



**SWCDS DELIVER
CONSERVATION FOR ILLINOIS.**



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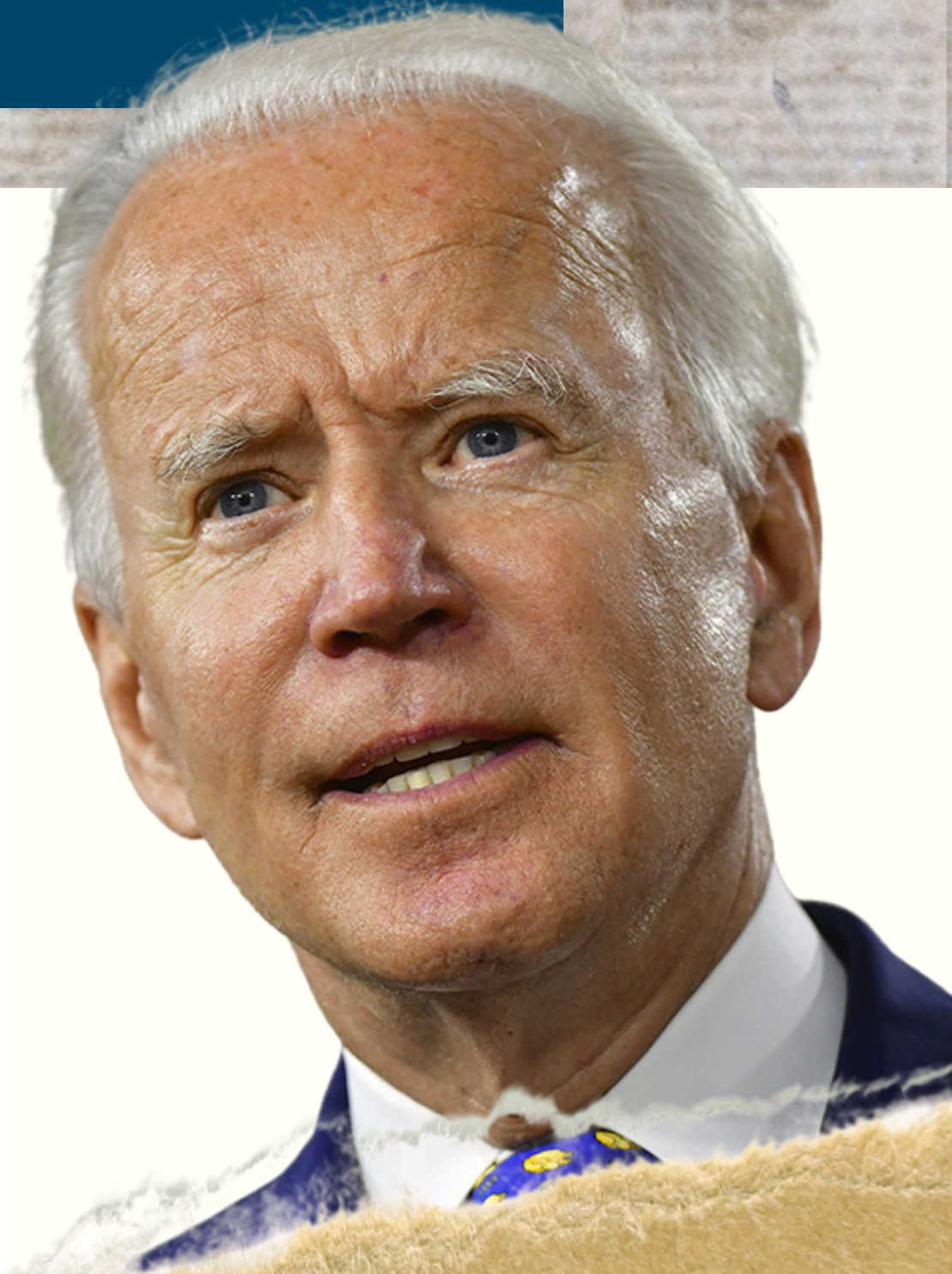
RENEWED FOCUS ON CONSERVATION AG

BIDEN BETS THE FARM ON CLIMATE
MODERN FARMER | FEBRUARY 15TH, 2021



**BIDEN CLIMATE POLICY FOCUSING
ON AGRICULTURE**

THE NATIONAL LAW REVIEW
FEBRUARY 9TH, 2021



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CHICAGO SUN★TIMES

EDITORIALS

EDITORIAL: Illinois farmland is the envy of the world – we had better protect it

The state can't afford to be one of the places that sees its soil vanish. But its verdant farmlands are threatened.

SWCDS IN THE NEWS

URGENT ACTION NEEDED TO PROTECT WATER, SOIL

The Champaign News-Gazette | April 19th, 2020



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER

The Southern Illinoisan | May 7th, 2020



QUOTE OF NOTE

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From every conceivable angle - economic, social, cultural, public health, national defense - the conservation of natural resources is an objective on which all should agree.

