

KNOX COUNTY SWCD

Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District
233 S. Soangetaha Road, Galesburg, IL 61401 ~ (309) 342-5138 ext. 3



Summer/Fall 2025

It is the belief of this organization that the Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District is to be the respected leader in education and motivating those innovators who conserve our natural resources for the present and future generations.

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(above) Active management has taken place on this Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract for this upland bird habitat (cp38E-2) in Knox County. Contact the Farm Service Agency to inquire about this practice on your farm. Orange Township. July 2025.

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IL SWCD Funding Update

IL SWCDs are running on a state FY 2001 funding budget!

Recent history of SWCD State Funding for Knox Co. SWCD Operations income has been...

- ◇ FY17—\$38,374.23 received January 2017
- ◇ FY18—\$39,730.24 received April 2018
- ◇ FY19—\$102,838.36 received partial in 4/2018 & 11/2019
- ◇ FY20—\$40,721.65 received April 2020
- ◇ FY21—\$40,721.65 received May 2021
- ◇ FY22—\$81,958.76 received May 2022
- ◇ FY23—\$81,958.76 received in June 2023
- ◇ FY24—\$81,958.76 received partial Feb. '24 & June '24
- ◇ FY25—\$43,990.00 received in June 2025
- ◇ FY26—\$43,990.00 in approved state budget, not released yet

SWCDs care for the natural resource needs of all of Illinois' 102 counties...Over 37M acres... Their creation was hastened by a public awakening to the ravages of soil erosion during the dust storms of the 1930's. The Knox County SWCD was formed July 27, 1944.

IL SWCDs are primarily funded through the IL Dept of Ag: Partners For Conservation (PFC) Grant line item. **Please contact your State Legislators to restore us to level funding from last year, our level for the past three years.**

Knox County State Legislators include:

- 36th District, Senator, Michael W. Halpin, 309.297.4483
RepHalpin@gmail.com
- 47th District, Senator Neil Anderson, 309.230.7584
senatorneilanderson@gmail.com
- 71th District, Representative Dan Swanson, 309.334.7474
swanson@ilhousegop.org
- 93rd District, Representative Travis Weaver, 217.782.8152,
travis@weaverforillinois.us
- 94th District, Representative Norine Hammond, 309.836.2707,
rephammond@macomb.com

Well Sealing Demonstration

Time: 10 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Location: 1656 Knox Hwy 17, Maquon, IL
Moffitt Property

(1.5 miles west of the Wolf Covered Bridge)
Haw Creek Township, Section 11



Learn about the risks posed by abandoned water wells, how to properly seal an abandoned well yourself, and how to apply for 75% cost-share assistance

(max \$500 per dug well sealed, \$850 per drilled well sealed)

Short presentations given by the

- Knox County Health Department—Sarah Willett
- Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) - Kara Downin
- Owner's experience—Justin Moffitt

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Office Staff



(left to right) Jennifer Delpierre, Kindra Pruett, Katie Ingle, Kara Downin, Emma Molburg, Nicole Miller, & Tim Blackwell

Knox County SWCD Staff

Katie Ingle, Administrative & Education Coordinator
Kara Downin, Resource Conservationist

NRCS Field Office Staff

(Knox, Warren, and Henderson Counties)
Kindra Pruett, (acting) District Conservationist
Jennifer Delpierre, Soil Conservationist
Emma Molburg, Soil Conservationist
Brandi Woolam, Natural Resource Specialist

Partners

Tim Blackwell, IDOA Conservation Planner
Evan Laws, PF Farm Bill Biologist
Regan Baker, NGRREC Land Conservation Specialist

NRCS Area Office

Nicole Miller, NRCS Program Support Assistant

Knox County SWCD Directors

George Cummings, Chairman
Brian Friedrich, Vice Chairman
Chris Bewley, Secretary
Dave Asbury, Treasurer
A.J. Harland, Director

Knox County SWCD Associate Directors

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Frank Hopkins | Tom Hoben |
| Bruce Pecenka | Ted Mottaz |
| Terry Leafgreen | Joan Whitney |
| Don Moffitt | Tyler Main |
| Monica Stevens | |

Field Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Appointments are encouraged,
as staff are often in the field.

