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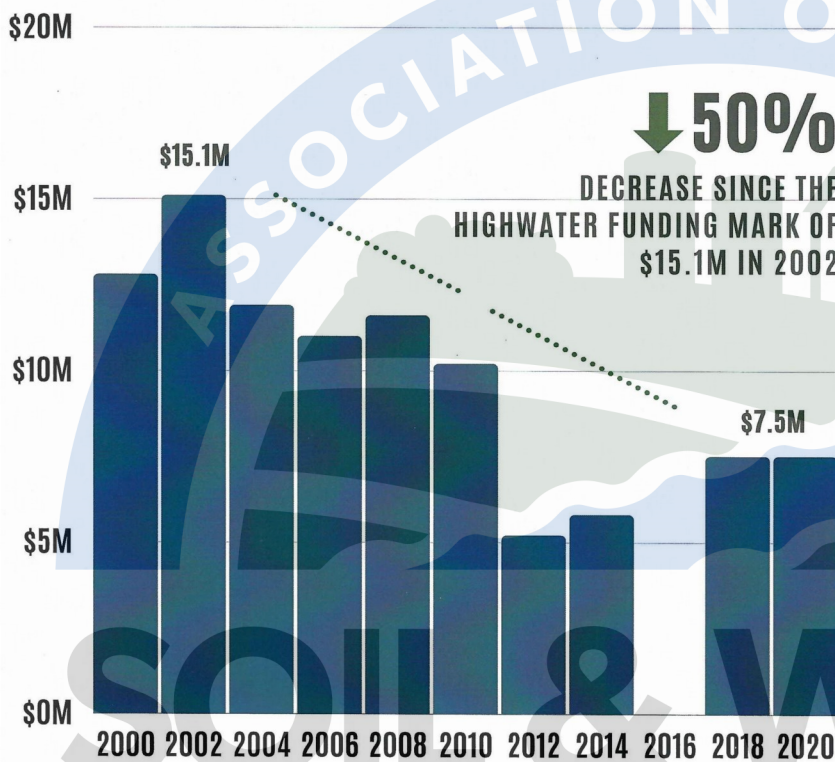
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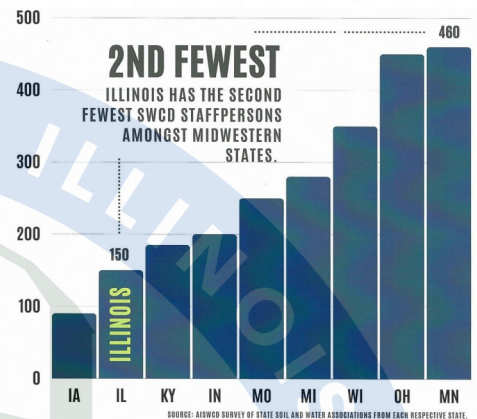
CHALLENGES AHEAD

After a whole year of a pandemic, we are all struggling to return to a normal life. But as we return to a new normal, there has never been a better time to adapt our lifestyles to protect our soil and water systems for a sustainable future! RISWCD has continued to operate and provide the technical and financial assistance and educational outreach to the community throughout these hard times and we will continue to do so. We are here for you and while our office remains closed to the public, we are working hard to provide the conservation services that the residents of Rock Island County rely on. But, we need your support! Please visit our website for a link to E-ACTION - a quick way to send support for legislation to increase funding for SWCDs through 2027. SWCDs make Illinois more resilient to the impacts of changing climates and are the "boots on the ground" leading local efforts in conservation and providing the infrastructure for the delivery of state and federal conservation programs to support clean water and healthy soils. A big thanks to all our partners, sponsors, and customers that support our efforts throughout the year!

FUNDING HAS DECREASED AS DEMAND FOR CONSERVATION AND THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OF SWCDs CONTINUES TO INCREASE.



NOTE: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATED AN ADDITIONAL ONE TIME \$6M IN 2017 IN RESPONSE TO NO FUNDING IN 2016.



DID YOU KNOW?

