



# ILLINOIS LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC. (ILICA)

YOUR CONSERVATION PARTNER RESOURCE



# OBJECTIVES

- About Illinois LICA (ILICA)
- Current partnerships
- Resources for conservation partners







# ABOUT US



“I LIKE A”...WHO?

## Not-for-profit, trade association for contractors

**Mission:** *To promote, perpetuate, and improve the proper use of our natural resources for the benefit of all*

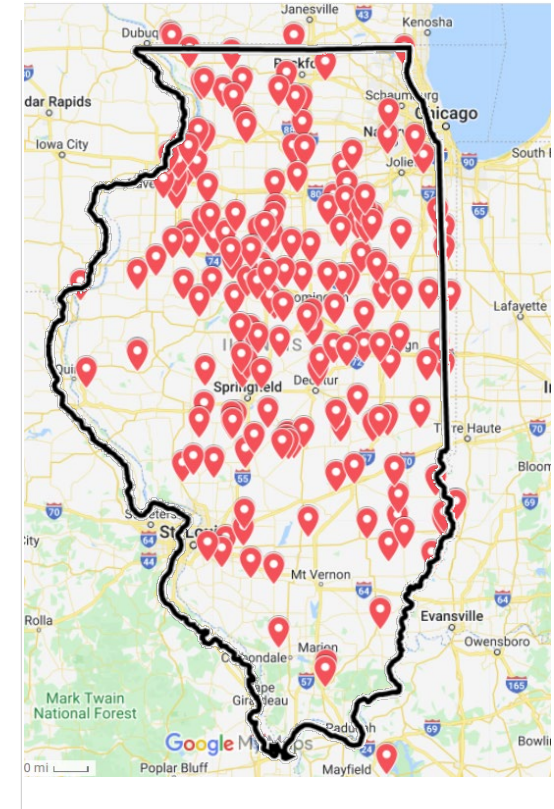
- One of 17 official state chapters nationwide (presence in 26 states)
  - 200 Contractor Members
  - 80 Associate Members





# CONTRACTORS' SERVICES

- Cable/Utility Installation
- Directional Boring
- Drainage/Irrigation/Drainage Water Management
- Erosion Control
- Earthmoving/Land Clearing
- Excavating/Grading
- Gravel/ Rock Production
- Land Leveling
- Landscaping
- Open Ditch Leveling
- On Site Waste Treatment
- Ponds/Dams
- Road Boring/Drainage
- Reclamation
- Site Prep
- Sewer/Water/Underground Utilities
- Trucking / Hauling
- Terraces / Waterways





# ILLINOIS LICA STRUCTURE

- 20 Member Board of Directors
- 25 Committees
- 2 Staff







## ILLINOIS LICA OBJECTIVES

- Encourage high standards of workmanship in resource management & land improvement
- Provide business resources & tools for contractors to enable company growth, sustainability, and adequate income





# HOW DO WE DO IT?

## 1. Education

- Industry technology, practice standards, safety, business management, certifications





# HOW DO WE DO IT?



## 2. Benefits

- **Discounts:** trainings, parts, equipment, rentals, supplies, hotels, etc.
- **Services:** buy-sell equipment, credit card processing, loans, website, insurance, personal/business protection, successional planning




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# LICA Member Benefit Promotion

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# WE HAVE EQUIPMENT FOR THAT.

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# HOW DO WE DO IT?



## 3. Legislative voice

- **Washington, DC:** Nick Yaksich, Director of Government Relations
- **Springfield, IL:** Legislative Committee





# CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS

*Welcome to Our  
Woodchip  
Bioreactor  
Field Day*

*Brought to you by these  
agricultural partners.*





## PARTNERS OVER THE YEARS

- University of IL & University of IL Extension
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- The Wetlands Initiative
- IL Corn Growers
- IL Farm Bureau
- The Nature Conservancy
- IL Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Southern IL University
- IL Sustainable Ag Partnership





# PROJECTS/PRACTICES OVER THE YEARS

- WASCOBs
- Terraces
- Waterways
- Ponds
- Tile Drainage
- Buffers
- Grade Stabilization Structures
- Permeable Pavers
- Constructed Wetlands
- Control Structures
- Bioreactors
- Saturated Buffers



# FARM PROGRESS SHOW



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# FARM PROGRESS SHOW

- **14+ year partnership:** FPS, RCC, ILICA
- **Goal:** increase conservation awareness & implementation via field day demonstration/installation (1 every other year)





# FARM PROGRESS SHOW

- **Practices:**

- Grade Stabilization Structures
- Stormwater Detention & Retention
- Subsurface Drainage
- Edge of Field Practices





# FARM PROGRESS SHOW

■ *Aug. 29 - Aug. 31, 2023*





# CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS PARTNERSHIP





# THE WETLANDS INITIATIVE

- **6+ year partnership:** TWI, ILICA
- **Goal:** increase practice awareness, implementation, & research via field day demonstration/installation (1 every other year)





