

IRVM Technical Manual Update

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IRVM
Iowa Roadside Vegetation Management
Iowa's Roadside Renaissance

INTEGRATED ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Technical Manual

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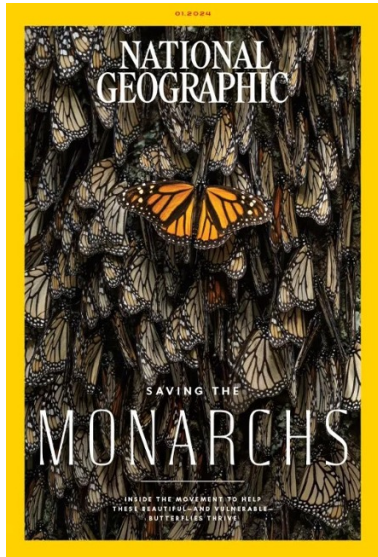
IOWA ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT
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National Geographic January 2024



Cover article series on monarchs mentions value of Iowa's county roadside programs for monarch conservation

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Trees Forever Roadside-Related Webinars



Tallgrass Prairie Center
Annual Native Seed Distribution
Held August 21, 2024



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Trees Forever
Roadside-Related Webinars

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Roadside Manager Roundtable
Wednesday, October 9, 2024, noon



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**ROADSIDE MANAGERS
ROUNDTABLE**

OCTOBER 9TH
12:00P-1:00P

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
FOR THIS WEBINAR

 TREES FOREVER
Planting Native Trees
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The poster features a photograph of two people standing in a field of yellow wildflowers. The text is overlaid on a dark green background that curves around the photo.

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**Next Roadside Programs 101
Webinar**

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Thursday, November 14, noon-1 p.m.
Kody Unstad, Kristine Nemec, Megan Huck presenters

Part of LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) webinars



A photograph showing several yellow wildflowers in the foreground, with a road and trees in the background.

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Tabling and Talks at Conferences



- Iowa County Engineers Conference
- Winterfest (County Conservation conference)
- Iowa Environmental Lobby Day
- Statewide Supervisors Meeting
- Iowa Invasive Species Conference
- Streets and Roads Conference
- MINK (Missouri Iowa Nebraska Kansas) regional transportation conference
- Local events

Iowa Nature Summit October 9-10, Drake University, Des Moines
LRTF table

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2025 Winter AFIRM Meeting and Invasive Species Conference



Wednesday, February 19, 2025 (AFIRM)
February 19-21, 2025 (Invasive Species Conference)
Prairie Meadows, Des Moines



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2025 Roadside Conference

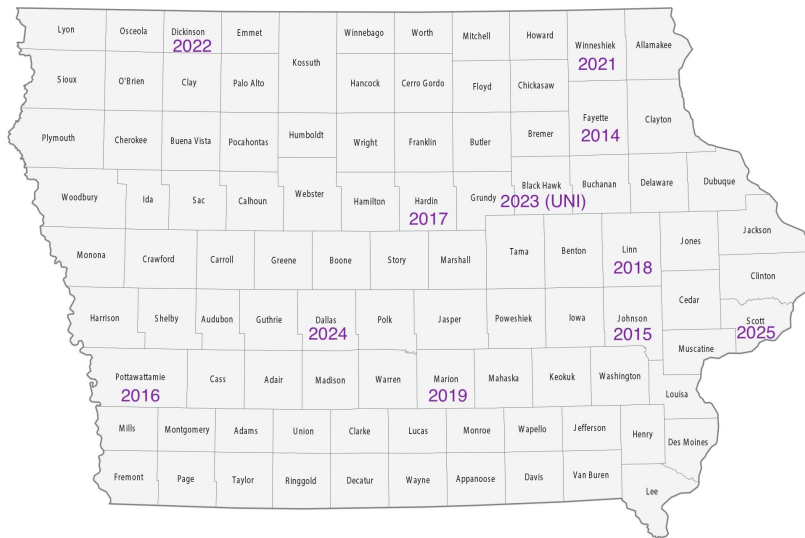


Scott County (Davenport) October 1-3, 2025



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2026 Roadside Conference = ?



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2025 Calendar

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Historic Roadsides 2025 CALENDAR

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Q&A LIVING HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

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LRTF Grant: Landowner Videos for Social Media and Website

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Videographers Zach Everman, Jenna Wilson from Pixel Labs

4 Iowa landowners interviewed

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LRTF Grant: Landowner Videos for Social Media



Short videos released on social media in the coming weeks

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Native Seed for Counties & Cities



\$250-\$350/acre value

22-38 species

Seed request forms for 2025 emailed next week

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FHWA Transportation Alternatives Program Changes



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



1998-2021 funding cycles	2023 funding cycle
\$2 million available	\$12 million available
3-4 applications	56 applications
Review not based on a scoring system	Scoring system; high points for projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting two recreational trails • Expansion of trail network • Projects along scenic byways

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Iowa's Scenic Byways



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