

LOWER CEDAR WMA



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Heartland Co-op Update for the Lower Cedar
Watershed Management Authority





Above: This spring the Heartland Co-op Conservation Team installed a sign just south of West Branch on the West Branch Wapsinonoc Creek, a priority watershed.

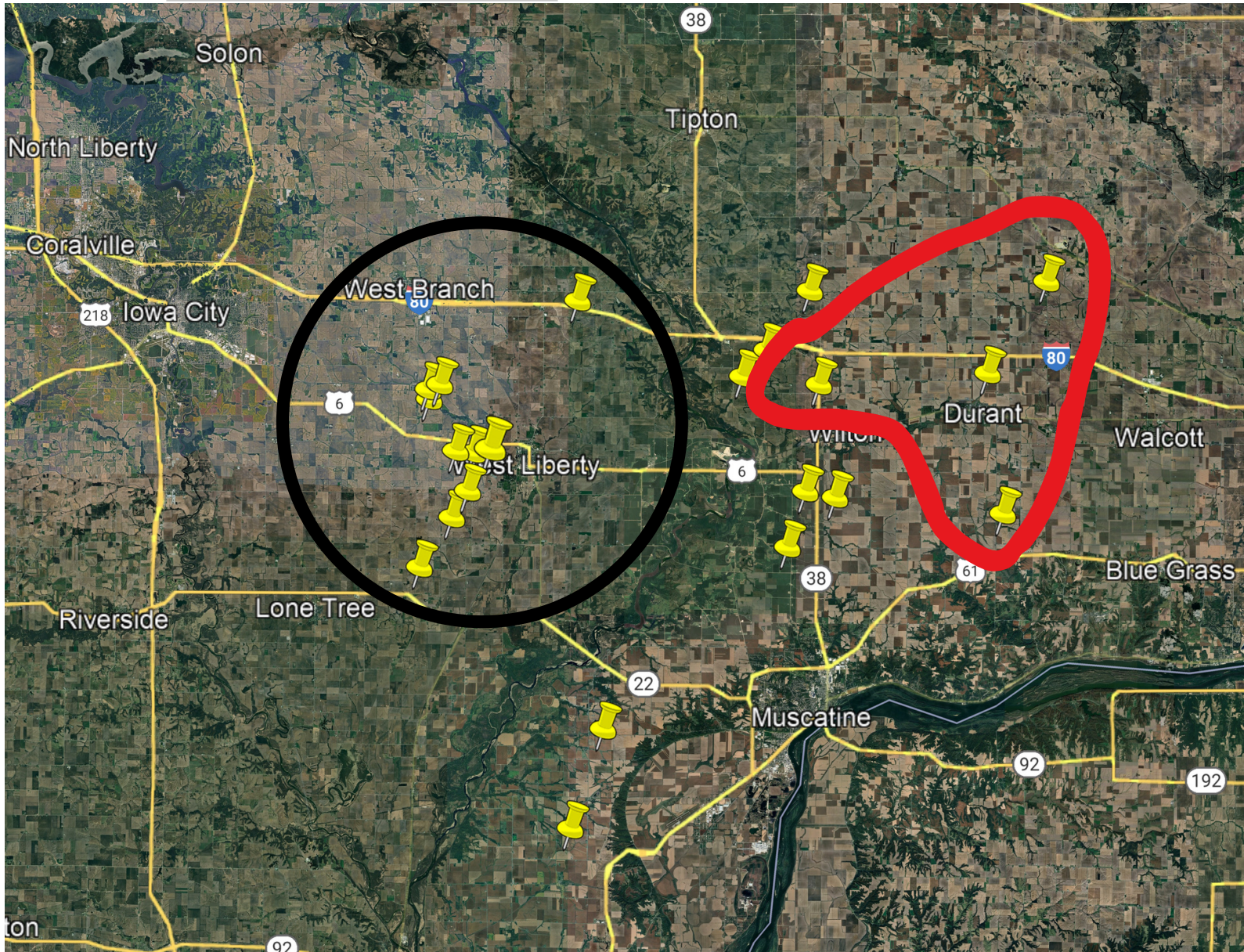
Below: A new saturated buffer control box and new seeding is looking great. This structure is on the West Branch Wapsinonoc Creek, a priority watershed.

BATCH AND BUILD ROUND 2 SURVEY IS COMPLETE NEARLY ALL PRELIMINARY DESIGNS COMPLETE

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17 fields with 56 tile outlets

Round 2 project locations



The black circle indicates projects in the Wapsinonoc Creek Watershed. The red shape indicates projects in the Mud Creek Watershed. All projects are in the lower Cedar Watershed.



Top Left: Conservation trailer on display at Cold Spring Pond.

Bottom Left and Top Right: We are looking at a newly installed bioreactor and enjoying some shade.

Bottom Right: newly installed saturated buffer box. All practices are along Wapsinonoc Creek, a priority watershed.

Cover Crop Cost-Share



Already using cover crops?

Want to start using cover crops or plant more acres?

- Receive \$10 or \$12 / acre on up to 240 acres
- Acres can overlap with any publicly funded cost-share program!



**NEW APPLICANTS - STAY TUNED
ABOUT OPEN ENROLLMENT!**

Practical Farmers of Iowa Cover Crop Cost Share

Cover Crop enrollment will start on August 15th for new applicants.

Farmers will have the option of a \$10 or \$12/ac payment rate. This program is stackable with federal and state cost share programs.

Field Day Update

- August 5th: We hosted a Lower Cedar Watershed open house to view some of the new saturated buffers and bioreactors installed as part of the first round of batch and build. We had about 40 in attendance.
- August 28th : PFI field day at South Valley Farms near Mt. Vernon: Conservation Practices with Precision Technology. Heartland Co-op is sponsoring the event.



Thank you for your partnership in making it possible for us to work with farmers to adopt conservation practices in the Lower Cedar Watershed. We are very excited to see the progress that will happen over the next few years!