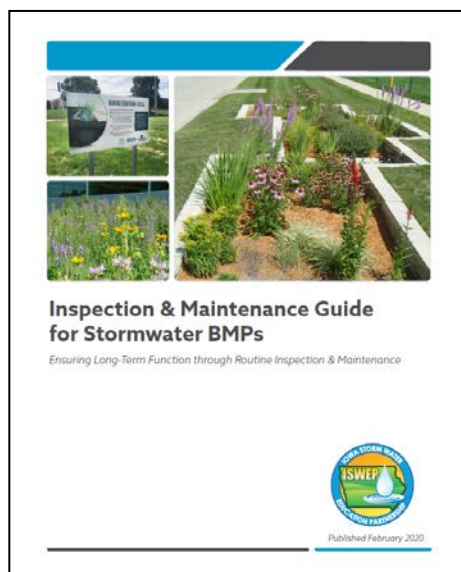
Post Construction Program BMP Installations and WQv

BMP	Number
Detention basins	17
Underground detention with water quality controls	2
Water Quality Benefits	Ft³
Total WQv Managed	315,638

Inspection of Runoff Control Devices

A program that meets the required schedule has been developed along with a checklist and GIS mapping. The Public Works Operations Division conducts the site inspections. In areas where these devices are on private property, the landowner signs an agreement with the City that details the requirements and responsibilities in maintaining these facilities. Letters are sent to these owners each year to remind them to conduct inspections of their permanent stormwater practices and maintain them as well. Staff inspect and maintain all green infrastructure practices on City properties. Staff that are conducting these inspections are certified under the ISWEP program: Iowa Certified Inspection and Maintenance Program for Stormwater Practices.

The City will be using the new Post Construction Inspection and Maintenance Guide that was completed by ISWEP in March 2020 for all members. There is guidance for each practice in the Iowa Stormwater Management Manual and a sample inspection form.



Following is a summary of inspection and maintenance activities for the City's post construction and storm sewer infrastructure and outfalls.

Post Construction Municipal Inspections and Maintenance

Outfalls	Unit	Issues Reported
Dry weather inspections of outfalls	198	32
Issues: sediment, debris, and brush removal needed		
Outfall repairs		25-30
Intakes		
Inspections	740	
Region inspected = "I"		
Maintenance performed: debris removal and repair	740	
Amount of debris removed	27 tons	
Detention and Retention Basins		
Inspections 2x/year	137	
Public Works Green Infrastructure		
Inspected annually and maintained at least annually	Inspections	
Rain gardens	1	
Biocells	13	
Porous paver areas	1	
Pervious concrete alleys	2	
Native Turf	1	
Parks Green Infrastructure		
Inspected annually and maintained at least annually	Inspections	
Biocells	4	
Prairie filter strip	1	
Native Prairie areas	10	
Woodland areas	6	
Stream greenbelt corridors	2	

Watershed Projects and Assessment Program

The City has developed a watershed assessment program and action plan that is used for the following South Skunk River subwatersheds: Squaw Creek, Onion Creek, Clear Creek, Worle, Creek, South Skunk River and Ada Hayden. The program is utilizing GIS mapping tools to evaluate areas and determine strategies for improvement. The City has had a comprehensive land use plan in place since 1997, which is reviewed and updated as needed.

A land use/watershed action plan has been developed and is being implemented and includes all of the permit required items in addition to specific watershed goals and action items.

The Squaw Creek Watershed Authority has a watershed management plan that includes the City of Ames. Details can be found: <http://www.prrcd.org/tag/squaw-creek>. The City of Ames in collaboration with Prairie Rivers of Iowa and Story County Conservation are creating a 10-year water quality monitoring plan. The testing is being completed by a combination of City staff and volunteers in coordination with the Squaw Creek Watershed Coalition.