\$4.5M
ILLINOIS' SWCD OPS FUNDING SUPPORT
(ROUGHLY \$41,500.00 PER DISTRICT)

+ 1,000 % ROI
(RETURN ON INVESTMENT)

\$51M
FEDERAL FARM BILL PROGRAM DOLLARS
SWCDs HELPED DELIVER THIS YEAR ALONE
SOURCE: USDA-NRCS AT-A-GLANCE FY2020

WHERE ELSE CAN YOU GET AN ROI LIKE THAT?

\$7.7M = 1997 SWCD FUNDING LEVELS
\$7.5M = 2020 SWCD FUNDING LEVELS

ABOUT US....

Rock Island County SWCD Leadership

Elected Directors:

Gary Blanchard (Chairman)
Christine Nordick (Vice-Chair) *Newly elected
Nathan Oak (Treasurer/Secretary) *Re-Elected
Brian Parkinson
Julie Voelker *Re-Elected

Associate Directors:

Sally Ferguson
Marcus Thomas
Bob Westpfahl, County Board Rep

Conservation Team

Rich Stewart - Resource Conservationist
Dawn Temple - Administrator
Joe Gates - Conservation Specialist
Kayli Puig - Admin Assistant

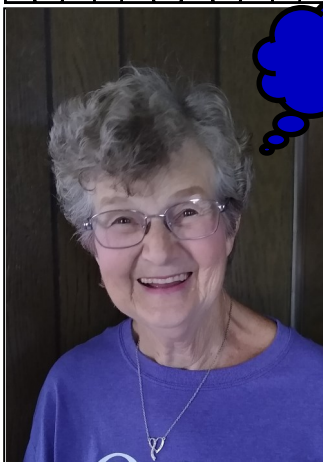


NEW FACES

Kayli Puig joined the RISWCD as an intern in the summer of 2020, but has since been hired as a part-time administrative assistant. She's a Quad Cities native, who graduated from Augustana College in 2020 with a Bachelor's degree in History. During her summer internship, she helped restructure the RISWCD's filing system. She also took on the role of amateur archivist when she collected and organized the district's old photographs, film slides, and newspaper clippings-- some of which dated back to the 1960's. Now, she helps the RISWCD fulfill an administrative partnership with NRCS. She considers herself a city girl; but over the past year, she's picked up on the basics of farming and conservation-- thanks to explanations from her patient co-workers. When she isn't in the RISWCD office, she's working as a Senior Clerk at the Davenport Public Library. She's grateful that both jobs allow her to serve her community and build a better future. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, listening to NPR, and rewatching her favorite movies.



RISWCD Board & staff send a special thanks to Twila Cederstrom, who recently resigned from the Board of Directors after 7 years of dedicated service. She always had a smile (and usually yummy treats) to share at our meetings. We appreciate her kindness and commitment to providing oversight to our operations over the years!



Thank you for allowing me to be a member of the Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District Board for the past 7 years. I was asked to put my name on the ballot and thought it would be an interesting position and that I could learn more of what our District was doing to conserve our soil. Since I had worked across the hall from these people for almost 25 years at the Farm Service Agency in Rock Island County, they definitely weren't strangers and neither was the SWCD Agency. I really didn't know much about all the projects they were involved with in the county and thought it would be a good opportunity to learn and work with some great people in the process. I have enjoyed serving as a board member and attending the meetings, keeping in touch with my old job as well as my new one, as a board member. I guess it was my way of still going to the old office but not actually having to go to work daily. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve on the board. ~Twila Cederstrom

CONSERVATION SUCCESS STORIES

WANT TO BE A S.T.A.R. FARMER?



S.T.A.R. is a free state-wide tool to assist farm operators and landowners in evaluates their nutrient and soil loss management practices on individual fields. The S.T.A.R. evaluation system assigns points for each cropping, tillage, nutrient application, and soil conservation activity on individual fields.

In 2020 six Rock Island County farmers on 229 acres rated their field. Three earned a Three-Star rating and three meet the Four-Star level. **S.T.A.R** stands for **S**aving **T**omorrow's **A**gricultural **R**esources and is a practice-based evaluation system that allows producers to rate their individual fields on a one to five Star rating system. The S.T.A.R. rating is science based, locally developed, and very straight forward. It only takes five to ten minutes to fill out a S.T.A.R. form. From the information provided, SWCD staff can calculate the One to Five star rating for any field the farmer wishes to use. This spring, each producer that completes a S.T.A.R. form will receive a free sign that they can display at the field indicating their level of achievement. For more information about S.T.A.R and how to sign up, contact the SWCD office.

