



# IOWA ASSOCIATION OF NATURALISTS COMMITTEE REPORT SPRING 2013

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**Committee:** Traveling Exhibits

**Chair:** Ann Burns

## PLANTING THE SEED

**Members:** Prairie Team – Sondra Cabell, Anita Fisher, Charlene Elyea, Jessica Wagner, Reba Reddick      Wade into Your Watershed (formerly *Aquatics*) Team – Hilary Markin, Holly Schulte, Chuck Unga, Pete Eyerhalde, Jacklyn Gautsch; Angela Freyermuth, M MVR; Marybeth [ DNR] Stevenson; Michelle Olson; Jenny Amon, Lora Kanning, Jeny Meyer

**Brief description of the purpose of the Committee:** The purpose of the committee is to develop a series of medium sized traveling exhibits that would be available to IAN members for display at facilities in their areas

**Specific progress since the last IAN meeting:** The prairie exhibit is booked into September 2014. The prairie exhibit's magnetic maze station has been repaired and is as good as new! A membership survey regarding use of a watershed exhibit was conducted at the Fall 2012 meeting and on line. The results were used to determine the direction of the Wade into Your Watershed design and logistics. The results will also be used in the REAP CEP grant application. The Watershed team has sent an RFP to at least three exhibit design/fabrication companies. The committee plans to submit a REAP-CEP grant in May 2013 and will request financial support from the ExCom and IAN members through letters of support and startup funds to match grant requests. Following a similar time line as the Tallgrass Prairie exhibit, we would expect to have an exhibit ready to travel starting in the spring of 2014. The committee will use \$2000 that has been allocated by IAN ExCom as part of the match money for the REAP grant and other grant sources.

**Will the committee report only take 2-3 minutes and be informational in nature?**

Yes, we want to ask members to talk to their agencies and Friends groups for partner funds and letters of support.

**Will the committee report take 5-10 minutes and require discussion and/or action from the membership?**

No

**If you do have an item for Discussion/Action, will you be able to present this to the Executive Committee at our meeting?**

Thank you for all of your work!