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# GRATEFUL TO **GIVE BACK**

November is the time of year to express gratitude. At MidAmerican Energy, we're thankful for our employees and the customers we serve day in and day out.

One of the ways we show appreciation is by giving back to our communities. Throughout the year, we had the opportunity to enhance outdoor recreation and support native wildlife with unique environmental projects. We are thankful these conservation efforts will help Iowa's rural areas continue to thrive.

## **BROWN'S LAKE RESTORATION**

Brown's Lake in Bigelow Park, Woodbury County, is back in full flow with some help from us. Dry conditions had reduced the 600-acre lake to less than half of its normal water level, despite our efforts of pumping in water from the nearby Missouri River after using it to cool an energy plant.

Working with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Woodbury County Conservation Board, we commissioned studies of the lake, which revealed that relocating our plant's pumped water outflow and increasing the amount of water used would dramatically improve the lake's water level and retention. We made the necessary adjustments, and in a matter of weeks, the water level had doubled.

Now, Brown's Lake teems with life once more, attracting swimmers, fishers, boaters and campers. Excess river water from our energy plant also supports an adjacent wetland and its wildlife.



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# NEW SOJOURN GROVE BAT CONSERVATION SITE

We are committed to minimizing and mitigating the impacts of our wind projects on wildlife. This spring, we acquired the 215-acre Sojourn Grove property in Lucas County, Iowa, as part of our ongoing Habitat Conservation Plan. To help sustain local bat populations in Sojourn Grove, we're partnering with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to remove invasive species, perform controlled burns and build artificial bat roost houses. This site adds to the 500 acres we've secured across Iowa for bat conservation, moving us closer to our 1,300-acre goal!

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## FALL INTO SAVINGS


It's time to start prepping for those colder months! Take care of these things now to save energy and money this winter!

- ▶ **Tune up your furnace before winter** – Do this now to ensure it will fire up when you need it most.
- ▶ **Use a smart thermostat** – Optimize your temperature settings from anywhere via your smartphone.
- ▶ **Weatherize your home for winter** – Fall is a great time to check weather stripping and fill in all gaps and cracks to keep the warm air in and the cool air out!
- ▶ **Take our free HomeCheck Online assessment** – Check in each month to see your home energy use and get custom tips on ways to save! Visit [MidAmericanEnergy.com/homecheck](https://MidAmericanEnergy.com/homecheck).

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## I CARE

MidAmerican Energy's I CARE program helps community action agencies provide assistance with heating bills and home weatherization to local customers in need. For every \$1 donated, we contribute an additional 25 cents. When you donate, your contribution is directed to a community action agency in your area.

This year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023), customers contributed over \$156,000 to help people across our service area. You can make a tax-deductible contribution online or by marking your donation amount in the I CARE box on your bill stub and adding your donation to your bill payment. Find more information or donate online by visiting [MidAmericanEnergy.com/assistance](https://MidAmericanEnergy.com/assistance). 

## LAND DONATION FOR PUBLIC CONSERVATION

We will donate a 35-acre parcel in Woodbury County to Iowa's Department of Natural Resources for public conservation. To support local wildlife and pollinators, we graded and seeded the land with over 60 species of native wildflowers and grasses.

Next spring, when the grasses grow, flowers bloom and wildlife moves in, Iowans will have another wonderful recreational area to enjoy.