Watershed Projects:

Smart Watershed Rebate and Tree Voucher Information	Number Funded
Rain Barrels	16
Composters	47
Soil Quality (including homeowners association)	3
Native Landscaping (1 Active)	1
Rain Gardens (one currently active)	2
Tree Voucher Program Partnership with Trees Forever	100

Watershed Projects:

Projects and Assessment Activities: Several noteworthy Watershed Projects were constructed during 2019:

- The Kinyon-Clark bank and channel stabilization project stabilized 250 feet of channel and 10,000 square feet of banks of a tributary of Ada Hayden Lake. The tributary passes through a residential neighborhood and discharges into the water quality basins of the park 1500 feet downstream. Proper and diligent maintenance of the park and its watershed is essential as the lake serves as a secondary water source and a major recreation facility for the City of Ames.
- The Teagarden Neighborhood Drainage Improvements involved channel improvements of an existing drainage channel in an residential neighborhood in the southeast section of the City. It included sediment removal from 650' of the existing concrete cunette, and a proposed 750 foot seeded turf channel. It also included the construction of a new retention basin with a volume of approximately 75,000 cubic feet. This basin provides water quality management in an older neighborhood that didn't have other stormwater management facilities. Native grasses and forbes will be planted along much of the cunette later this spring.

- Somerset Subdivision Pond Improvements project improved the functioning of an existing retention pond in an established neighborhood in north Ames. Approximately 54,000 cubic feet of sediment was removed from the basin, eroded basin banks were stabilized, and the outlet structure was lowered 3 feet to increase pond capacity and functioning of the facility.
- Staff worked with property owner of a steep slope at an apartment complex where rains and wind continued to erode away the soil. The area was reworked with removal of rock piles and dead plant material, graded and re-vegetated.
- In addition, supplemental native plants were installed at the Community Center to fully establish the beds and bio-retention cells that were constructed in 2017. Ames High students aided in this effort by growing the plugs in the school's greenhouse and then planting them around the site.
- Native plants were also planted at Fire House #1 as part of the parking lot reconstruction in 2019.
- The City has a comprehensive tree planting program overseen by a staff forester. There were 257 trees planted in public areas with an estimated 250 planted by developers.

POLLUTION PREVENTION/GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Operation and Maintenance Program for MS4

The Public Works Operations Division has been inspecting the MS4 components in accordance with the implementation schedule. A street sweeping program is in place that meets the requirements noted in the permit. A program, and corresponding mapping, has been developed to assure inspection and maintenance of all storm sewer facilities on a ten-year schedule. Following are specific activities that were completed this permit year and amount of sediment as a pollutant removed:

Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention Activity	Unit	Sediment and Debris Collected
Street sweeping	7163 miles swept	2507 tons
Biocell sumps on 24th St. and Operations	3 times/year	165 lbs
Intake maintenance	740 intakes	27 tons

Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Program

A program has been developed by the Public Works Department. The Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments and their subcontractors have developed individual application records, site logs, summary logs for tracking pesticide and fertilizer use. These have been distributed to all City Departments that engage in this activity along with a discussion of the permit requirements. Departments are taking steps to minimize chemical use

and are exploring Integrated Pest Management BMPs. Phosphorus-free fertilizers are used at most public facilities. Spreadsheets are used to track fertilizer and pesticide use at City facilities. Tracking sheets list chemical use, application rates, applicator and type of IDALS certification and certification number. Best management practices include the use of Phosphorus-free fertilizers and acceptable cultural practices for the use of fertilizers. Mosquito control is also used throughout the city during mosquito breeding periods.

The airport and operations facilities do not use fertilizers and spot spray weeds using pesticides.

Following is a list of the City Department and facilities that track annual fertilizer and pesticide use:

Parks Department Parks: Northridge Heights, Carr, Teagarden, Country Gables, Lloyd Kuertz, O'Neil, Franklin, Oakland, Hutchinson, Little Moore, Green Briar, Stuart Smith, Duff, Parkview, Roosevelt, Gateway, Gartner, Bandshell, Ada Hayden, Brookside, Calhoun, Christopherson, Daly, Dog Park Emma McCarthy, Furman Pool, Homewood Gulf, Inis, Moore, Patio Homes, River Valley,

Additional Facilities: Operations on Edison, Municipal Cemetery, Airport, Community Center, Fire Departments, Electric Services

New this year is a summation of the total quantities of fertilizers and herbicides that are tracked at these facilities if they are used. This is being done to evaluate annually the changes in amount used and number of products. Mosquito spraying on community properties was included. Fertilizers and herbicides were not used at the Community Center.

