

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY OUTREACH
October 19-November 14, 2016

Jennifer Terry met with the following water quality stakeholders to identify areas of collaboration, as well as potential shared advocacy efforts, for clean water:

- U.S. Water Alliance (call vis-à-vis DMWW participation – One Water)
- Land O’ Lakes Sustainability
- Peoples Land Management Company
- State Public Policy Group
- Iowa Public Health Association
- State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa
- Iowa Association of Water Agencies
- Raccoon River Watershed Association
- Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Iowa Environmental Council
- Peter Levi, Drake University Professor
- Des Moines Public Works
- Greater Des Moines Partnership water quality policy subcommittee
- Environmental Law and Policy Center
- Iowa Rivers Revival
- ISU Extension and Outreach
- Iowa Learning Farms
- Senator Kevin Kinney

Other Outreach Highlights:

- DMWW hosted Dr. Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Water Policy Advisor with United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Karen Flournoy of EPA Region 7 for a roundtable discussion of water quality concerns in the Raccoon River Watershed. Several groups interested in elevating the important nexus between public health and drinking water participated. The Iowa Environmental Council presented its recently-released report about health effects of nitrate in drinking water; the State Hygienic Laboratory at University of Iowa and Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contaminants also presented research regarding health and drinking water. Ms. Flournoy indicated EPA would be reviewing TMDLs for the Raccoon River.
- Jennifer presented at the October board meeting of Iowa Rivers Revival regarding DMWW policy priorities for the upcoming legislative session.
- DMWW hosted Marty Adkins, Natural Resources Conservation Agency, for a presentation about the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP); RCPP awards are granted through the United States Department of Agriculture to qualifying collaborative proposals that involve conservation work in the watershed.
- DMWW hosted staff from the Walnut Creek Watershed Management Association and stakeholders interested in supporting work on Walnut Creek.