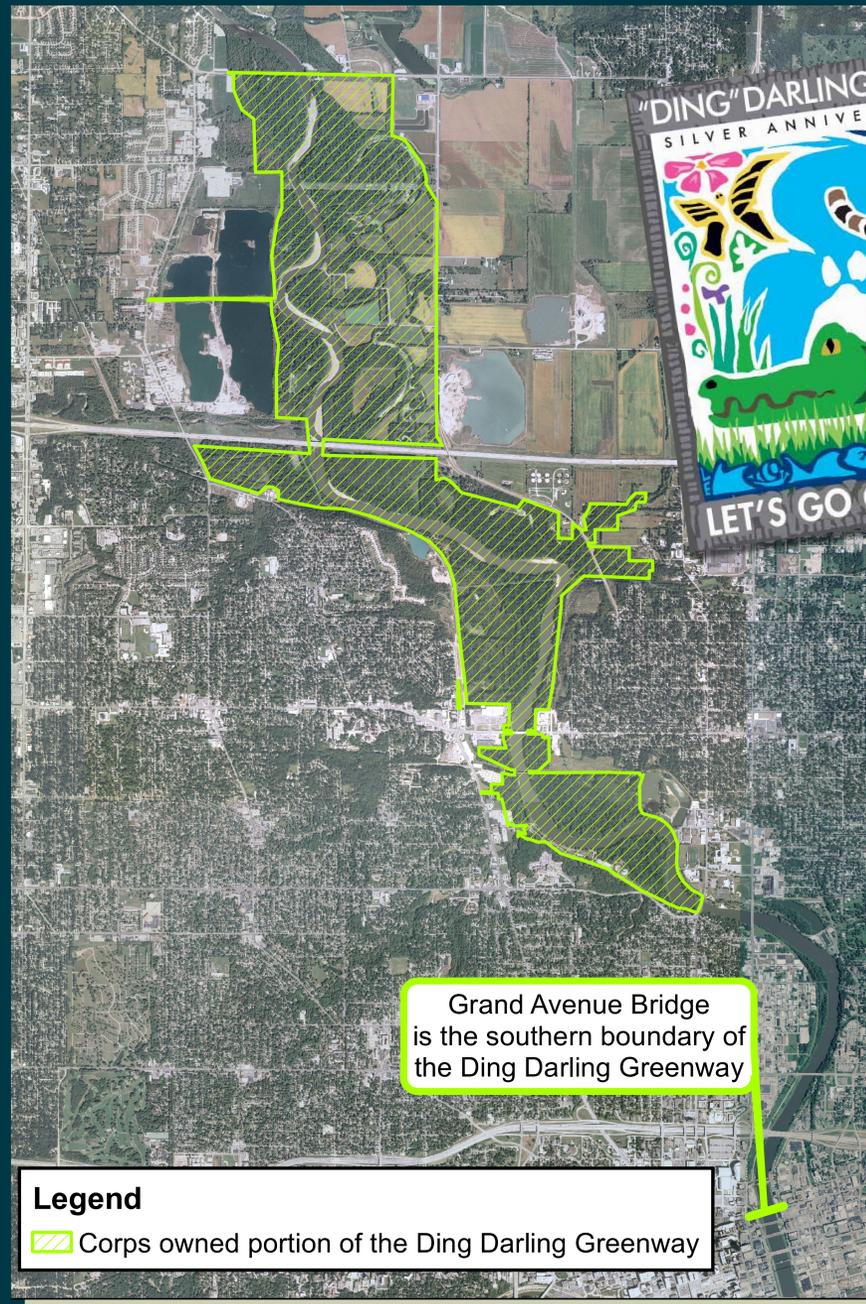


## DING DARLING GREENBELT

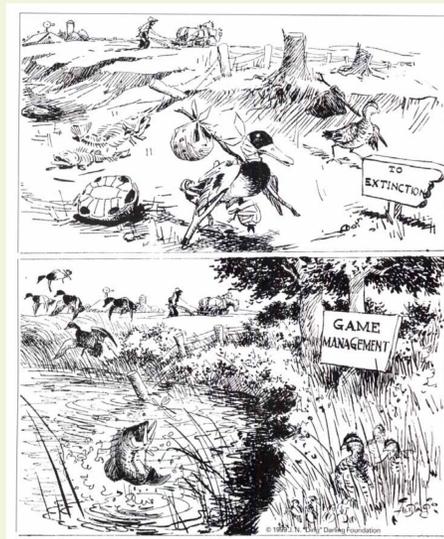
The US Army Corps of Engineers, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Polk County Conservation Board and City of Des Moines held a dedication ceremony on June 23, 1999 to honor “Ding” Darling and his efforts towards conservation. It was from this point forward that this dedicated greenway would be known as the “Ding” Darling Greenway.



## CARTOONIST AND ECOLOGIST

Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling was a cartoonist and ecologist whose perceptive mind, eloquent pen and skilled brush endeared him to newspaper readers and conversationalists throughout a lifetime of devotion to preserve the environment. Ding’s syndicated cartoons filled with insight, humor and poignancy brought him international fame and two Pulitzer Prizes. Although Darling’s cartoons appeared in the front pages of newspapers across the nation he made Iowa his home. In his life and work, “Ding” celebrated the beauty of Iowa and taught the value of conserving its natural resources.

Darling and his wife, Penny, donated the riverfront land now known as Prospect Park to the City of Des Moines in 1939 so that its beauty and tranquility would be available to the public forever. The Ding Darling Greenway stretching for miles along the Des Moines River is further evidence of Darling’s hope that future generations could enjoy the bounty of nature he had known.



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## DEVOTION TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT

“Ding” Darling was an advocate for our nation’s natural resources. He was the father of the Federal Duck Stamp Program, founder of the National Wildlife Federation and brought to the forefront the importance of today’s National Wildlife Refuges.

