



*Photo Credit: William Beardsley, Iowa Water 2nd Place*

*13th Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Annual Photography Contest Submission*

## August 2023 Newsletter



**Keep Iowa Beautiful Annual Photo Contest  
Now Accepting Submissions**

Each year, Keep Iowa Beautiful aims to raise awareness of Iowa's rural and urban beauty with our Annual Photography Contest. The photo contest offers both amateur and experienced photographers an opportunity to tell Iowa's story from the perspective of Iowans in a fun, engaging way!



Keep Iowa Beautiful encourages anyone interested to submit their work to this photo contest, which includes **cash awards totaling over \$2,000!** Participants can enter photos in as many categories as they like. The categories are:

- Iowa Landscape
- Iowa Water
- Iowa Cities
- Iowans in Action
- Iowa Wildlife

To view prior winners, read the contest rules, and submit entries, visit:  
[keepiowabeautiful.org/photography-contest](http://keepiowabeautiful.org/photography-contest)

[Enter the contest now!](#)

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## Communities Benefit from Paint Iowa Beautiful Program, Grants

Through our longstanding partnership with Diamond Vogel, the Paint Iowa Beautiful program grants paint to volunteers and organizations for community improvement projects. Keep Iowa Beautiful believes well-maintained and painted buildings reflect pride in our communities. These recent Paint Iowa Beautiful grantees have a lot to be proud of.



The Mutchler Community Center in **Bloomfield, Iowa**, was able to repaint the inside of the men's restroom thanks to a Paint Iowa Beautiful grant.

Prior vandalism had left the restroom with chipped paint on its walls, which are now covered in a fresh coat of red paint. It's the little things that make a big difference!

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Paint Iowa Beautiful awardees in **Clarksville, Iowa**, recently repainted the golf course's clubhouse, which had not seen a fresh coat of paint in 40 years. What a difference some fresh paint can make!



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A Paint Iowa Beautiful project was recently completed in **Waverly, Iowa**.

City crews painted the well-used Droste and Lions Shelters within Waverly's Memorial Park, giving them a new life for years to come.

[Learn More](#)

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## Hometown Pride Updates

Hometown Pride brings community members together to drive positive change in Iowa's hometowns. We've been looking back on our work over the years and are proud to report these inspiring impact numbers. Thanks to all the volunteers who have worked with us to bring leadership, vitality and pride to their community!

**1,500+**

Community  
Betterment  
Projects

**>\$13  
Million**

RAISED, PLUS  
\$4M+ OF  
VOLUNTEER  
LABOR

**16**

COUNTIES

**107**

TOWNS

**1,700**

Volunteers  
Trained to Be  
Local Leaders

OUR  
WORK  
RESULTS  
IN:

MORE  
LOCAL  
LEADERS

ENHANCED  
CIVIC  
PRIDE

NEW  
COMMUNITY  
AMENITIES

INCREASED  
ECONOMIC  
VITALITY

## Social Media Submissions

**Keep Iowa Beautiful wants to share your community's good news!**

Are you proud of a completed project in your town? Do you want to show off a new mural in your downtown? Did you host a fun, exciting event for your community? We want to know about it!

Click on the button below to share short descriptions of events, projects, or news from your town! You can include pictures and captions as well. Keep Iowa Beautiful will share your post on our social media!

[Submit Your Stories](#)

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## You Can Stop Litter!

You can help reduce litter in Iowa!

When you see litter happening on Iowa's roadways, call 1-888-NOLITTR (1-888-665-4887) to report littering from a vehicle.

Please provide as much detail about the incident as possible:

- License plate number
- Time and specific location (street & city)
- What was thrown from the vehicle
- A vehicle description (color, make and model)



Reported offenders will receive a warning letter from Keep Iowa Beautiful drawing attention to their offense. This sends the message that people, like you, are watching.



## Your Support Matters!

Consider supporting Keep Iowa Beautiful to help us continue our work improving Iowa communities! Remember: donations to Keep Iowa Beautiful are tax deductible!

Donations can be made online or checks can be mailed to our office:

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