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Mission: To enhance business and organizational efficiency through quality and innovative environmental programming across Iowa and throughout the country.

Environmental Assistance

Your Guide to Small Business Assistance: Air Permit Applications & Emissions Reporting



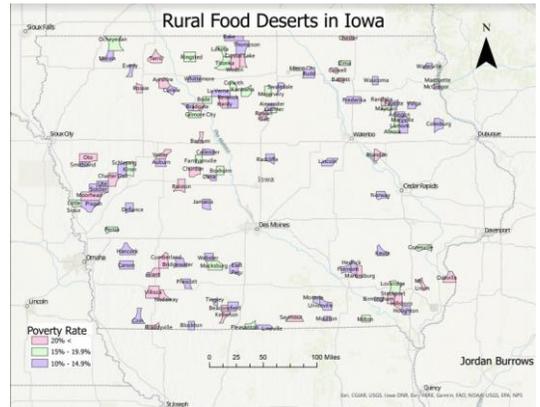
Did you know that on January 1, 2023 air permit applications and air emissions reporting documents are **required** to be submitted electronically?

[Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program](#) staff is available to provide FREE one-on-one training and assistance to businesses with less than 100 employees required to submit their minor source emissions inventory in [SLEIS](#) or to apply for a new or modify an existing air quality permit using [Iowa EASY Air](#).

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Mapping of Rural Iowa Food Deserts



The USDA classifies a food desert community as having a poverty rate greater than 10% and not within 10 miles of a wholesome food seller or pantry. Based on this definition, [Iowa Waste Reduction Center \(IWRC\)](#) Environmental Intern, Jordan Burrows, spent the past four months mapping rural food deserts in Iowa.

On Tuesday, May 3, Jordan presented her research findings to the [Quad Cities Food Rescue Partnership \(FRP\)](#) with the goal of informing key stakeholders who can provide assistance to the 111 identified rural Iowa food desert communities.

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NoCoast Beer Co. Achieves Iowa Green Brewery Platinum Certification

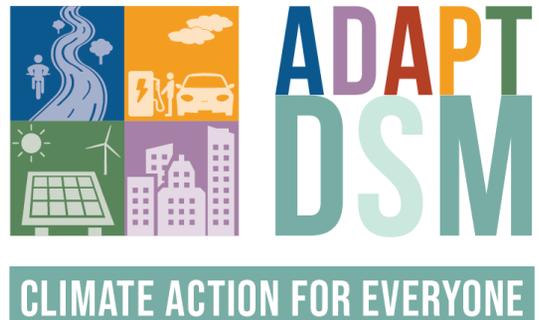


[NoCoast Beer Co.](#), out of Oskaloosa, IA, achieved the [Iowa Green Brewery Certification's](#) Platinum award. NoCoast Beer Co. surpassed their bronze-level certification and is now the fourth Iowa brewery to ever earn a Platinum level achievement.

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Announcements

IWRC's Jennifer Trent to serve on the Des Moines Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Technical Advisory Group (TAG)



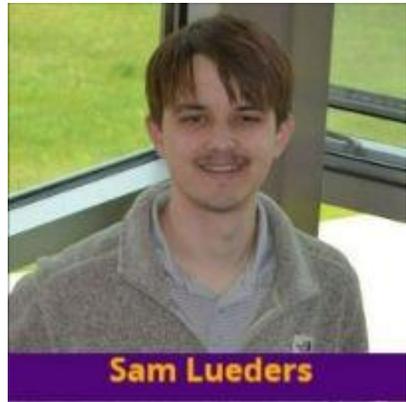
The [City of Des Moines](#) is developing its first [Climate Action & Adaptation Plan](#) to address greenhouse gas emissions and help the community become more resilient to the effects of climate change.

To leverage the expertise of Des Moines' City staff, community members, and partners, the City is organizing a Technical Advisory Group comprised of subject matter experts who will provide guidance during plan development. The [Iowa Waste Reduction Center's](#) Jennifer Trent was invited to participate due to her expertise in waste management and reduction strategies and opportunities.

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IWRC Welcomes New Environmental Intern



The IWRC is excited to welcome Sam Lueders to our team! Sam is a senior at the [University of Northern Iowa](#) studying [environmental science](#) and is the IWRC's environmental intern. In his role, Sam assists all IWRC programs with research, writing, and data management for the [air quality](#), [food waste](#), [energy efficiency](#), and [green brewery programs](#).

"What interested me [about the IWRC](#) is the variety and scope of assistance and guidance they provide for businesses all across the state," Sam said. "It is evident that the IWRC has a goal in mind and is willing to help provide support in whatever way they can. I hope that I can learn how to apply what I've already learned and knowledge I am gathering along the way to advance my understanding of the environmental sciences as a whole."

Outside of work, Sam enjoys a variety of hobbies such as being around friends and family, playing basketball, or catching up on my favorite tv shows.

We are happy to have Sam a part of our team!

Industry News

| Recycling |

[Bottle bill reform heads to Iowa governor](#)

(ResourceRecycling)

| Food Waste |

[A Novel Way to Prevent Food Waste and Up-cycle Fruit](#)

(Forbes)

| Sustainability |

[All 'forever chemicals' detected in Iowa drinking water exceed new safety advisories](#)

(Iowa Capital Dispatch)

| Waste Reduction |

[Upcycled Certification gain traction in first year of launch](#)

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