Board meetings are typically held the third Wednesday of each month. Please call ahead to confirm meeting time. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Knox County SWCD Calendar

USDA BUILDING SCHEDULE

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| September 1 | Closed – Labor Day |
| October 13 | Closed – Columbus Day |
| November 11 | Closed – Veteran’s Day |
| November 27 | Closed – Thanksgiving |
| December 25 | Closed – Christmas Day |
| January 1 | Closed – New Year’s Day |
| January 19 | Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |

IMPORTANT DATES

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| August 20 | SWCD Board Meeting, 4 p.m. (Budget Hearing 3:45 p.m.) |
| September 6 | Monarch Migration Festival, 10 am—2:30pm, Lakeside Rec Center |
| September 17 | Fall Tree/Plant Sale order deadline |
| September 17 | SWCD Board meeting 7 p.m. |
| September 26 | Customer pick-up Trees/Plants 9am-3pm |
| October 3 | Grass Carp Sale order deadline |
| October 15 | Fish order deadline |
| October 15 | SWCD Board meeting 7 p.m. |
| October 24 | Fish sale order pick-up begins at 9am |
| November 19 | SWCD Board meeting 7 p.m. |
| December 17 | SWCD Board meeting 1 p.m., location TBD |
| January 21 | SWCD Board meeting 4:00 p.m. |
| January 21 | Open House/Election of Directors 7 a.m.—5:30 p.m. |

Board of Directors



Knox County SWCD Board of Directors:
(L to R) A.J. Harland, Brian Friedrich, Chris Bewley, George Cummings, Dave Asbury

Thank you!

The Knox County SWCD would like to thank all those that supported the District’s educational programs this past season by purchasing soil kits, fish, trees, native seed, and prairie plant plugs!
Your patronage is greatly appreciated!

Open House & Director Election January 21, 2026

The Knox County SWCD board will have an election of directors at an Open House on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 for two positions to be filled starting March 1, 2026. Any landowner or occupier of land in Knox County, age 18 or older, may vote. Elections will take place at the USDA Service Center from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

SWCD Accepting Director Nominations

The Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting nominations for three of five Director’s positions, for a two-year term of office.

Elections will be held from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at an Open House and General Election at the SWCD office, 233 South Soangetaha Rd, Galesburg, IL.

You are eligible to be a Director if you reside in Knox County or own land in Knox County. You must be of legal voting age.

The governing body of the SWCD consists of five elected Directors who shall be owners or occupiers of lands within the District. Their purpose is to carry out, in the public’s interest, the control/prevention of soil erosion, conservation of resources, and prevention of air/water pollution. Directors willingly give of their time to decide what natural resource and agriculture issues need to be addressed in Knox County, what action will be taken, and who is responsible for getting the work done. It is their duty to approve the budget for all funds, approve all payments made by the District, and provide for the annual audit. They have the responsibility for personnel management including job descriptions, performance standards, policies, as well as benefits, while providing direction, motivation, and guidance.

A Director will serve a minimum of a two-year term on the SWCD board, attend monthly board meetings, and participate and serve on committees. SWCD Directors also review, monitor, and supervise the finances, office personnel, and workload of the District; represent the SWCD, as time allows, at local, regional, state and national conservation affiliated events and meetings; and participate, as time allows, in regional and state affiliated organizations.

Selected nominees are required to prove eligibility by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2025 at the District office 233 S. Soangetaha Rd., Galesburg.

For more information about the responsibilities, or if you may be interested in running for one of the available positions, please call the office at 309-342-5138 ext. 3.



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Knox County SWCD FY2025 Activities
(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Sponsored Two 4-H Plaques - July 2024 (Gage Jurgensen –Natural Resources, no Forestry project was entered)

IDNR CREP Easement Monitoring (36 visits with landowners in the fall & 36 in the spring) – fall 2024 & spring 2025

Galesburg Noon Lion’s Club presentation (32 attended) – August 2024

80th Annual Meeting, Pollinator Habitat, Beekeeping (70 attended) – August 2024

NRCS Contribution Agreement for CRP work - (34 contracts, 330.57 acres)

5th Grade Knox County R.O.E. Outdoor Education Day (481 students) - September 2024

Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau 5th Grade Farm Safety Day (248 students) – September 2024

Extension 8th Grade Real World Fall Event (300 students) – November 2024

IDNR CREP Landowner Verification (108 landowners) – December 2024

Open House/Director Election (24 voters) – January 2025

Saturated Buffer presentation at Blackthorn Hill Annual Meeting – (13 attended) – March 2025

Extension 8th Grade Real World Spring Event (400 students from 7 schools) – March 2025