THE USE OF NO-TILL AND STRIP-TILL BY S.T.A.R. FARMERS ACCOUNTED FOR 3,374 TRUCKLOADS OF SEDIMENT KEPT OUT OF ILLINOIS WATERWAYS, OVER 15,000 POUNDS OF PHOSPHORUS KEPT IN THE FIELD AND THE CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT OF REMOVING 6,730 PASSENGER CARS FROM THE ROAD FOR A FULL YEAR.

MAXIMIZING IMPACT OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

In Rock Island, multiple organizations have come together to implement a stormwater project in the downtown, historic, Broadway District. The Broadway District neighborhood sits at the foot of the Hauberg Estate and experiences runoff causing erosion and flooding in summer and ice in the winter. The Friends of Hauberg Civic Center Foundation, the City of Rock Island, and Rock Island Soil & Water Conservation District are collaborating to recreate the retention pond system and native landscaping that was originally created by Jens Jensen, a pioneer in native landscape architecture and conservation.

Together, these groups are bringing back the features that mitigate runoff to the Broadway neighborhood on 21st, 22nd, and 23rd streets north of the estate.

This restoration/runoff mitigation project will restore the original landscaping at a cost of about \$35,000. RISWCD provided cost-share funding through Illinois' Partners for Conservation fund for the construction and installation of the rain gardens and basins. This project will create a landscape that is over 90% native plants, trees, and shrubs. In addition, it includes a spring and series of five ponds/rain gardens that will regulate runoff down the hillside of the estate. The construction portion on the lower 3 basins is complete and over 1,000 native plants will be added in the spring of 2021. Once completed, the City of Rock Island will be able to identify any additional runoff problems in the neighborhood. While this project will not solve all the stormwater issues, it will help the entire Broadway neighborhood and improve the Hauberg Estate, mansion and gardens; a beautiful historic cultural amenity in the Quad Cities and one of Jensen's few remaining sites in the U.S.



CONSERVATION SALES

ALL SALES SUPPORT CONSERVATION IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY!

2021 SPRING TREE SALE



PRE-ORDER ONLINE by April 9th

www.rockislandswcd.org/trees.php

3 Gallon Conservation Grade Trees

Varieties include:

Pecan, American Chestnut, Black Walnut, American Elm, Red Maple, Norway Spruce, White Pine, White Oak, Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, N. Red Oak, Shingle Oak, Wild Black Cherry, Tulip Tree, Sweetgum, Witchhazel, Ninebark, Redbud, American Hazelnut, Elderberry, Downey Serviceberry, Black Chokeberry & Gray Dogwood

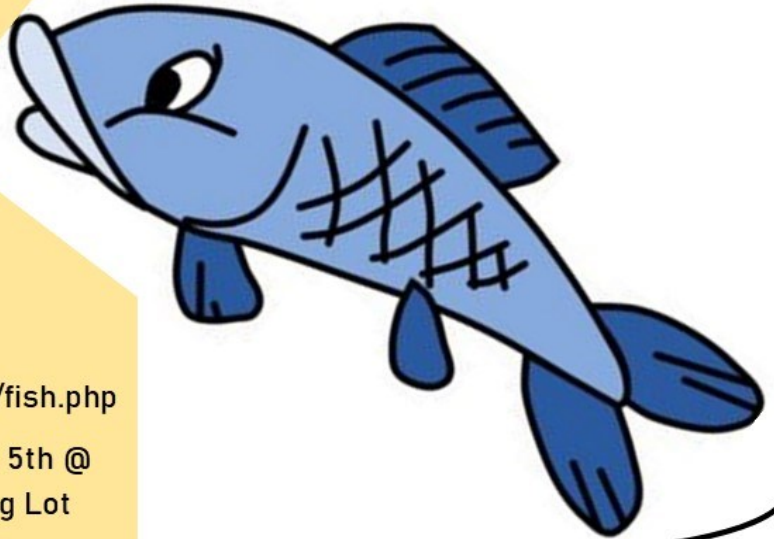
Shady Ecoscape Mix: 1-gallon size plugs including: 1 Pennsylvania Sedge, 1 Gray's Sedge, 1 Christmas Fern, 1 Royal Fern, 1 Culver's Root & 2 bare root seedlings of each: Aromatic Sumac & Buttonbush
\$60

