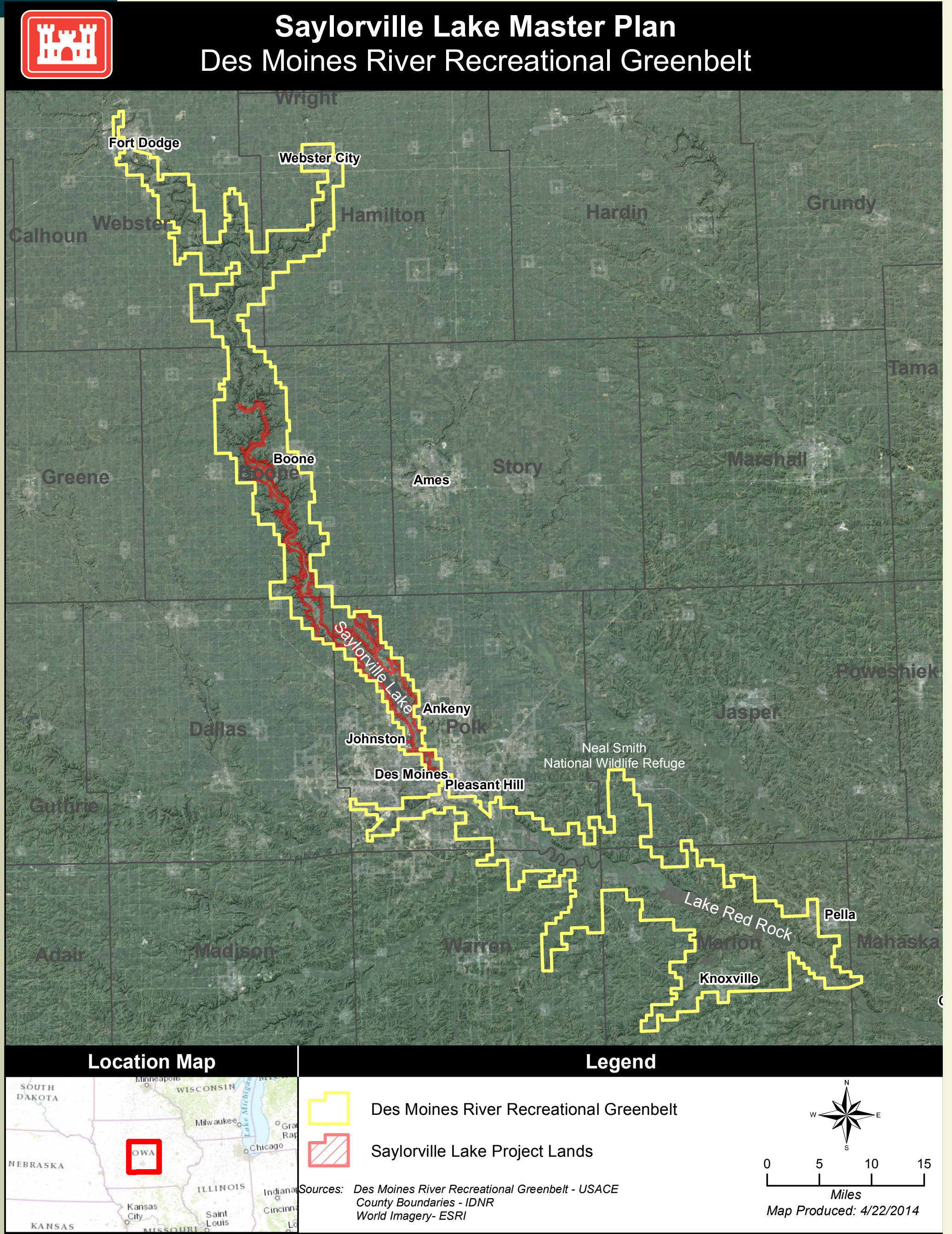


## DES MOINES RIVER GREENBELT

The Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt is a formal partnership of federal, state and local governments and private interests dedicated to developing ecosystem improvements and recreational opportunities in the Des Moines River corridor. Eighteen projects were completed at a federal cost of over \$83 million and a local sponsor cost of over \$43 million. If federal funding becomes available in the future, four additional projects have local sponsors and they consist of:

- The Fort Dodge Riverfront Development
- Des Moines Riverwalk (Stage II)
- Marion County Cordova Center on the Rock
- Red Rock Volksweg Trail (Segment 4B)



## PARTNERSHIPS AND VISION

In accordance with Public Law 99-88, which established the greenbelt, the overall objective of the project is to provide central Iowa and adjacent municipalities with environmental protection of scarce river bottom timberlands and greatly enhance opportunities for recreation. This federal designation provides both focus on a precious resource as well as a structured process for working together to accomplish priority greenbelt projects. Due to the high density development projections in the 2050 “Tomorrow Plan” and the existing federal protection for the corridor below Saylorville Dam, there may be future opportunities to seek designation as a USFWS Urban Wildlife Refuge. Partnerships and vision will provide expanded opportunities to enjoy and protect our natural resources.