LUC 4 Envirothon High School Competition (Knoxville, ROWVA, Williamsfield) - April 2025

Awarded \$500 Sanford Scholarship (Addysen Link) - April 2025

Oak Tree Planting Initiative: AISWCD Forestry Committee and University of Illinois Extension – 25 oak trees at the Williamsfield Cemetery – (19 attended) – April 2025

Pheasants Forever 3rd & 4th Grade Pollinator Habitat Day Presented the Erosion Station (150 students Knoxville, ROWVA, Costa) – April 2025

“Stream table erosion” Presentation for 4th Grade Farm Bureau Ag Day for Kids (524 students) - April 2025

ISAP Batch and Build Grant (visited 51 outlets for site surveys) – April - June 2025

City of Galesburg Pre-School Touch a Truck - What’s in the soil? (est. 1000 attended) - May 2025

1st Grade Environmental Education Day (333 students Silas/King/Steele/Costa)) - May 2025

Farm to Table Dinner with Warren Co. SWCD – High Tunnel NRCS Presentation (38 attended) – June 2025

Natural Resource Information Reports & Letters for County Zoning (13 requests, covering 2,047.63 acres)

IDOA Partners For Conservation Cost-Share Program Projects Paid – 11 Well Sealings, 7 Water & Sediment Control Basins, 5.39 ac Pollinator Habitat created, 3.75 ac Critical Area Seeding planted, 307.4 ac Cover Crops planted

AISWCD Summer Conference attended – July 2024, ISWCDEA Winter Training attended - December 2024

SWCD Newsletters – August 2024 (mailed 1,206, emailed 381), January 2025 (mailed 1,208, emailed 383)

Sales: Spring & Fall Trees, Spring, Fall & Winter Fish, Native Seed Sale, Soil Kits, Plantskydd, and Spring Prairie Plant Plug Sale – (116 customers)

WGIL Radio Interviews – 5 interviews

Website – <https://knoxcountyilswcd.wixsite.com/knox> - 1450 hits (7/10/24 - 7/8/25)

Facebook – “Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District” – 446 Followers as of 7/18/2025, 27,457 views in FY25, 34,220 people who viewed our posts in FY25

| Knox County SWCD FY2025 Financial Report | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | TOTAL | | |
| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | OVER BUDGET |
| Income | | | |
| 4000 DNR CREP Reimbursements | 23,439.28 | 5,080.00 | 18,359.28 |
| 4100 IDOA Operations | 63,254.73 | 40,721.65 | 22,533.08 |
| 4200 NRCS Contribution Agreement | 27,590.73 | 28,000.00 | -409.27 |
| 4300 IDOA Program | 12,837.90 | 34,593.01 | -21,755.11 |
| 4400 Sales | 27,176.18 | 54,000.00 | -26,823.82 |
| 4800 Interest-1 | 4,900.90 | 1,200.00 | 3,700.90 |
| 4901 Reimbursements | 1,809.88 | 3,700.00 | -1,890.12 |
| 4903 Newsletter Advertising | 2,212.25 | 3,500.00 | -1,287.75 |
| 4904 Knox County Tax Levy | 4,752.83 | 5,100.00 | -347.17 |
| 4905 NRI Report/Letters | 48,576.50 | 39,000.00 | 9,576.50 |
| Total Income | \$216,551.18 | \$214,894.66 | \$1,656.52 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | \$24,662.34 | \$35,250.00 | \$ -10,587.66 |
| GROSS PROFIT | \$191,888.84 | \$179,644.66 | \$12,244.18 |
| Expenses | | | |
| 5100 PAYROLL EXPENSES | 111,032.48 | 108,205.20 | 2,827.28 |
| 5200 PROGRAM EXPENSE | 56,244.17 | 34,593.01 | 21,651.16 |
| 5250 EDUCATION AND PROMOTION | 3,203.81 | 2,700.00 | 503.81 |
| 5300 INSURANCE | 2,373.98 | 2,545.00 | -171.02 |
| 5400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 1,804.34 | 4,500.00 | -2,695.66 |
| 5420 Honararia and Awards | 625.00 | 800.00 | -175.00 |
| 6000 OFFICE EXPENSE | 755.81 | 2,020.00 | -1,264.19 |
| 6010 DELIVERY | 247.00 | 250.00 | -3.00 |
| 6030 DUES/PUBLICATIONS/SUBSCRIPTIONS | 4,815.56 | 7,500.00 | -2,684.44 |
| 6050 TRAVEL | 2,229.22 | 2,800.00 | -570.78 |
| 6051 MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT | 419.45 | 550.00 | -130.55 |
| 6060 CONFERENCES/TRAINING | 1,087.00 | 600.00 | 487.00 |
| 6150 VEHICLE EXPENSE | 2,708.18 | 500.00 | 2,208.18 |
| 7000 Balance Adjustments | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Christmas/Admin Pro Day | | 100.00 | -100.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$187,546.00 | \$167,663.21 | \$19,882.79 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | \$4,342.84 | \$11,981.45 | \$ -7,638.61 |
| NET INCOME | \$4,342.84 | \$11,981.45 | \$ -7,638.61 |

