

WALNUT & INDIAN CREEK WATERSHED

COVER CROP EFFORTS CONTINUE IN WALNUT & INDIAN CREEK

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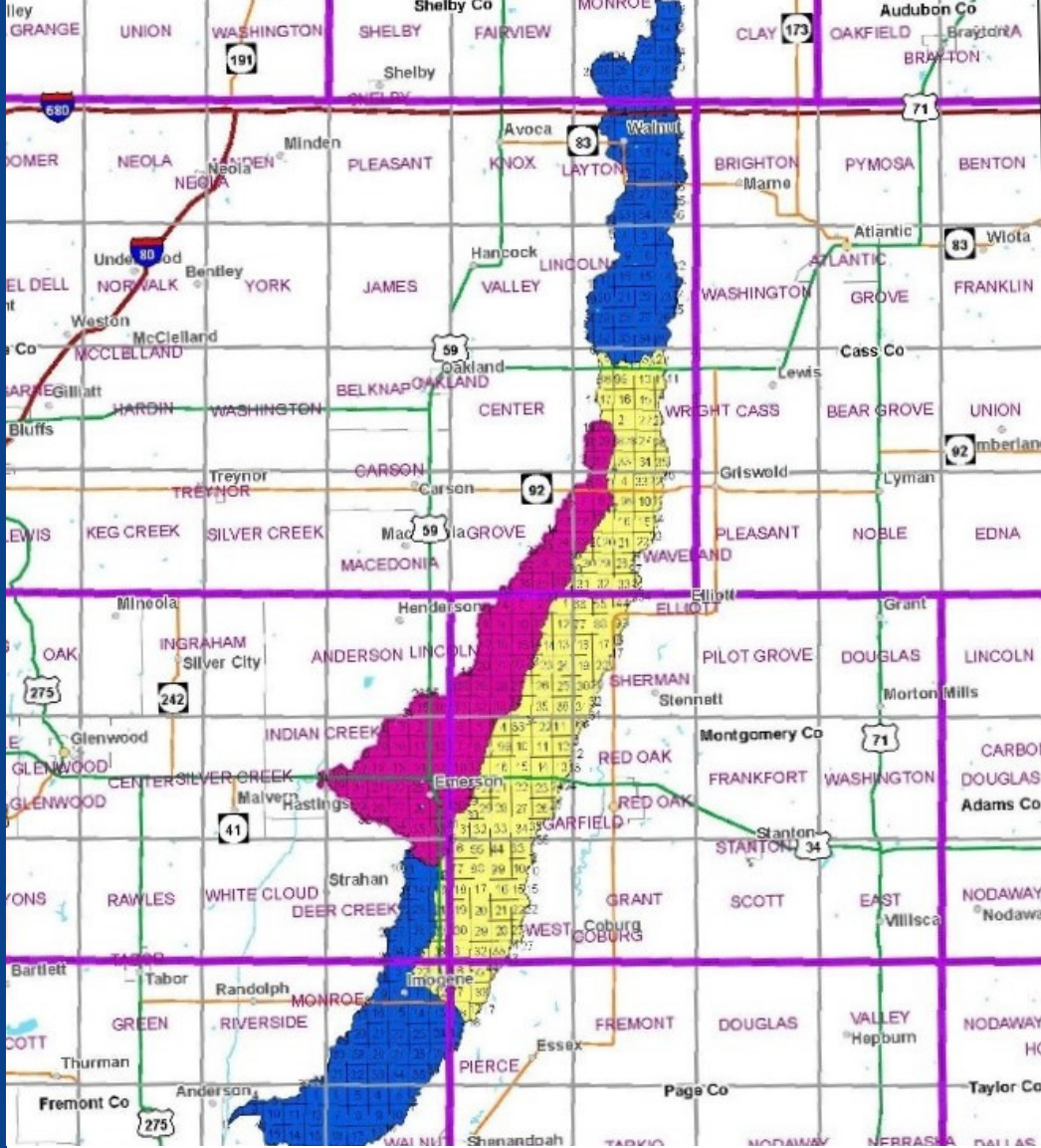
IMPORTANT DATES:



Sign up by **July 1st** for cost-share at local SWCD to participate in fly-on program.



Sign up by **August 15th** for cost-share at local SWCD to cover crop independently.



Landowners and producers located in the Walnut and Indian Creek Watershed will again have the opportunity to participate in a special effort spearheaded by the Iowa Water Quality Initiative and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts located in Shelby, East Pottawattamie, Montgomery, Mills, Page, and Fremont counties.

Last fall was the first watershed wide effort to blanket the land with cover crops. **Over 75 landowners and operators** participated planting over 17,000 acres! Cost share will continue to be \$25 per acre. All landowners and producers will be eligible. It will not matter whether you are a first-time cover cropper or a veteran.

The cover crop fly-on program is coordinated by the district staff where they take bids and arrange everything for you via a watershed wide aerial application. This program is great for landowners who are **not** interested in independently planning their cover crop application. Those wishing to participate in the fly-on program should **sign up for cost share at your local SWCD by July 1st**. All those wishing to arrange seed and planting themselves have until August 15th.

Farmers in Southwest Iowa have been true leaders in soil and water quality efforts in Iowa and we are bursting with anticipation as to how many acres will be green next fall!