# THE WETLANDS INITIATIVE

- **2015 (Bureau Co.):** 1 acre TA + 1 acre buffer
- **2016 (Bureau Co.):** 1 acre TA + 3 acres buffer
- **2018 (Livingston Co.):** 1 acre TA + 3 acres buffer
- **2019 (Tazewell Co.):** 1 acre TA
- *Aug. 22-26, 2022 (Livingston Co.): 2 ac. TA + 4 ac. buffer*





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- **5-year partnership:** IFB, NRCS, U of I ACES, ILICA
- **Goal:** increase practice adoption by showcasing installations (1-2/year) & research via field day demonstrations





# WOODCHIP BIOREACTOR PARTNERSHIP

- **2017 (Henry Co.):** 6' x 32' bioreactor (~7 ac. DA)
- **2018 (Bureau Co.):** 12' x 50' bioreactor (~17 ac. DA)
- **2020 (Henry Co.):** 11' x 44' bioreactor (~18 ac. DA)
- **2021 (McDonough Co.):** 15' x 60' bioreactor (~46 ac. DA)
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# SATURATED BUFFER PARTNERSHIP

- **2019 (Moultrie Co.):** 490 ft saturated buffer (6.4 DA) + 1560 ft “pitchfork” saturated buffer (19.3 DA)
- *2024 (Sangamon Co.): ~700 ft saturated buffer (~6 DA)*





# ILLINOIS SUSTAINABLE AG PARTNERSHIP (ISAP) ACDT





# ADVANCED CONSERVATION DRAINAGE TRAINING (ACDT)

- **3 year partnership:** AFT, TWI, Zea Mays Foundation, TNC, PCM, IL Corn, ICC, ILICA, AISWCD, ILPFQF, U of I, ADMC, ISA, Midwest Dairy, CCA
- **Goal:** drive implementation of conservation drainage by training practitioners (conservation professionals, landowners, contractors, managers) via expert-led presentations & in-field demonstrations





# ADVANCED CONSERVATION DRAINAGE TRAINING (ACDT)

- 2018 (McLean Co.): SB 2000'
- 2019 (Tazewell Co.): CW 1 acre TA
- 2019 (Champaign Co.): SB 1200'





# OTHER PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENTS





A photograph of a construction site with various heavy machinery, including bulldozers, a tractor, and an excavator, working on a large pile of earth. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The word "RESOURCES" is centered in white text.

# RESOURCES



# CONSERVATION PARTNER RESOURCES

## Directory

- Contractors
- Material & Equipment Manufacturers
- Consultants
- Partners
- Legislators
- Government Agencies



