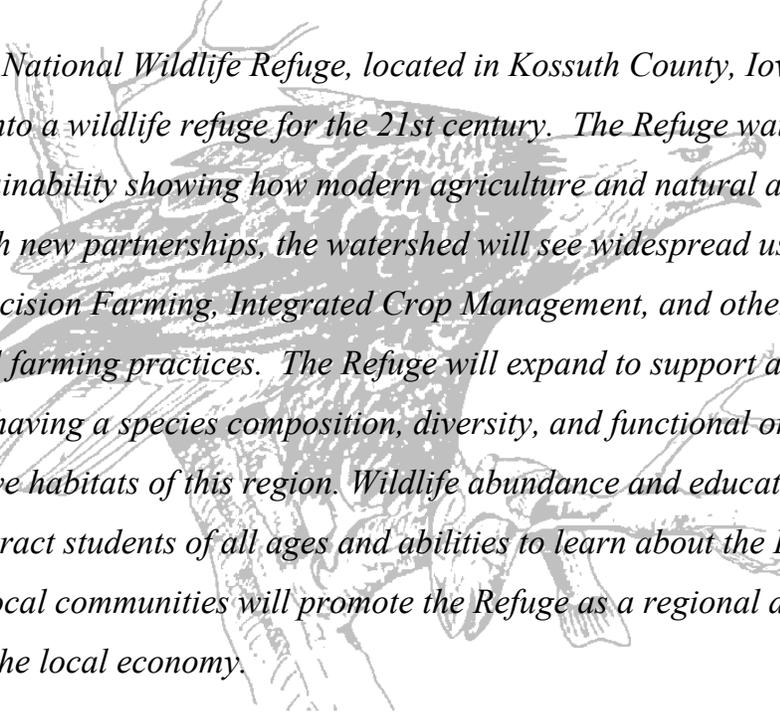


*A Vision for Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge:*

..... ***Watershed, Partners, and Wildlife***

*Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge, located in Kossuth County, Iowa, will soon be transformed into a wildlife refuge for the 21st century. The Refuge watershed will become a model of sustainability showing how modern agriculture and natural areas can thrive side by side. Through new partnerships, the watershed will see widespread use of Best Management Practices, Precision Farming, Integrated Crop Management, and other conservation and environmental farming practices. The Refuge will expand to support and maintain a community of organisms having a species composition, diversity, and functional organization comparable to that of native habitats of this region. Wildlife abundance and educational opportunities will increase to attract students of all ages and abilities to learn about the Refuge watershed ecosystem. Local communities will promote the Refuge as a regional destination, which will contribute to the local economy.*



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