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ALTERNATIVE FUTURES FOR IOWA AGRICULTURE



If the farms were designed to protect the ecological health of streams and the Gulf of Mexico as well as producing food, what might Iowa look like?

According to the results of many scientific studies across several disciplines, cleaning up Iowa's waterways and protecting its biodiversity would require significant changes in land use—from buffer strips along streams, to large scale increases in perennial crops. But what would this look like, and how would rural residents and farmers feel about these changes? This is the crucial question addressed by Joan Iverson Nassauer and colleagues in From the Corn Belt to the Gulf: Societal and Environmental Implications of Alternative Agricultural Futures. Dr. Nassauer is professor of natural resources and environment at the University of Michigan, where she specializes in the relationship between landscape ecology and public perceptions of ecological design and planning.



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