



September 23, 2021

Victoria Newton
Executive Council
State Capitol

Tammy Hollingsworth
Auditor's Office
Lucas Building

Subject: Flooding Damage at Sweet Marsh and Aldo Leopold Wildlife Management Areas, Bremer County

Victoria and Tammy:

On August 30, 2021 you were sent notification of major flooding that was impacting the Sweet Marsh and Aldo Leopold Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) in Bremer county. The Wapsipinicon River rose nearly 5 feet in just 9 hours. This rise caused a massive dike blowout, dike washouts and road damage at Sweet Marsh, and dike washouts and parking lot damage at Aldo Leopold. We have learned that the statewide impacts of this flooding do not reach the threshold for a FEMA presidential disaster and therefore, no FEMA Public Assistance will be available to make these repairs. Our Engineers have put together repair estimates for these damages, with a total project cost of \$106,800.00. Please find that estimate enclosed.

This information is being submitted to Executive Council as a request for a total allocation of \$106,800.00

I thank you and the Executive Council members for your time and consideration of this request. Let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Monica Thelen, Executive Officer II
Wildlife Bureau