All Parks Pesticide and Fertilizer Use

Products Used	Units
	Pounds
Barricade	21.75
	Bags
Mesa 25-0-0	75
	Gallons
Threesome	42.77
Merit	1.5
Triclopyr	6.73
Imitator & CropSmart	73.64

Cemetery Products Used

Products Used	Units
Herbicide	Pounds
Barricade	10
Fertilizer	Bags
Mesa 25-0-5	3
Herbicide	Pounds
Threesome 2 gal	19
Herbicide	Gallons
Triclopyr	1.6

ROW Pesticide Use

Products Used	Units
	Pounds
Barricade	13
	Gallons
Threesome	1
480oz Glyphosate	13.13
Sureguard	0.88

Mosquito Spraying

Amount	Unit
73.64	Gallons

Airport Herbicide Use

Products Used	Units
	Gallons
Volley	1.02
Callisto	7.9
RoundUp	22.5

Homewood Golf Course

Products Used	Units
Fertilizers	Gallons
Fertilizer 12-0-0	2.25
Fertilizer 0-0-28	0.5
Fertilizer 18-3-6 3gal	3
Fertilizers	Bags
Mesa 25-0-5 2 bags	30
Herbicides and Pesticides	Gallons
Alloft 32oz	0.44
Aneuw 12oz	0.1
Astron	1.5
Astrong.75gal	0.75
AT44 3.5gal	3.5
CT750 Chlorothalonil	2.5
DacAction	11.04
Dimension - 32oz	0.25
Glycofuse	3
Knife.5gal	0.5
Knife Plus.5gal	1
Menace 45oz	0.35
Merit 2.5gal	2.5
NatureCure.5gal	0.5
Penecal 32oz	0.97
Perk Up 1gal	2
PKFight1gal	2
Power23.5gal	305
PowerK1gal	1
PowerN.5gal	1
Pplus .5gal	2.75
Primo 10oz	0.81
Propistar 1 gal	1
Protesyn	2.5
RxGreen 1gal	3
RxSupreme1gal	1
Sevin 32oz	0.5
Spectator 100oz	1.72
Spotrete 128oz	128
Stellar 32oz	0.25
Teb360 40oz	0.31
Thiram 60oz	0.94
Threesome - 3.5 gallons	3.5
TMI 2020 2.5gal	7
Herbicides and Pesticides	Pounds
Barricade	12
Heritage Action 1lb	3
Mencozeb 12lbs	20
Herbicides and Pesticides	Packs
Floratine Fert Pack	4

Electric Services Herbicide and Fertilizer Use

Product	Amount	Unit
Fertilizer		Pounds
24-0-8 30% XCU (fertilizer)	2659	
Pro 19-0-0 (0.164% Dimension)	605	
Herbicide		Gallons
Cornbelt Locktite (Surfactant)	0.15	ounces
Escort	0.01	ounces
Esplanade	0.42	ounces
Frequency	0.22	ounces
Mec Amine-D LPI (herbicide)	6.21	ounces
Method	0.81	ounces
Milestone	0.24	ounces
Plateau	0.36	ounces
Ranger Pro by Monsanto (Glyphosate)	0.86	ounces
Tribune by Syngenta (Herbicide)	0.09	ounces

Training Program for Municipal Employees

City staff have been attending related seminars and conferences sponsored by ISWEP, Forester, and APWA. They attend ISWEP meetings held three times per year. There often are speakers at these meetings. Public works staff also attended several webinars. Staff will attend future continuing education programs as opportunities arise. Listed below are more specific training events that staff have attended. **Stormwater Pollution Prevention training** for Operations, Parks, and other Maintenance staff was conducted in the winter. Approximately **25 staff** attended the training.