SALE QUESTIONS: (309) 764-1486 x 3
OR
Info@rockislandswcd.org

**PICK-UP: April 22nd & 23rd, 2021 9 am-5 pm
QCCA EXPO CENTER - NORTH HALL**

CONSERVATION SALES

FISH SALE Spring 2021



Order Online:

www.rockislandswcd.org/fish.php

PICK-UP: Wednesday May 5th @
QCCA Expo Center Parking Lot



Varieties include:

- Aromatic Aster
- Big Bluestem
- Black-Eyed Susan
- Blue Grama
- Blue Wild Indigo
- Bottle Gentian
- Bottlebrush Grass
- Butterfly Milkweed
- Button Blazing Star
- Cardinal Flower
- Columbine
- Common Blue-Eyed Grass
- Culver's Root
- Drummond's Aster
- False Aster
- Fireweed
- Foxglove Beardtongue
- Goat's Rue
- Great Blue Lobelia
- Indian Grass
- Jacob's Ladder
- Junegrass
- Lead Plant
- Prairie Blazing Star
- Prairie Milkweed
- Pussytoes
- Rattlesnake Master
- Royal Catchfly
- Spider Milkweed
- Virginia Bluebells
- Wild Bergamot
- Plus many more!

Rock Island
County Soil & Water
Conservation District

2021

www.rockislandswcd.org/plant.php

Native Plant Sale

50 native varieties available!
Grown locally—\$3.50 each
Order by: May 15th
Pick-Up:
5/27 & 5/28



Thanks to QCCA for hosting
our spring tree and fish sales
once again.

CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Do you have farmland that is always flooded or inundated with frequent wet conditions that make it difficult to farm? Consider these two options:

Option 1: Continuous CRP or Conservation Reserve Program where annual payments are made to the owner for a 10 year contract. The landowner can sign-up for the following practices:

- CP23 or 23A - Wetland Restoration on Floodplain and Nonfloodplain,
- CP9 -Shallow Water Areas, or
- CP31 -Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands

****A producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to submitting the offer, unless: • The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death; • The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law; or • The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.*

In return for establishing long-term, resource-conserving covers, FSA provides annual rental payments at 90 percent of the existing rate to eligible CRP continuous participants based on per acre cropland and marginal pasture land rental rates determined by FSA. Eligible Land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity four of the six crop years from 2012 to 2017 and is physically and legally capable of being planted (no planting restrictions due to an easement or other legally binding instrument) in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Certain marginal pastureland that may be devoted to riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, or wetland buffers is also eligible. Contact our office or the Farm Service Agency for more details.

Option 2:

NRCS also provides technical and financial assistance directly to private landowners and Indian tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands through the purchase of a wetland reserve easement. The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) helps landowners, land trusts, and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands, grasslands, and working farms and ranches through conservation easements. Under the Agricultural Land Easements component, NRCS helps to restore, protect and enhance enrolled wetlands. Landowners receive a one-time payment for converting cropland and non-cropland back to wetlands. Any offer must have a minimum of 50% cropland in order to be considered. Contact NRCS for more details.



WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE
Registration Open!

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CRP Mid-Contract Management and CRP Maintenance is Required!

Participants in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are responsible for maintaining the acreage under contract to the minimum specifications and acreages as required by their conservation plan and supporting documents. This includes not only controlling excessive weeds, invasive species, and removal of trees in grass practices, but also completing required management on CRP practices as scheduled in your plan such as prescribed burning, mowing, or inter-seeding. Please contact our office or Mercer County Farm Service Agency with questions. FSA/NRCS now require 100% checks on all contracts.

