



**SWCDS DELIVER
CONSERVATION FOR ILLINOIS.**



QUOTE OF NOTE

THERE CAN BE NO GREATER ISSUE THAN
THAT OF **CONSERVATION** IN THIS
COUNTRY.



TEDDY ROOSEVELT
US PRESIDENT AND CONSERVATIONIST





SWCD QUICKFACTS

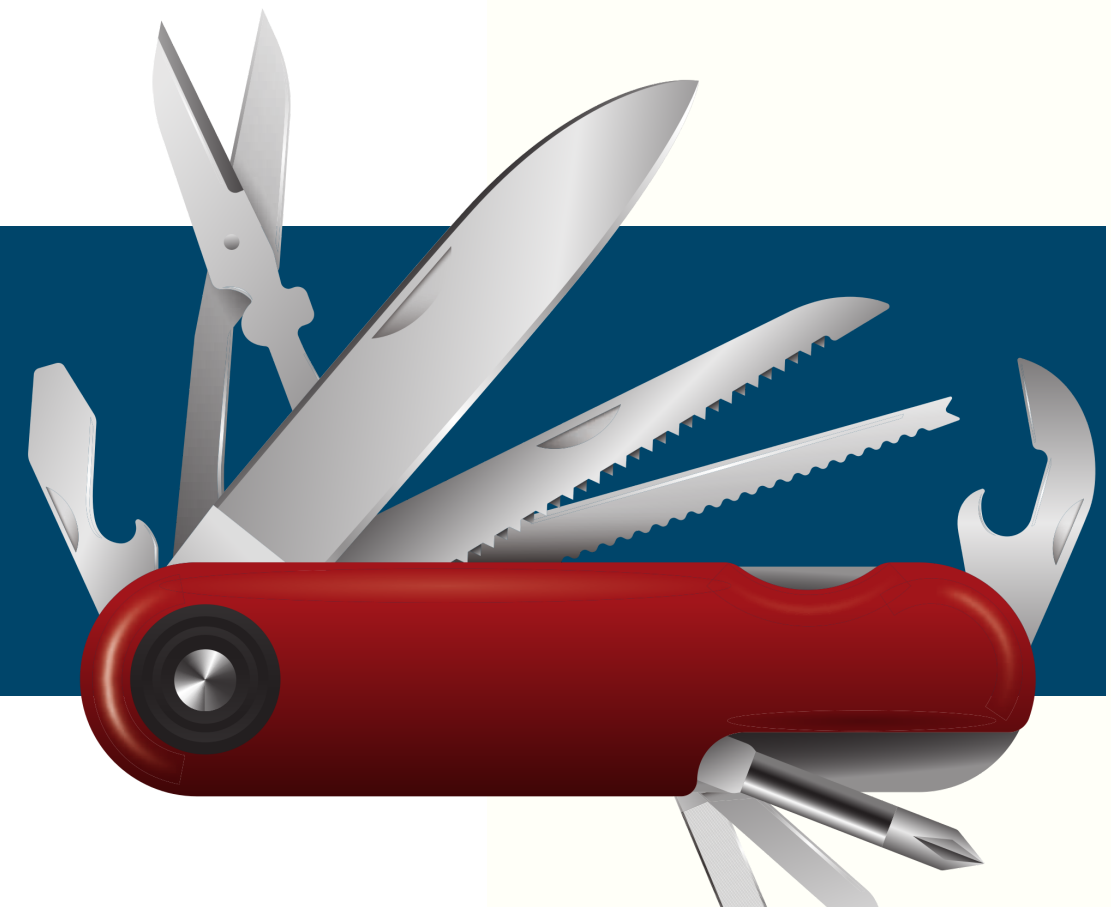
SWCDS ARE **NON-TAXING, NON-BONDING, NON-REGULATORY,**
VOLUNTEER LED UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

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.