Highlights of training that staff participated in April 2019-March 2020 include the following:

Ames Staff Stormwater Training

Event	Number of Staff
2019 Iowa Water Conference March 12-13	2
ISWEP SW Series Webinars	1-5
Airport Staff Pollution Prevention	3
Stormwater Summit December	5
Central IA Green Infrastructure Conference	4
3 ISWEP meetings	1-3

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A construction site inspection program has been developed and implemented for construction projects, owned or operated by the City, that include areas of soil disturbance for which NPDES permits are required. The inspection program ensures that contractors are correctly implementing BMPs that have been approved in the pollution prevention plan and any additional necessary measures. The program requires inspections by the City at least every 7 days and ensures compliance by contractors with the storm water General Permit Number 2. Construction site inspection checklists and logs have also been created.

A complete map of the MS4, including outfalls, has been created and integrated with the City-wide GIS mapping. The Public Works Engineering Division continues to maintain this system map.

All salt and brine used by the Public Works Operations Division during winter street maintenance and clearing is kept in fully enclosed, permanent storage structures.

MONITORING DATA

WPC Stream E Coli Monitoring

The City of Ames Water and Pollution Control Department conducts bacteriological monitoring of all tributaries of Squaw Creek during April-October. Following is a plot of 2019 E.Coli bacteriological monitoring data collected by Water and Pollution Control laboratory staff. If obvious signs of pollution are discovered, or if significant degradation is observed, City staff will conduct more detailed water quality investigations. Monitoring trends indicate periodic spikes in some streams in July and August. This typically coincides with low stream flow conditions.

E. Coli monitoring conducted by City of Ames Water Pollution Control

SAMPLE DATE	SKUNK RIVER	SQUAW CREEK	CLEAR CREEK	COLLEGE CREEK	WORLE CREEK
4/9/2019	122	158	85	2909	448
5/16/2019	63	231	189	265	384
6/11/2019	173	374	414	583	594
7/16/2019	839	5172	24196	>24,196	2098
8/6/2019	122	2909	6867	8664	3448
09/24/19	1764	1446	320	904	1024
10/11/2019	558	758	268	1024	378

IDNR Monitoring

The Iowa DNR has been monitoring the water quality at Ada Hayden Heritage Park over the past 16 years. The lake is a back-up drinking water supply for the city of Ames. Highlights of the report follow. A detailed report of studies conducted 2017-2019 by Water and Pollution Control was provided in the City's 2018-19 annual report.



Squaw Creek Watershed Coalition Snapshot Stream Monitoring

The Squaw Creek Watershed Coalition has been conducting snapshot stream sampling following IOWATER protocol for more than 10 years. Following is a table that summarizes E. Coli monitoring data:

E. coli Bacteria Results
Squaw Creek Watershed Snapshots

Site #	Location	May 2007 CFU/100	Oct 2007 MPN/100	May 2008 MPN/100	Oct 2008 MPN/100	May 2009 MPN/100	Oct 2009 MPN/100	May 2010 MPN/100	Oct 2010 MPN/100	May 2011 MPN/100	Oct 2011 MPN/100	May 2012 MPN/100	Oct 2012 MPN/100	May 2013 MPN/100	Oct 2013 CFU/100	May 2014 CFU/100	Oct 2014 CFU/100	May 2015 CFU/100	Oct 2015 CFU/100	Oct 2016 CFU/100	May 2019 CFU/100	Oct 2019 CFU/100	Number of samples	Number exceeding 235	Geomean	
SC1	Squaw Creek at Hwy 175	40	170	30	600	400	20	190															7	2	131	
SC46	Crooked Creek, N branch	90	350	100	250	1600	220	430															7	4	275	
SC46	Crooked Creek, S branch	120	190	120	570	620	170	120															7	2	207	
SC2	Squaw Creek at 380th Street	10	1400	230	930	630	490	290	310	250	300				267	133	167	333	400	2040	150	16	12	301		
SC3	Squaw Creek - 110th St & U Ave.	81	1400	110	750	230	210	500	190	710	85	52				267	100	400				170	14	6	226	
SC4	Glacial Creek (trib to Squaw Creek; U Ave south of 119th St)	20	770	70	560	790	160	170	280	800	130	62					33	167				90	14	5	103	
SC5	Taylor's North Sample Site (view www.ia.gov/Taylor's North Sample 1)	120	420	40	820	8200	840	300	450	530	430			710	190	567	433	33					15	11	361	
SC8	No Name Creek - (V Ave south of 130th) No Name Creek - (V Ave east of 130th)	30	160	550	720	2500	90	30															7	3	215	
SC7	Beard/Mackie (Squaw Creek at E 18)	110	1400	130	1700	1700	290	490	290	490	170			800	360	167	133	67	333	904	2390	230	18	12	386	
SC10	Squaw Creek at 180th St.	300	1100	110	690	2500	320	790	250	690	110	330		3000			200	120	33	933			16	11	305	
SC9	Montgomery Creek 1	140	1200	240	2250	380	1100	220					stagnant	1300	1200			567	67	500			12	9	453	
SC11	Montgomery Creek 2	160	990	160	960	440	360	530	120	1600	160	880	stagnant	750	1000	340		567	300	900	800	1700	230	15	14	469
SC12	Pringle Creek 1	220	1100	460	1300	570	500	310						74	75			467	133	300			110	12	8	290
SC13	Pringle Creek 2	430	2200	710	1800	5500	680	1100	450	6500	280	440	stagnant	810	20			433	467	1100	1000	11700	550	18	18	945
SC9	Squaw Creek (trib to Squaw Creek; 150th St East of X Ave)	320	1620	360	1900	1500	1100	3600															220	7	7	916
SC14	Squaw Creek @ 170th St Bridge	270	1800	360	910	5500	620	640	360	2500	-	96		1200	10	367	333	200	633			200	16	13	442	
SC16	Squaw Creek above Gilbert Creek	240	1300	220	930	4000	100	1000	200	790	-	41		690			433	Empty vial	267	633		1100		15	11	467
SC15	Gilbert Creek above Squaw Creek	470	320	280	490	790	110	130	250	370	-	140		96		1967	433	133	567		5700	180	16	11	352	
SC16	Squaw Creek at Cameron School Rd																				1590	340	1	2	705	
SC17	Tributary at Cameron School Rd																				610	210	1	1	350	
SC17	Onion Creek (North Branch at V Avenue Bridge)	40	630	200	430		280	410															6	4	251	
SC21	Onion Creek (North fork of the South Branch at V Ave and 210th)	45	500	120	290		8100	110															6	3	264	
SC20	Onion Creek (South fork of the South Branch at V Ave)	81	270	70	1600		DRY	490															5	3	267	
SC18	Onion Creek at R-38 (Go. Line Rd)	63	740	120	630	2100	490	210	220	750	1500	330	dry	150		800	533	133	567			110	15	10	359	
SC22	Onion Creek (Reactor Woods)	90	680	170	400	1400		910	50	270	10	200	dry	200		300	567	233	167	133	5500	170	17	8	274	
SC19	Moore Park (Squaw Creek)	240	1100	260	430	1400	100	690	190	720	110	150		460	340	467	367	333	167	300	10300	230	19	14	407	
SC25	Clear Creek Brook (Site north 25 feet)	30	160	20	120	60	40	50														50	8	0	50	
SC27	Clear Creek at Emma McCarthy Lee bridge	90	690	120	390	100	130	170	200	200	dry	66	dry	96		133	933	67	500				15	4	193	
SC28	Clear Creek (Hyland Woods)	160	1500	310	960	340	290	90															7	5	351	