SWCD EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Knox County SWCD Sponsored the 4-H Best-of-Show Forestry Award!



Case Rice lives in Victoria, and he will be a 7th grader at ROWVA Junior High School this fall. He is a member of the Wataga Trailblazers 4-H Club. This is his 3rd year participating in 4-H. He chose to complete a Forestry project this year, based on his interest in trees and managing land. This is his first forestry project. This year his Natural Resource project, "Leafing Out", was about learning to identify different types of trees and what they are used for. He plans to put this learning to use in FFA, and helping his grandfather manage his property.

Congratulations Case, keep up the good work!

.... AND the 4-H Best-of-Show Natural Resources Award!



Hadley Darmer is 11 years old from Knoxville, Illinois. This is her second year as a member of the Wataga Trailblazers 4-H group. She loves being in 4H and has done several projects in different categories.

Her project this year, "Exploring your Environment" was about the Tundra. She used her creative side to make a biome in a box, equipped with lights and all!



Hadley loves the outdoors and stays busy with softball and dance. She is already looking forward to next year's projects and state fair in August.

Congratulations Hadley, keep up the good work!

Envirothon

In April we had 9 schools in Land Use Council 4 compete in the 2025 Envirothon High School competition.

The top 3 Teams were:
1st Place: Monmouth-Roseville FFA
2nd Place: Williamsfield FFA
3rd Place: West Prairie FFA



Knox County SWCD presents at the Knox County Farm Bureau's 4th Grade Ag Day for Kids

In April, Kara & Katie had extra helpers at the Knox County Fairgrounds with the new EmRiver Streambank Table to show over 520 4th grade students how erosion happens.

Thank you Knox Co. Farm Bureau for hosting and **Jakob Downin** and **Nicole Miller** for extra presentation help during the event!



Pheasants Forever: Youth Pollinator Event



Knox County SWCD assisted Pheasants Forever by presenting on runoff and soil erosion to over 135 third and fourth grade students from ROWVA, COSTA Catholic Academy, and Mable Woolsey this past April at Forever Fields at the junction of 180 and 167.

Knox County SWCD Presents at Janet Russell 1st Grade Environmental Days

The Knox County SWCD presented on Streams to Galesburg Area 1st Grade students. Over 330 students attended from Silas, King, Steele, and Costa. It was held in May at Lake Storey Park. Kara and Katie enjoyed teaching the 1st Grade Students about streams & what is living around us!



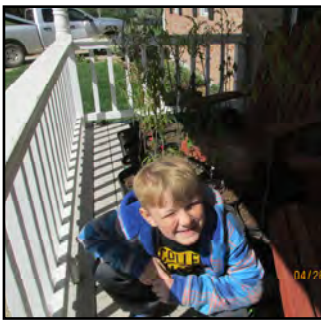
City of Galesburg's Touch-a-Truck!

Knox County SWCD attended the City of Galesburg's Touch-a-Truck event held at the Lake Storey Pavilion on May 1st, 2025. There were kids of all ages in attendance. Katie had set up a soil game for the kids to dig around in and try to search for different sized rocks and colorful hidden gems! Also in attendance was the Knox County Sheriff's department, the Fire Department, The Butterfly Lady, Animal Control, and Illinois Department of Transportation to name a few.



Photo courtesy of Dickerson Photography

4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM



Our little helper who relocated and watered the trees for a month before planting day, Joshua Downin

In April 2025, twenty-five oak trees were planted at the Williamsfield Cemetery as part of the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program, a partnership between Illinois 4-H and the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

This was our **fourth** year participating in this awesome opportunity and we look forward to 2026!

Volunteers included members of the Williamsfield Town & Country 4-H Club, Knox County Master Gardeners, Extension, and Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District!



