

# **AISWCD Resolution 2014-1**

## **Illinois Certainty Program**

Whereas, farmers need to be pro-active in conservation of soil and water resources.

Whereas, there are currently a number of practices that farmers can implement to steward their land.

Whereas, Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts encourage the use of appropriate conservation practices to address the needed resource concerns.

Whereas, a number of states have developed certainty programs to assist agricultural producers and land users in meeting regulatory requirements.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and its partners, need to research the feasibility of a certainty program similar to states such as Louisiana, Michigan and Minnesota that will help agricultural land users meet governmental regulations.

### **Approved by:**

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## **AISWCD Resolution 2014-2**

### **Nutrient Reduction Strategy**

Whereas, many land users, urban and rural, contribute significant inputs of nitrogen and phosphorous to our waterways.

Whereas, nutrient loading is a current issue and will continue to be into the future.

Whereas, nutrient loading is a contributor to the Gulf of Mexico hypoxia, which has consequences world-wide.

Whereas, all land users need to be major participants in addressing nutrient loading.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) shall be a continuing major presence, player, and voice for conservation in the nutrient reduction strategy being developed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, the AISWCD should be involved in the implementation phase of this strategy.

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# **AISWCD Resolution 2014-3**

## **Soil Health Program**

Whereas, Illinois soil is some of the most productive in the world.

Whereas, farmers need to be responsible stewards of the land and to preserve and protect the soil for future generations.

Whereas, Illinois needs to be a leader in soil conservation through efficient nutrient management while supporting soil biology and sustainability.

Whereas, the trend of Illinois Soil Conservation Transect Surveys has indicated that conservation tillage has been decreasing.

Whereas, Illinois made great strides but failed to meet tolerable soil loss by the year 2000.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts needs to research and develop, with its partners, a comprehensive state-wide soil conservation program that incorporates a systematic approach through reducing soil loss and managing nutrients efficiently to achieve healthy soil.

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