BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE LEADERS:

FARMERS



Mark and Connie Tjelmeland

McCallsburg, lowa

Over the years, Mark and Connie Tjelmeland have prioritized our natural resources and climate through various conservation practices on their farm near McCallsburg, lowa.

OPFRATION



Practices extended rotation



Established 5 acres of pollinator habitat with 70 species



Seeds grassed waterways



Uses minimum tillage



Conducts late spring nitrate testing



Side-dresses nitrogen on their corn



CLEAN ENERGY

Mark sees renewable energy as an important part of his role in addressing our changing climate, so he installed solar panels to generate energy for his home and farm.

COST SAVINGS OF CONSERVATION



I wish more farmers were aware of how conservation practices could benefit their operations. -Mark Tjelmeland

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



I am concerned about the ways that our changing climate will affect my grandchildren and future generations. I see conservation practices as a moral choice, but also a practical one. -Mark Tjelmeland