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**HUGH HAMMOND
BENNETT**

**FOUNDER OF THE U.S.
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE**



DELIVERING CONSERVATION

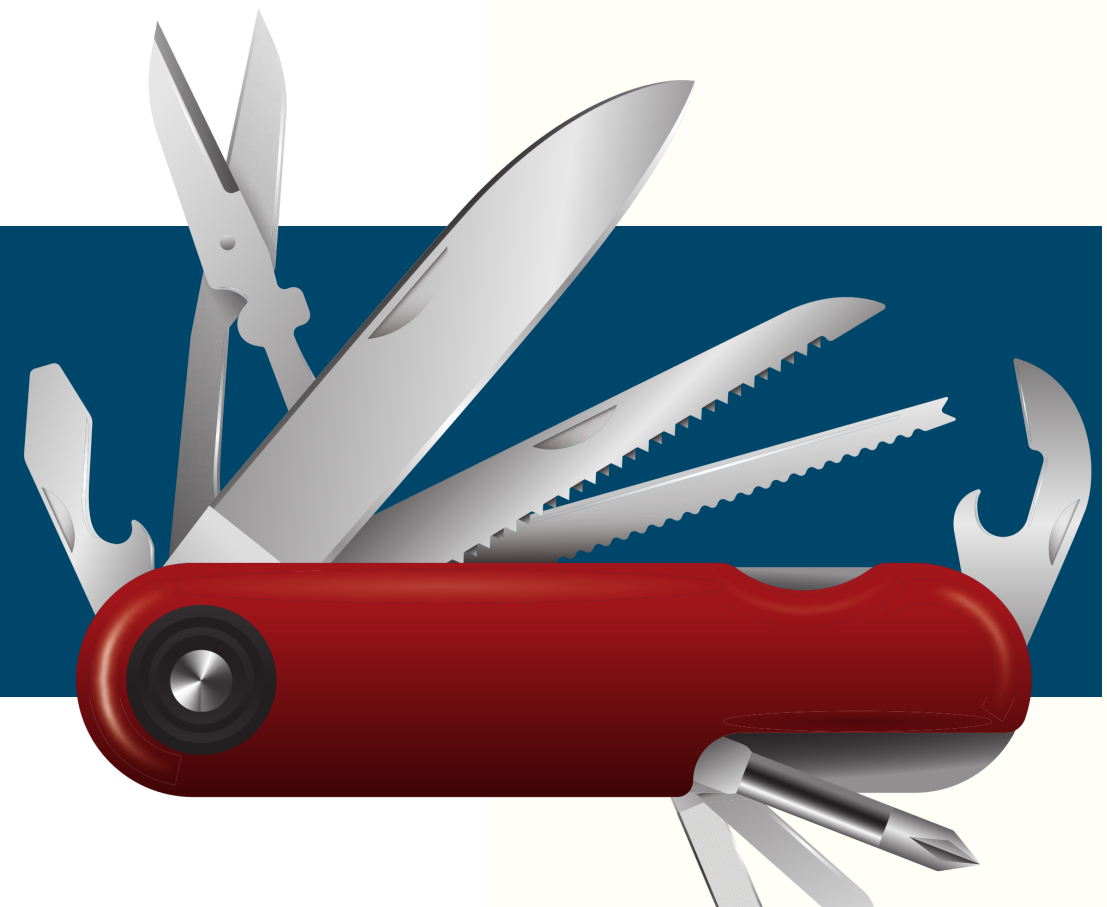
SWCDS PROTECT ILLINOIS' GREATEST ASSETS - THE RICH, FERTILE SOILS AND WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE THROUGH STRATEGIC CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

AISWCD SUPPORTS THE MANTRA **CLEAN WATER, HEALTHY SOILS.**

CONSERVATION INFRASTRUCTURE

THE NETWORK OF SWCDS REPRESENT THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE DELIVERY OF STATE AND FEDERAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS.

SWCDS ARE THE MULTIPURPOSE TOOL IN THE TOOLBOX FOR THE DELIVERY OF CONSERVATION IN ILLINOIS.





SWCD QUICKFACTS

SWCDS ARE **NON-TAXING, NON-BONDING, NON-REGULATORY,**
VOLUNTEER LED UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SWCD DIRECTORS **SERVE UNPAID** AND HELP DEVELOP LOCAL
CONSERVATION POLICIES.



NOT JUST FOR FARMERS!

SWCDS WORK ALL ACROSS THE STATE IN RURAL, SUBURBAN, AND URBAN SETTINGS. THE CONSERVATION MISSION IS VARIED.

TWO SWCDS EVEN PROVIDE SERVICE IN URBAN COOK COUNTY!



AISWCD OVERVIEW

The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD), is a grass roots organization formed in 1948. It is made up and serves Illinois' 97 member Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).



CLEAN WATER, HEALTHY SOILS.



AISWCD MISSION

**To represent and empower the
Soil and Water Conservation Districts
of Illinois.**



CLEAN WATER, HEALTHY SOILS.





AISWCD AREAS OF WORK



EDUCATION AND TRAINING: AISWCD strives to provide members with opportunities for engagement, training, and professional development.

MEMBER SERVICES AND SUPPORT: AISWCD aims to provide SWCDs the resources and support needed to meet their conservation mission successfully.



AISWCD'S WORK

ADVOCACY: AISWCD advocates before elected officials and policy makers on issues impacting SWCDs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: AISWCD works to foster a positive public perception of SWCDs to the general public, news media, and others.

AISWCD SPRING 2021 PRIORITIES

- | OPPOSE FUNDING CUTS IN CURRENT FY21 BUDGET**
- | ADVOCATE FOR SWCD FUNDING IN FY22 BUDGET**
- | SUPPORT THE RENEWAL OF THE "PFC" PROGRAM**
- | SUPPORT A NEW NLRS BILL**



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S.T.A.R. ... NEW ... CHECK IT OUT!

SWCD S.T.A.R. PROGRAM

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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.

SOURCE: POPULARITY IN S.T.A.R. PROGRAM GROWS | TOM DORAN | AGRINEWS | PUBLISHED 12-3-20