

The Asset:

1. Some of the best farm land in the world
2. Lake Red Rock which provides:
 - Flood Control
 - Recreation and quality of Life
 - Millions in economic benefits
 - Opportunities to observe and study nature



Everyone Wins With This Proposal:

1. Farming interests
2. Conservation and water quality interests
3. Recreation interests
4. Flood control interests
5. Taxpayers
6. Our children and grandchildren

How Can I Help?

Please become an advocate for this very worthwhile endeavor.

Sign-Up Form

Sign-up below and be part of the individuals helping to enact this proposed solution:

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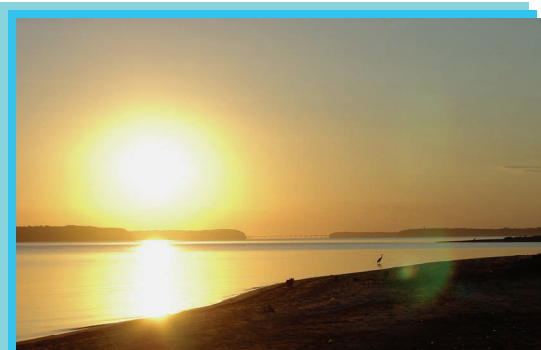
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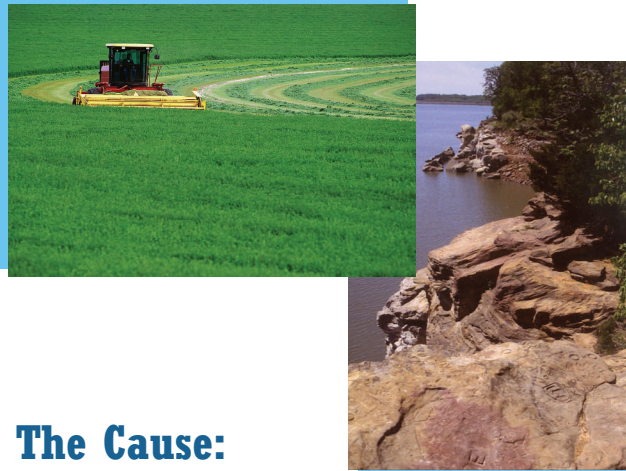


Act Today
To save valuable
farm land and to
extend the life of
Lake Red Rock



The Problem:

The best farm land in the world is accumulating at the bottom of Lake Red Rock at the rate of 465,000 dump truck loads per year. It cannot be completely stopped, but it can be mitigated and the life of the lake and our farms can be extended many years.



The Cause:

Lake Red Rock is silting because:

1. The size of the watershed draining into the lake is huge. Approximately 25% of the state of Iowa is in the watershed of the Des Moines River and its tributaries. For every acre of water in Lake Red Rock, there are 533 acres of land draining into the lake.
2. Much of the land within the Des Moines River watershed is farm land. This farm land is not adequately protected by conservation practices.



The Proposed Solution:

Any solution that is timely, cost effective, and will mitigate the erosion and siltation problem should be considered. The proposal that we are recommending, which is cost effective, very timely, and a proven effective conservation practice is as follows:

All crop lands in the Des Moines River watershed and its tributaries with a slope of 5% or more will be no-tilled. Land with a slope of 2-5% may be strip tilled or no-tilled. There will be no restrictions on land with a 2% slope or less. The Owner or Operator is expected to adhere to these restrictions if they are to receive Federal Payments.

This would be a pilot program and its effect would be measured. If effective, it would continue and potentially be extended. If ineffective, the program could be dropped.