Max and Frances Sanford Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Addysen Link for receiving the 2025 Max and Frances Sanford Memorial Scholarship, courtesy of the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Addysen is 18 years old and lives in Rio, Illinois with her parents Aaron and Katie Link and two younger sisters. She graduated from ROWVA High School and was active in 4-H, FFA, Federation, livestock judging, and sports. She plans to study Ag Business at Lakeland College while also being on the livestock judging team.

We wish Addy the best in her endeavors, and thank the family of Max and Frances Sanford for the opportunity to offer this annual scholarship!



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2025 Fall Fish Sale Order Form

Grass Carp Orders Due: October 3, 2025 All Other Orders Due: October 15, 2025

Pick-Up: Friday October 24, 2025 at 9 am at SWCD Office *please show up as soon as possible*

This is not an all-day event. Orders will be 1st come 1st served We will try to get everyone served as soon as possible.



| | Cost in bulk | Total Ordered | Total Cost |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Bluegill 1-2" | \$98 – 250 | | |
| Bluegill 3-5" | \$63 – 50 | | |
| Hybrid Bluegill 1-2" | \$98 – 250 | | |
| Hybrid Bluegill 3-5" | \$63 – 50 | | |
| Redear Sunfish 1-2" | \$102- 250 | | |
| Black Crappie 2-4" | \$100 – 100 | | |
| Largemouth Bass 3" | \$76 – 50 | | |
| Largemouth Bass 5-8" | \$182.50 – 50 | | |
| Channel Catfish 6-8" | \$68 – 50 | | |
| Grass Carp 10-14" | \$13 EACH | | |
| Fathead Minnows | \$10 per pound | | |
| Plantskydd (spray) | \$18 EACH | | |
| Plantskydd (powder) | \$35 EACH | | |
| Soil Test Kit – Lawn/Garden | \$52 EACH | | |
| Soil Test Kit – Food Plot | \$57 EACH | | |
| | | | Total: |

Please include payment with orders! Checks should be made out to KCSWCD.

Mail order forms to KCSWCD 233 S Soangetaha Road Galesburg, IL 61401

Questions?? Contact the office at 309-342-5138 ext. 3.

Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Phone: Email:

We now accept card payments through Square. A 4% processing fee will be added to order. Call 309-342-5138 ext. 3 with questions!

* Additional Information needed for Grass Carp Order Permits

Township Range Section County Owner Address of Pond Pond Size

ALL ORDERS OVER \$750 WILL BE DELIVERED AT NO CHARGE TO THE CUSTOMER!!

2025 Winter Fish Sale Order Form

Orders Due: November 5th, 2025

Pickup: November 14th, 2025 at 9 A.M.

Please make sure to show up at the start time



| | Cost individual | Total Ordered | Total Cost |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| Northern Pike 10-12" | \$26.00 | | |
| Tiger Muskie 10-12" | \$26.00 | | |
| Pure Muskie 10-12" | \$27.00 | | |
| Walleye 4-6" | \$1.85 | | |
| Walleye 5-7" | \$2.95 | | |
| Yellow Perch 3-5" | \$1.25 | | |
| Yellow Perch 5-7" | \$2.50 | | |
| Plantskydd (spray) | \$18 | | |
| Plantskydd (powder) | \$35 | | |
| Soil Tests | \$52 | | |
| | | | Total: |

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Congratulations to Cathy Froelich
on her retirement from NRCS
After 37 years of helping people help the
land!



Cathy was promoted to District Conservationist in 1991, where she led NRCS for the Knox, Warren, and Henderson Counties district group. Cathy was n't afraid to get her hands dirty, always willing to meet producers out in the field and work closely with them to meet their conservation goals. Her presence in the field and in the office will be missed by many, and we wish her the best in this next phase of her life!



Featured Conservation Practice
Saturated Buffer—Saturated Filter Strip

Saturated Buffers/Filter Strips improve water quality by reducing the nitrate loading to surface water from subsurface drain outlets. A tile line through a filter strip is intercepted with a water control box and then ran parallel to the creek within the filter strip to reintroduce the tile water to the soil profile. When/if the soil is fully saturated, the tile water runs back to the water control box and out the existing outlet. This practice is a lower-cost option to improving water quality and it is minimally invasive to farming operations.

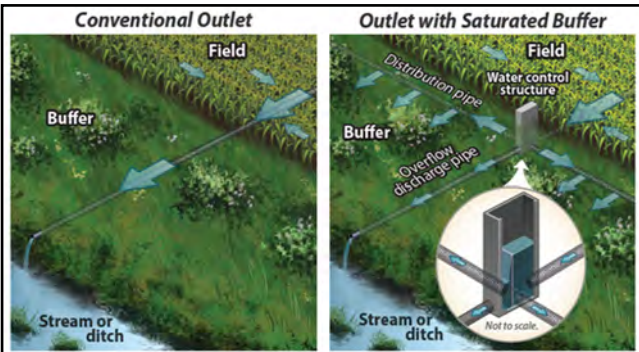
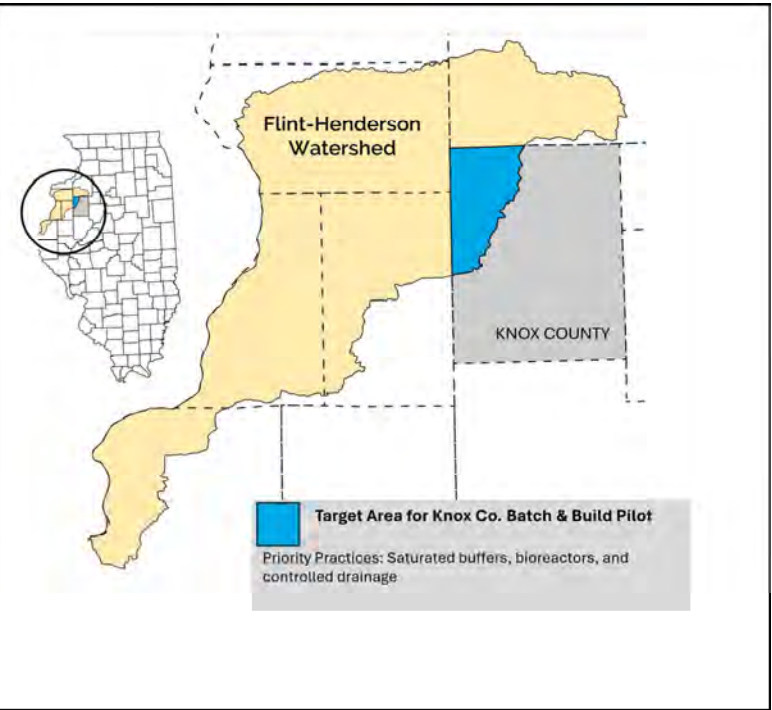
In conjunction with the Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership (ISAP), the Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is piloting a new conservation delivery model for tile treatment, or edge of field practices. This alternative delivery model will allow Knox County SWCD to identify, design, and install multiple edge of field practices in the northwest part of the county. Knox County SWCD will seek access permission from landowners, allowing the separate projects to be bid, awarded, and installed as one holistic project, resulting in faster conservation delivery. *Similar efforts in Polk County, Iowa resulted in over 50 practices installations in a single year!*

In Knox County, this pilot grant is focusing on projects in the northwest part of the county (sub-watersheds: Cedar Creek, South Henderson Creek, Henderson Creek and Pope Creek) for edge of field practices that target nitrate reduction. Practices include Saturated Buffers, Bioreactors, Drainage Water Management, and Constructed Wetlands. ISAP is covering these practices at 100% installation cost.

- A Saturated Buffer might work for you if you have
- ⇒ A well-defined ditch or stream channel
 - ⇒ A stream adjacent to flat land with 300 ft or more along the bank with elevation change of 3 ft or less
 - ⇒ Tile outlet(s) in this same area that drain at least 10 acres
 - ⇒ Organic matter of at least 1.2% in the top 2.5 ft of soil in this area.

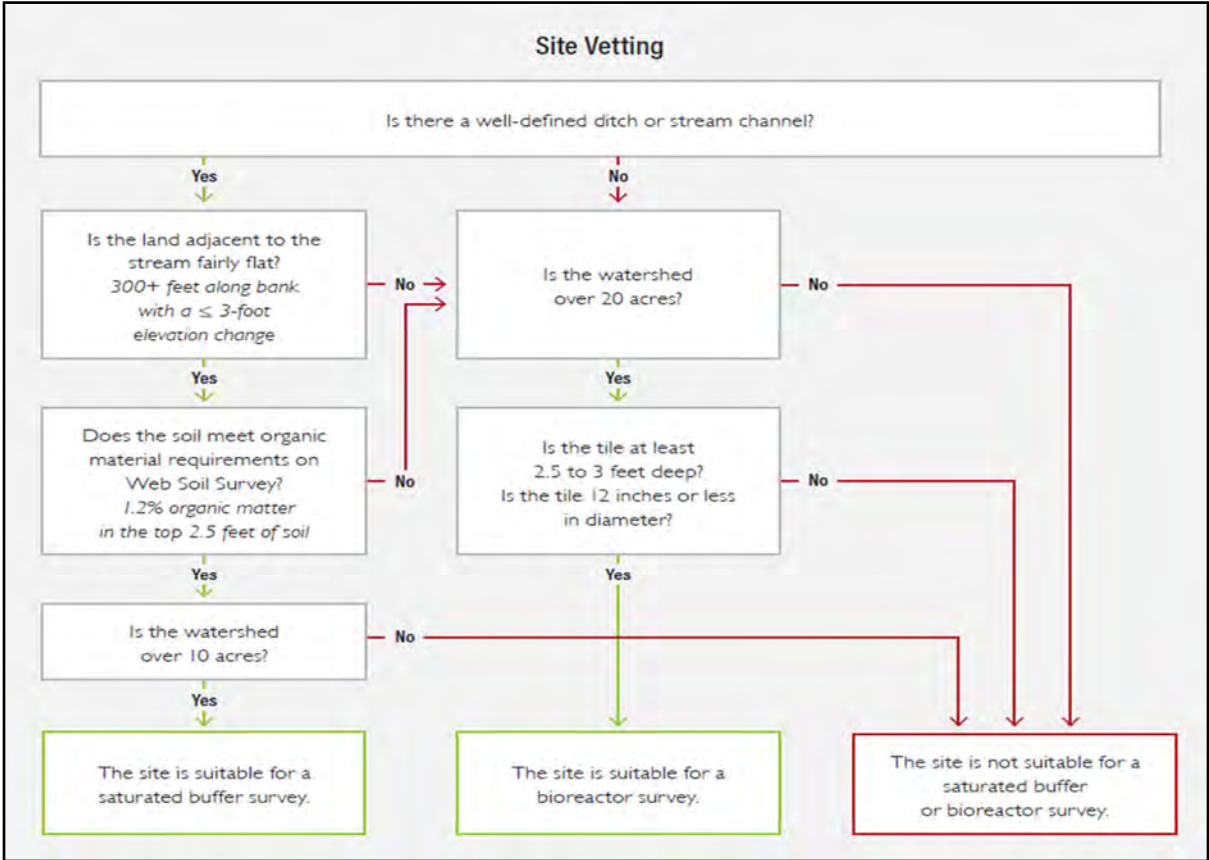
If you are interested in this practice and your location fits in these sub-watersheds between Galesburg and Rio, you might be a good fit for the SWCD pilot grant. Please visit with Katie or Kara!

If you are outside of this northwest area, other funding resources are available through CRP, EQIP and PFC.



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Common Purple Lilac



Mature Spread: 12'
Mature Height: 15'
Growth Rate: Medium
Sunlight: Full sun
Soil Type: widely adaptable
Makes a great tall, dense hedge. Not native.

Nannyberry Viburnum



Mature Spread: 6—12'
Mature Height: 14—16'
Growth Rate: Fast
Sunlight: Full sun to part shade
Soil Type: Average, medium, well-drained
Great border shrub

Prairie Dropseed Grass



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ORDERS DUE: September 17, 2025
ORDER PICKUP: September 26, 2025 (9am-3pm)

| VARIETY | SIZE | QTY. | VARIETY | SIZE | QTY. |
|--|--------|---------------|--|--|--------------|
| SMALLER CONTAINER GROWN TREES (One gallon container) \$9.75 each | | | | | |
| American Hazelnut | 18-24" | | Maple, Sugar | 15-18" | |
| American Hornbeam | 15-18" | | Mazzard, Cherry | 24-30" | |
| Maple, Fall Red | 18-24" | | Nanking, Cherry | 15-24" | |
| Common Hackberry | 24-30" | | Oak, Bur | 24-30" | |
| Crabapple, Dolgo | 24-30" | | Oak, Swamp White | 15-18" | |
| Japanese Tree Lilac | 30-36" | | Serviceberry, Lamarckii | 24-30" | |
| Kentucky Coffee Tree | 18-24" | | | | |
| | | | Total Trees | \$9.75 each | |
| CONTAINER GROWN HEDGE PLANTS (One gallon container) \$9.75 each | | | | | |
| Aronia, Glossy Black Chokeberry | 15-18" | | | | |
| Dogwood, Bailey's Red Osier | 15-18" | | Viburnum, Arrowwood | 15" | |
| Forsythia, Northern Gold | 15" | | Viburnum, Nannyberry | 15-18" | |
| Lilac, Common Purple | 12-15" | | | | |
| Serviceberry, Shadblow | 12" | | Total Hedge Plants | \$9.75 each | |
| CONTAINER GROWN EVERGREENS (One gallon container) \$11.00 each | | | | | |
| Pine, Eastern White | 15-18" | | Spruce, Norway | 18" | |
| Spruce, Black Hills | 15" | | | | |
| Spruce, Colorado | 18" | | Total Evergreens | \$11.00 each | |
| PERENNIAL PLANTS (one gallon container) \$11.00 each | | | | | |
| Coreopsis, Zagreb | | | Hosta, Green Leaf | | |
| Echinacea, Coneflower, Purple | | | Rudbeckia, Black-eyed Susan, Goldstrum | | |
| Hemerocallis, Daylily, Red/Purple | | | Russian Sage | | |
| Hemerocallis, Daylily, Stella D' Oro | | | Salvia, Purple | | |
| Hemerocallis, Happy Returns | | | Sedum, Autumn Joy | | |
| Hosta, Blue Leaf | | | Leucanthemum, Becky Shasta Daisy | | |
| Hosta, Green & Yellow Variegated | | | Total Perennials | \$11.00 each | |
| GRASSES (One gallon container) \$17.75 each | | | | | |
| Prairie Dropseed Grass | | | North Wind Switch Grass* | | |
| *very aggressive, sod-forming | | | Total Grasses | \$17.75 each | |
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UPDATES

Hi folks! With harvest right around the corner, I figured it would serve the newsletter well to send out some quick NRCS updates and friendly reminders for the upcoming fall.

1. If you have contracts for **CRP, EQIP, or CSP**, you will most likely be seeing us out doing field checks! No need to worry – these are routine and done to ensure that everything looks great in your fields. If you have any questions regarding these visits, please do not hesitate to call our office and talk to someone.
2. Speaking of office, we are experiencing some changes in staffing across our District Grouping. NRCS staff will be in and out of the office to cover the gaps and because of that, **we are asking that you call and make an appointment with our staff if you wish to discuss NRCS programs.** Appointments help our office run smoothly and ensure that there are staff members available to answer all your questions. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we navigate these changes.

Just as a reminder, we do take applications year-round for our programs! Post-harvest is a great time to reflect on your growing season and brainstorm for the next season. **Our application deadline for the next fiscal year will be sometime in January.** If you are interested in our programs, make sure to reach out to us in advance so that we can ensure your application materials are ready to go by our deadline! As always, if you have any questions, please let our office know. Have a great fall!

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Knox County SWCD participates at Extension's 8th Grade Real World Event



Katie and Kara worked at the Entertainment Station and assisted about 400 students from seven schools this past March. Student options were: going to the movies, having hobbies, hosting a party, take a weekend trip, or go to a concert or sporting event. Students had to pay our station using Peer to Peer methods.

Knox and Warren County SWCDs hosted Farm to Table Dinner with High Tunnel Presentation

On a heat-wave evening in June, 38 brave souls ventured out to Camp's Orchard near Roseville, IL. They ate a wonderful meal prepared by the SWCD staff from numerous donations. Presentations were given by NRCS staff Connie Cowan and Kindra Pruett on urban agriculture and high tunnel cost-share opportunities.

We appreciate the community support from attendees and our sponsors.



Knox County sponsors included: G&M Distributors, Pilot Knob Farm Popcorn, and Appleton Fire Station



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Left—Shawnee and Katie enjoy the Pilot Knob white cheddar popcorn



Bottom Left— the meal is ready as attendees arrive

Bottom—Attendees enjoy the swamp cooler that Camp's Orchard provided while they go through the food line

SAVE THE DATE

11th Annual Monarch Migration Festival

September 6, 2025 (10:00 AM - 2:30 PM)
Lakeside Nature Center
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Free family fun!

Join us for the 11th Annual Monarch Migration Festival!

Learn all about the Monarch butterfly through hands on activities and educational presentations. Immerse yourself in a day filled with education, entertainment, and enchantment.

Event details:

Date: September 6, 2025

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