

Get Involved – Get Organized

The Iowa Soybean Association's West Buttrick Creek programs began at the request of a few farmers in the area who wanted to continue looking into nitrogen management and water quality following the Raccoon River Project of the early 1990s. Today, most farmers in that watershed are cooperating in various ways in watershed, nitrogen or manure management projects.

Getting involved in an existing program is easy. ISA programs are underway in the Boone River, the South Fork of the Iowa River, and Pike Run, a tributary of the Cedar River.

Organizing a new program may be difficult, but it's not impossible.

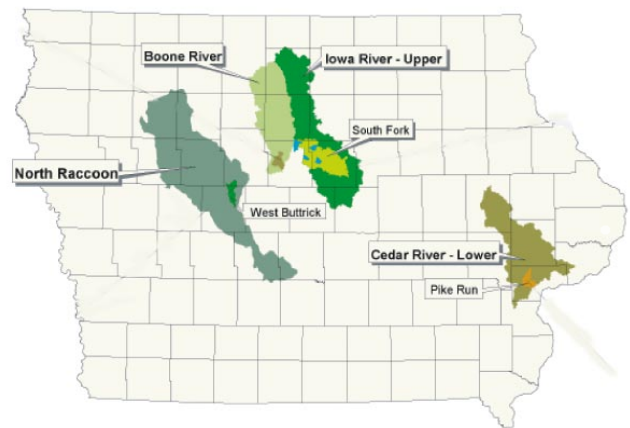
The first step is to talk to other farmers. It only takes a handful of growers willing to lead to get a program off the ground. While developing farmer support, contact Todd Sutphin, Iowa Soybean Association watershed programs manager, or Tracy Blackmer, director of research. Also, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service offices to let leadership there know of your interest in starting a program.

ISA staff can help set up organizational meetings to test the waters, so to speak, and encourage the involve-

ment of growers, landowners and farm service providers from both the government and commercial sides of the picture.

For more information, check the ISA On-Farm Network™ website (www.isafarmnet.com) or email info@isafarmnet.com.

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