DELIVERING CONSERVATION

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

SWCDS SUPPORT THE MANTRA **CLEAN WATER, HEALTHY SOILS.**

CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

THE PARTNERS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAM (PFC) PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- | THE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM**
- | THE CONSERVATION PRACTICES COST-SHARE PROGRAM**
- | THE STREAM BANK STABILIZATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM**
- | THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS PROGRAM**

SOURCE: ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE [HTTPS://WWW2.ILLINOIS.GOV/SITES/AGR/RESOURCES/CONSERVATION](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/AGR/RESOURCES/CONSERVATION)

WHAT IS THE PFC PROGRAM?

THE PARTNERS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAM IS A LONG-TERM, STATE-SUPPORTED INITIATIVE TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENHANCE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN ILLINOIS. THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTS STRATEGIES FOR MAINTAINING THE VIABILITY OF ILLINOIS' SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES INTO THE 21ST CENTURY AND BEYOND. SEVERAL STATE AGENCIES SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING THE PARTNERS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS. THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OVERSEES THE PROGRAM'S AGRICULTURE-RELATED COMPONENTS.

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SWCD AREAS OF WORK

**WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY
FLOOD PREVENTION
HABITAT RESTORATION
EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL
FORESTRY MANAGEMENT
POLLINATOR PROTECTION
LAND USE SERVICES**



WATER QUALITY AT HOME

SWCDS ARE THE **BOOTS ON THE GROUND** LEADING LOCALIZED EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE "**NUTRIENT LOSS REDUCTION STRATEGY**", THE STATE PLAN WHICH AIMS TO IMPROVE **WATER QUALITY AT HOME AND DOWNSTREAM ALIKE.**

CLEAN WATER, HEALTHY SOILS.





WATER QUALITY DOWNSTREAM

THE GULF OF MEXICO DEAD ZONE IS PRIMARILY CAUSED BY RUNOFF NUTRIENT POLLUTION FROM URBAN AND RURAL AREAS THROUGHOUT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WATERSHED.

THE GOAL OF THE STRATEGY IS TO REDUCE ILLINOIS' UPSTREAM CONTRIBUTIONS VIA THE MISSISSIPPI WATERSHED.



WHY ARE SWCDS IMPORTANT?

WITH WATER QUALITY IN MIND, SWCDS IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES THAT CONTROL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, COSTLY FLOODING, AND SEQUESTER CARBON.

SWCDS HELP MAKE ILLINOIS MORE RESILIENT TO THE IMPACTS OF CHANGING CLIMATE.

SWCDS IN THE NEWS

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





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!



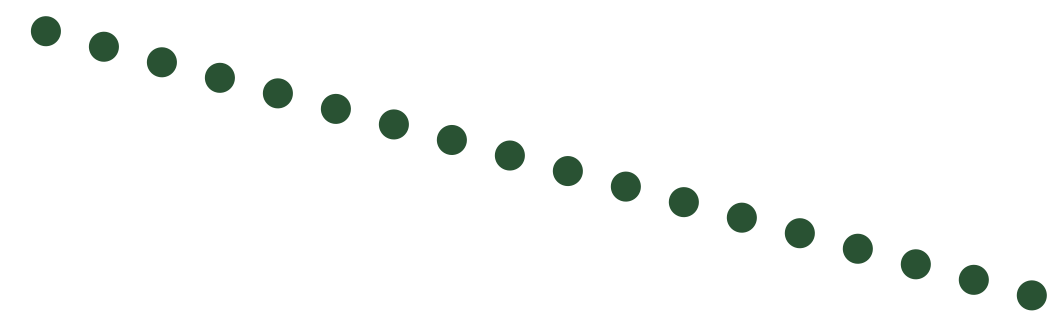


SWCDS LEVERAGE FEDERAL \$\$

\$4.5M

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

+ 1,000 % ROI



\$51M

FEDERAL FARM BILL PROGRAM DOLLARS SWCDS HELPED DELIVER THIS YEAR ALONE

SOURCE: USDA-NRCS FY20 AT-A-GLANCE DOCUMENT.



MAKING POSITIVE IMPACTS

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