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WATERSHED INTERAGENCY COORDINATION TEAM

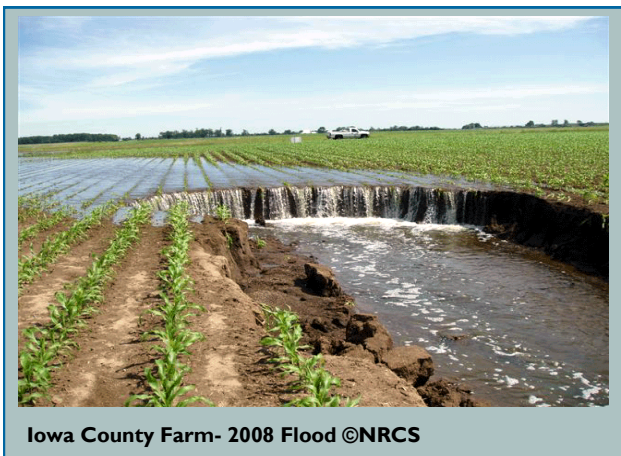
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The **Iowa-Cedar Interagency Team** is a diverse group of organizations committed to supporting local activities to create a sustainable Iowa-Cedar Basin.

The **Iowa-Cedar River Basin** is the 12,620 square mile area of land that drains into the Iowa and Cedar Rivers, and ultimately into the Mississippi River. The Region is home to one million people and fosters crop and livestock production, major manufacturing, a growing high-tech industry, and several vibrant urban centers. While the region has provided vast opportunity for farming and urban development, landscape changes have increased stress on our rivers, lakes, and wetlands. As a result, Iowans are repeatedly forced to pay the high price of catastrophic flooding and poor water quality, and have suffered the loss of valuable recreational opportunities



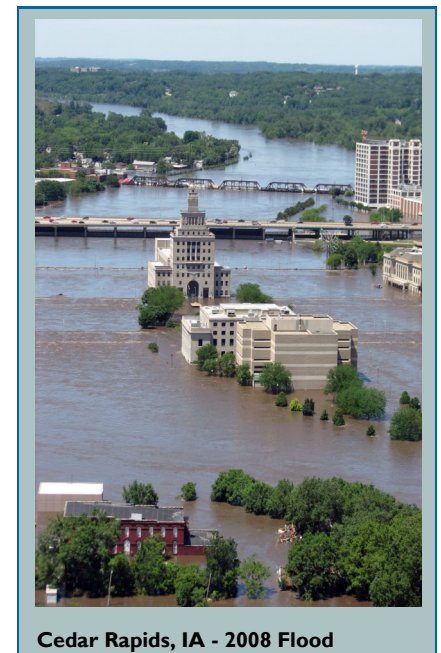
Our Goal is to create a basin-wide management plan based on public input and collaboration. We aim to reduce flood risk while increasing the social, economic, and environmental value of the basin's water and land resources.



Iowa County Farm- 2008 Flood ©NRCS

The team is investigating **strategies** around:

- Flood patterns & risk
- Water quality
- Wildlife habitat
- Recreational opportunities
- Land use planning
- Social and cultural values
- Energy production



Cedar Rapids, IA - 2008 Flood

Timing & Products: This is a 3-5 year study that will support action towards a sustainable Iowa-Cedar River watershed. Outcomes of this study include:

- A watershed plan based on public input
- A web-based tool to assist decision makers with determining how planned actions may impact flooding, water quality and other aspects of the watershed

Funding & Implementation of this effort is provided by our team members:



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