You are invited to the 2021 Women in Agriculture Conference! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are still unable to meet in person but are excited to offer our first ever Virtual Conference! The best part? **Registration is FREE!** Registration opens March 1, and is available on Rock Island County Farm Bureau website:

<http://www.womeninagricultureconference.com/register.php>

CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

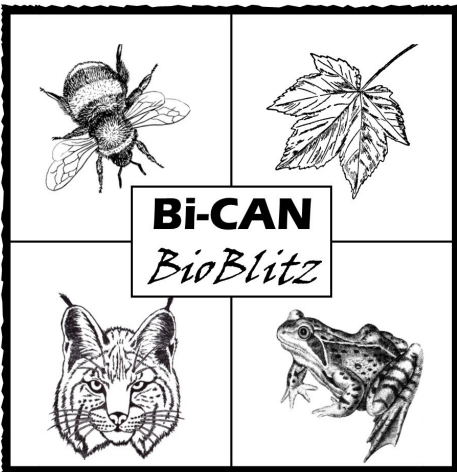
We are now accepting applications for the Partners for Conservation (PFC) program! PFC is a state funded cost-share program administered through the Soil and Water Conservation District. PFC provides cost-share assistance at 60% rate for the construction of projects that promote soil conservation and protect water quality, reduce soil erosion and improve water quality, and reduce potential groundwater pollution. Eligible conservation practices in the Partners for Conservation program include:

- Filter Strips
- Diversions
- Grade Stabilization Structures
- Grassed Waterways
- Hayland and Pasture Planting
- Water and Sediment Control Basins
- Terraces
- No-till and Strip-till Planting
- Cover Crops
- Temporary Cover
- Critical Area Planting
- Rain Gardens
- Well Decommissioning



Construction may begin once applications have been approved by the Rock Island County SWCD, surveying of the site has been done, and designs have been completed. When construction is finished and a check-out of the project has been conducted, bills need to be turned into RISWCD for payment on the project. If you have a resource concern or are interested in trying out cover crops, please call our office to start the application process.

Bi-State Conservation Action Network (Bi-CAN)



*Sunderbruch Park
June 25-26, 2021*

Bi-State Conservation Action Network is a committee of conservation professionals from various organizations who are interested in collaborating on educational events and networking in the Quad Cities community. Both Rich Stewart and Dawn Temple participate on this committee. In collaboration with the Guardians of the Prairie & Forest, Bi-CAN will be hosting a BioBlitz from 2pm on June 25th until 2 pm on June 26th at Sunderbruch Park & Fairmont Cemetery in Davenport.

A bio-blitz is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area. Groups of scientists, naturalists and volunteers conduct an intensive field study over a 24 hour continuous period. If you are interested in participating, contact our office! More details coming soon.

Follow us on facebook to stay up to date on all our activities!

“From every conceivable angle - economic, social, cultural, public health, national defense - the conservation of natural resources is an objective on which all should agree.”
~ Hugh Hammond Bennett, American conservationist & founder of NRCS

CONSERVATION NEWS

ATTENTION COPPERAS CREEK WATERSHED LANDOWNERS : WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT CONSERVATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Best Management Practices available at 60% cost-share include Streambank Stabilization projects, Saturated Buffer, Bioreactors, WASCOBs, Grassed Waterway, and Dry Dams. Apply by March 31st for priority consideration. If you have natural resource concerns on your property and are interested in signing up please visit our website for more information and the application form.

www.rockislandswcd.org/copperas-creek-watershed.php

COPPERAS CREEK UPDATE

Project work is currently at a standstill due to the harsh weather, but behind the scenes, things are active. So far, two streambank projects have been completed, but many more are ready to begin as weather permits. Staff has been busy with updating our ranking spreadsheet from Round 2 sign-ups, quarterly grant reports required by IEPA, turning surveys that were completed last fall into designs with cost-estimates, landowner outreach, and preparing a spring nutrient stewardship workshop. This is the final year for the current grant with all projects to be completed by November, so we have a lot of work ahead in 2021. We are still accepting applications for financial assistance on conservation projects within the watershed until March 31, 2021. This is the final sign-up period that will be offered. Visit our website for details on available BMPs and download an application or call our office and speak to Rich. The Copperas Creek Steering Committee recently met with RISWCD staff and project engineers to hear progress on the current grant. Staff provided input and thoughts on applying for a new grant for Copperas Creek in 2021 (for implementation projects to be completed 2023 - 2024). Additionally, input on goals and BMP's to consider for the new grant were discussed. The committee indicated interest for the District to move forward with a new application with some changes and suggested sending a survey to landowners/operators to get some updated feedback to help guide us as we determine "where do we go from here?"