SC28	Clear Creek Pammel Woods	170	990	230	720	290	10	120	990	10	10	110	100000	310		200	367	200	433	267		270	10	10	230	
SC26	Clear Creek at Stange	190	1500	420	550		360	1000															6	5	526	
SC23	A&D Tributary of Squaw Creek	30	10000	4400	1000	50	560	120	8300	30000	10	150		800		10	10	10	10	267	220	4620	18	9	238	
SC24	Squaw Creek 15th Street	190	1200	170	600	2600	960	240	530	690	230	dry	800	300	300	300	333	233					16	12	431	
SC28	Brookside Park (6th St)	260	1200	260	530	2000	560	1000	210	1400	-	280	dry	330	710	733	333	133	367	200	12000	170	18	15	522	
SC26	College Creek at Wilder	150	990	350	260	150	3400	2400	4600	1400	270	31	2400	110	63	2433	133	200	33			80	18	10	355	
SC24	College Creek at South Deloitte/Clemens	960	730	1400	250	530	550	540															7	7	621	
SC27	Ames Middle School Site 2 (west site)	130	350	1900	280	510	310	520	200	280	(empty vial)	350	1700		1100	3333	167	67	133				16	11	364	
SC27	Ames Middle School Site 3	190	570	4400	-		410																4	3	695	
SC23	College Creek (at State Ave.)	620	1500	1000	290	650	930	380															7	7	672	
SC48	College Creek (SU Arboretum)	260	3330	3330	680	1500	620		720	300	85	440	dry	240	1300		contaminated	300	1033	167	1200	630	16	15	624	
SC20	College Creek near Ash Avenue	370	9600	1400	690	640	1200	350															7	7	967	
SC21	College Creek (near Elwood Drive)	270	7700	1900	1000	960	1000	390	930	300	590	340	26000	2200		2600	1200	733	333		1220	790	18	19	1063	
SC24	Pammel Creek above 6th Street	170		250	530	7700	120	30	(empty vial)	160	8700	85		300	4400		1133	100	10	233	233		16	7	318	
SC26	Cyrtide Creek above Elwood	10		1100	120	610	3100	250	5500	110	410	300		20			567	67	10	100			15	8	251	
SC29	Tributary to College Creek (Elwood Dr. & 6th St)	390		690	1900	4600	920																5	5	1096	
SC28	South Stuart Smith Park (stormwater drainage)	30	6200	450	50		160	110															6	2	215	
SC33	Squaw Creek at Fourth St. bridge in Ames	220	1700	330	690	570	320	990	190	200	2300	150	dry	320		467	367	100	767	433		280	17	13	412	
SC42	Wormell Creek (County Line Road)		2100	130	1400	400	10	440															5	4	296	
SC44	Komer Creek (tributary to Wormell)	140	1600	1900	1500	110	60	620	270	85	dry	180	dry	190		333	300	133	200		1190	120	16	8	208	
SC43	Wormell Creek (near Meadow Glenn Rd)	240	2800	470	2400	200	190	710	240	190	370	620	dry	31		100	67	867	133		2290	160	17	10	327	
SC36	Squaw Creek near South Maple	170	1400	330	690	1700																	5	4	649	
SC28	Wormell Creek above Elwood	420	1600	10	420	170	100	810															7	4	240	
SC45	Wormell Creek (South 10th Street)	240	1300	240	3300	290	50	830	190	410		380	dry	110		100	100	33	33	100	11100	870	17	10	270	
SC41	South Branch Wormell Creek (below Brookside Dr)	27	1900	560	360	320	360	160	230	1000	820	1800		210		10	100	33	500		450	210	17	10	257	
SC27	Near Squaw Creek Drive (stormwater drainage)	170	9600	1000	690	90	2600	30	690	63	8700	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	33	10			19	6	88	
SC38	Squaw Creek at Duff Avenue in Ames	240	1000	270	640	440	310	960	(empty vial)	360	690	130		410		7133	333	167	267	300	9600	310	17	15	523	

Meets A1-A3 Primary Contact standard of 235 cfu/100 ml
Exceeds A2 Secondary Contact standard of 2880 cfu/100 ml
Squaw Creek, main branch, designated A1 below Glacial Creek
Below detection limit. Reported as "0"

The geometric mean is used instead of the mean when data have a lognormal distribution (very by factors of ten).
The primary contact standard is 126 CFU/100mL, but is meant to be applied to the geometric mean of 7 monthly samples collected during a single season.

Parks and Other City Facilities Soil Sampling Data:

