



## Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District

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The Winnebago county SWCD is hosting workshops that deal with Land Use and Construction activities. Landowners and occupiers, natural resource agencies, and other government entities all benefit from well-planned and implemented measures intended to protect soil, water and other natural resources. The above-mentioned parties all share a common objective of assisting the general public as well as other local, state and federal units of government in the understanding, development and wise use of natural resources in Winnebago County, Illinois. It is agreed that soil, water, and other natural resources must be protected from degradation and depletion that often result from land-disturbing development activities when runoff and erosion are not properly controlled. Such adverse effects on these natural resources can be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the public.

### **\*\*\* Natural Resource Information Report Workshop – March 3rd \*\*\***

The Soil and Water Conservation District Act was passed in 1937 because the Illinois General Assembly determined that it was in the public's best interest to conserve the soil and water resources of the state. Section 22.02a of that act requires districts to "make all natural resource information available to the appropriate county agency or municipality. The purpose of a natural resources inventory report is to assess the natural resources present on a particular parcel to determine whether a proposed land use is suitable or inappropriate. The potential consequences of developing a particular parcel are evaluated. An NRI report presents the most current natural resource information in an understandable format that serves as a tool when executing a land use decision. A workshop is being held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for local land use officials to go over the Purpose, Content and Importance of the reports; and how to utilize the report as a tool in evaluating Land Use Decisions. For more information contact Jessica Vandebloom – Resource Analyst



### **\*\*\* Sediment and Erosion Control Workshop – March 26th \*\*\***

As you may be aware, the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District has been inspecting construction sites through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. This agreement was a pilot project with the US EPA, which started in the fall of 2004. The agreement authorized the SWCD to conduct site inspections on construction sites that are permitted through the general NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit No. ILR10. These permits are required for all construction projects that are greater than 1 acre. Part of the agreement includes an education aspect of sediment and erosion control practices. We will be hosting a workshop to do just that. We will discuss the new EPA ILR10 permit regulations, proper Site Planning and SWPPP implementation, and the proper selection and installation of some of the more common sediment and erosion control practices. We also will have Product Vendors and Environmental Consultants on site to discuss products, services, and other information. For more information contact Dennis Anthony – Executive Director/Soil Scientist

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