The survey was recently sent out to all known landowners and operators in Copperas Creek watershed. The survey asks for input on the top three resource concerns in their area and their interest on several hot topics including soil health and nutrient management. If you live in the Copperas Creek Watershed and did not get a survey to fill out, contact our office and request a survey either by mail or email.

As part of our education strategy, we will be hosting a Nutrient Stewardship Forum on March 24th from 1-3 pm at Reynolds Legion (see flyer next page) Our goal is to develop a shared understanding of soil health practices and nutrient management techniques, provide an overview of what work has been done to address the issue at a collective level in Illinois, establish a picture of available opportunities and techniques being developed, and gain a high-level commitment and support to progress further work as a collective in Rock Island County.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Received \$180K grant from IEPA

2 Streambank Stabilization Projects completed

Held BMPy Ride Conservation Field Tour

Held Forestry Management Workshop @ Loud Thunder Forest Preserve

Approval of USACE Silver Jacket Flood Study Grant

Created new website page



CONSERVATION NEWS

DON'T MISS THIS FREE EVENT TO LEARN HOW SOIL HEALTH CAN MAKE YOU MONEY!

Did you know that NRCS has a program that will provide financial assistance for the development of a Nutrient Management Plan? Nutrient management Conservation Activity Plans are fundable through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The plan must be developed by a Technical Service Provider and approved by NRCS to be eligible for funding.

The nutrient management plan will serve as a document of record establishing how nutrients will be managed for plant production while addressing resource concerns, including the offsite movement of nutrients. The plans will be developed in collaboration with the producer and are designed to help the producer implement and maintain an effective plan for the application of nutrients from available sources.

If you're interested in finding out more info, you can contact your local NRCS office or attend the Nutrient Stewardship Forum sponsored by the Rock Island SWCD on March 24 at the Reynolds American Legion from 1-3pm.



RISWCD Nutrient Stewardship Forum

Rock Island County Soil & Water Conservation District in partnership with USDA-NRCS invites you to participate in an important discussion about how incorporating soil health and nutrient reduction strategies will not only support the longevity of the land, but also have a positive impact on profitability.

Title: RISWCD Nutrient Stewardship Forum

Venue: Reynolds American Legion—501 N. Main St., Reynolds, IL

Date: Wednesday, March 24th, 2021 from 1 - 3 pm



The Forum Aims To:

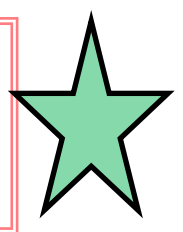
- DEVELOP** a shared understanding of soil health practices & nutrient management techniques.
- PROVIDE** an overview of what work has been done.
- ESTABLISH** a picture of opportunities and innovation.
- GAIN** high level commitment & support to progress further work as a collective in Rock Island County.

To Register:
<https://nsf21.eventbrite.com>
****RSVP by Monday 3/22****
We will be raffling off free Haney Soil tests!
Refreshments provided



****Max Capacity per Illinois Guidelines is 50 people. This event is free, but please register in advance so we can plan accordingly.****



CONTACT JOE GATES OR WYATT JUNIS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS OR OTHER SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES AVAILABLE UNDER THE EQIP PROGRAM SUCH AS COVER CROPS, FIELD BORDERS AND ROTATIONAL GRAZING. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU ENHANCE YOUR FARM WITH CONSERVATION!



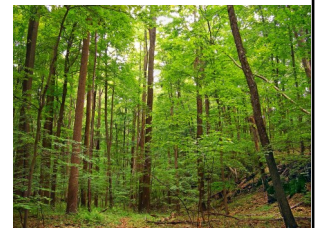
PARTNER UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTNERS OF SCOTT COUNTY WATERSHED	NAHANT MARSH
<p>4/20 - Monthly Forum—Streambank Restoration NOON to 1 pm via Zoom</p> <p>Streambanks can erode and cause flooding and water quality issues. Whether this is from natural and man-made causes, there are ways to stabilize the banks and prevent further degradation. Judy Joyce with Impact 7G will share her experiences with streambank restoration projects. She will discuss the basic steps involved in beginning a restoration project and provide examples of projects that Impact 7G has completed. Register at: www.partnersofscottcountywatersheds.org</p> <p>5/4 - Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring 8am—12pm @ Davenport Public Works/Various Sites</p> <p>Save the date for the spring Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring event! Volunteers will be put in groups to monitor 61 watershed sites around Scott County. The testing equipment is easy to use, and volunteers will enjoy a morning outdoors and FREE LUNCH upon their return. This is a great way to learn about water quality criteria and testing procedures! Check the website for details. www.xstreamcleanup.org/upcoming-events</p> 	<p>4/3 - Nature Hike 9 -10 am @ Nahant Marsh</p> <p>Join a Naturalist for an interpretive trail walk through the Marsh. Hikes are offered year-round on the first Saturday of the month and give visitors an opportunity to learn more about the diverse flora and fauna of this unique natural area. Donations go towards our public education programs. Please sign up through our events calendar at www.nahantmarsh.org</p> <p>5/1 - Spring Clean-Up 9 am—11:30 am @ Nahant Marsh</p> <p>Join Nahant Marsh staff for our annual Spring Cleanup! We will have opportunities for many age levels and abilities. Volunteer jobs will include light trash pickup along the marsh drive and on Wapello Ave., heavy duty debris clean-up around our adjacent properties, and invasive species removal. Gloves, trash bags, litter tongs, and water will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants/sleeves, close-toed shoes, bug spray, sunscreen, and hat. Register at: www.xstreamcleanup.org/upcoming-events or through Facebook.</p> 

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

Forestry Spring Webinar Series: Just in time for spring, the Illinois Extension Forestry team will lead a six-session webinar series for woodland owners on Wednesdays starting March 24 at 2pm. Registration is required for these free webinars at go.illinois.edu/SpringForestry.

1. Crop Tree Management
2. Tree Planting Basics
3. Get Lost: How to Navigate in the Back Country
4. Identification & Management of Herbaceous Invasive Plants
5. Safe Use of Herbicide in Natural Settings
6. Providing Suitable Woodland Habitat for Secretive Creatures—Bats, Snakes & Salamanders



3/30 - Rural Pond Management Webinar

With more than 40 years of natural resources and water management experience between them, Extension Educators Duane Friend and Jay Solomon will cover how to keep ponds healthy and beautiful. Topics include outside influences, water supply and quality, maintenance, weed and algae management, control of tree and brush on dams, sediment build-up and more. Guest presenter Blake Ruebush, a Fisheries Biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, will discuss how to best manage fish populations including when and how to stock fish in new or existing ponds. Those with ponds will learn how to overcome existing problems and prevent problems and anyone looking to build a pond will learn how to avoid many common problems. Register online at go.illinois.edu/farmpond

4/22 - Vermicomposting Bin Make-n-Take

In this make-n-take workshop, you'll learn about vermicomposting; using worms to decompose organic food waste, turning the waste into a nutrient-rich material for use in your garden and potted plants. You will go home with a vermicomposting bin, one lb. of red wiggler composting worms and instructions on how to care for and maintain your worm bin throughout the year. Register by April 9 to reserve your spot. \$15 per person at go.illinois.edu/FoodRescue

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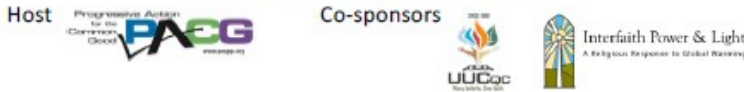


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Join our virtual Happy Hour on April 25th from 5 to 6 pm for a panel discussion with soil conservation experts about the film and actions we need to take to regenerate the soil.

RSVP at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lf-yurzwrHdJhkB41_sGDcVbeuOY0dVI



2021 Earth Day Celebration Restore Our Earth

Watch **Kiss the Ground**, an award-winning documentary film on how regenerating the soil can stabilize the climate, restore the ecosystem and create an abundant food supply.

Beginning April 1, sign up at <https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/featured-film-kit/> for a free link for free access to the film for viewing between April 10th to April 26th. This film can also be streamed on Netflix.

Look for us at the QCCA
Home & Garden Show

Friday April 30th Noon - 8 pm

Saturday May 1st 10am - 8pm

Sunday May 2nd 10 am - 4 pm

In celebration of Arbor Day we will be selling several varieties of native tree seedlings for \$1 each.

We will have lots of info on native plants and backyard conservation. Come see us!

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