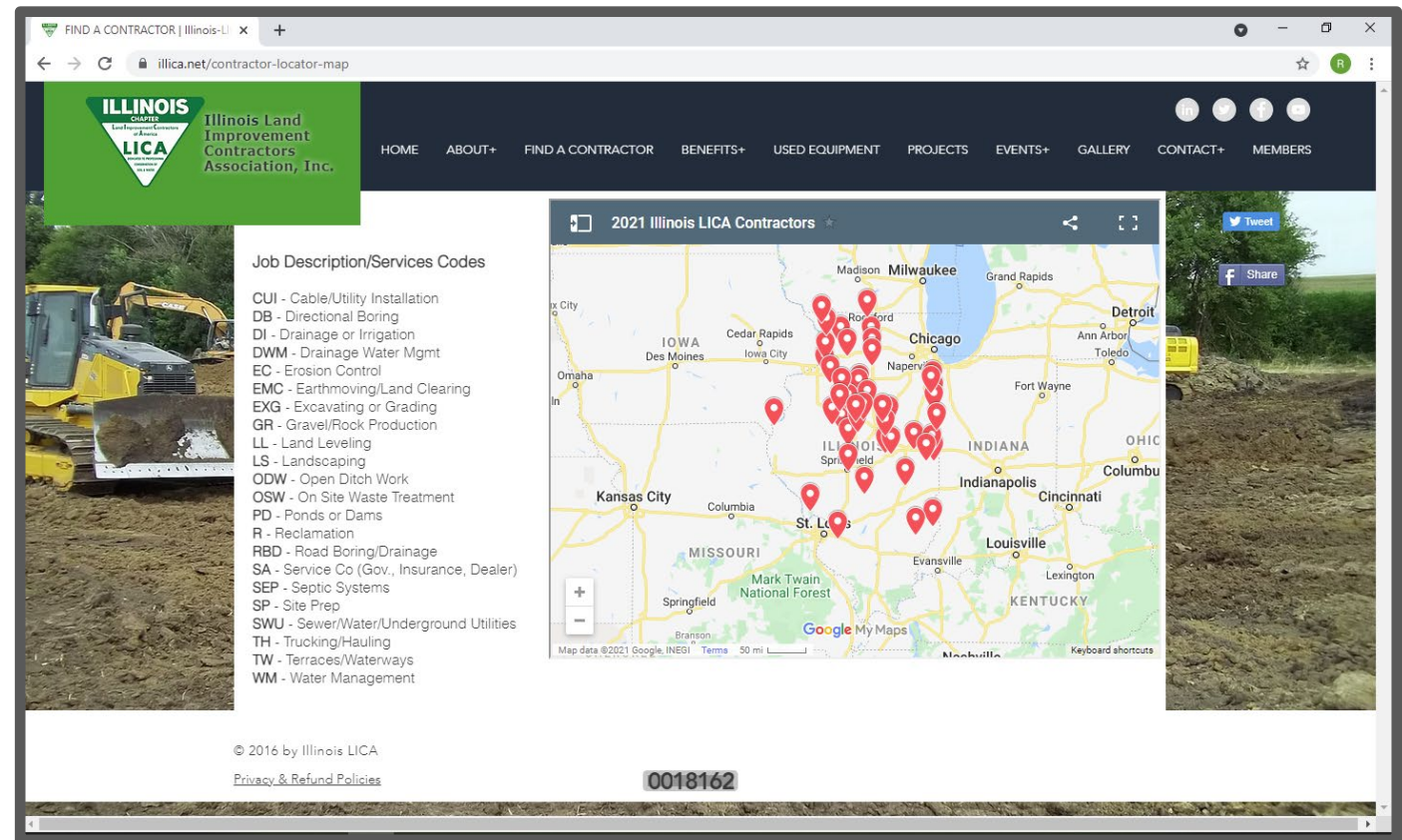




# CONSERVATION PARTNER RESOURCES

## Illinois LICA Website

- “FIND A CONTRACTOR” Interactive Google Map
- Events
  - Workshops
  - Demonstrations
  - Conferences
- Project Galleries
  - Videos
  - Photos
- Industry News



[www.illica.net](http://www.illica.net)



# CONSERVATION PARTNER RESOURCES

## Construction & Event Support

- In-kind donation
- NGO cost share
- Email & social media promotion
- Conservation education

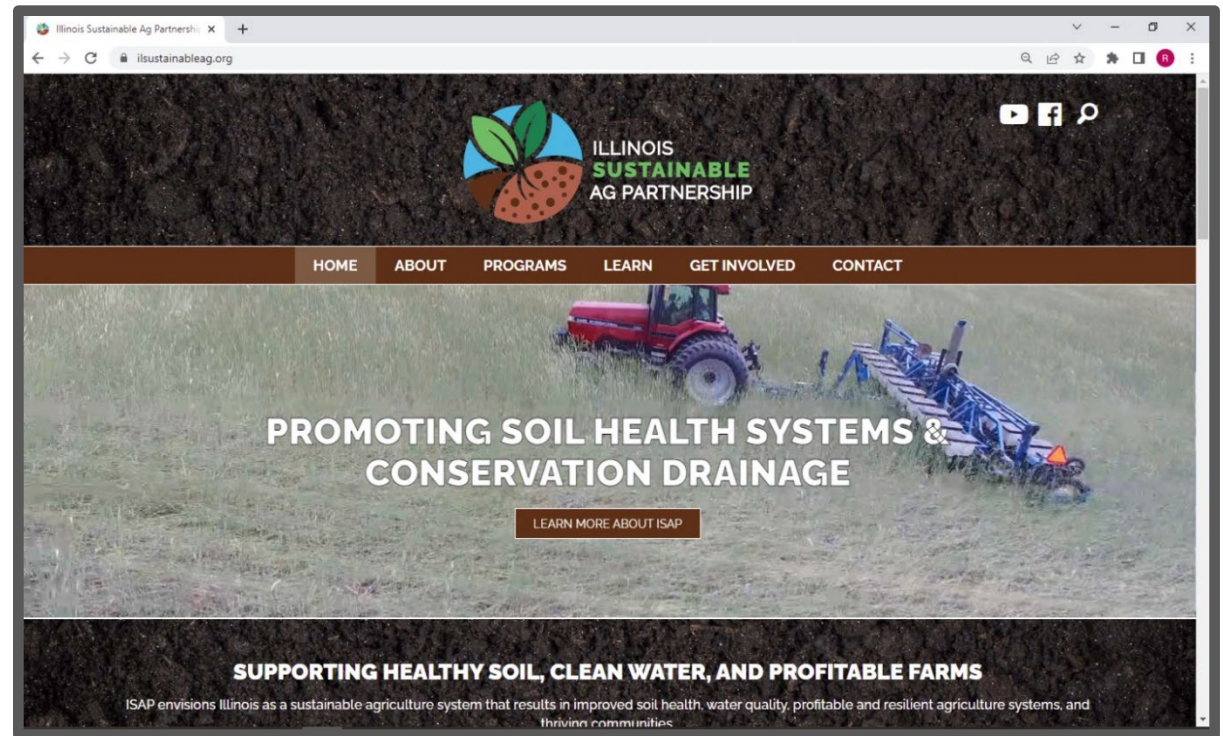




# CONSERVATION PARTNER RESOURCES

## ISAP

- Training
  - Advanced Conservation Drainage Training (ACDT)
  - Risk Management Conference (RMC)
  - Advanced Soil Health Training (ASHT)
- Rainfall Simulator
- Digital Newsletter (*The Aggregate*)
- Specialist/Practitioner Listings
- Conservation Story Map
- Conservation Resources Clearinghouse



<https://ilsustainableag.org/>





## CALENDAR

- **August 16 - 18:** U of I Extension Drainage Workshop (Decatur)
- **August 22 - 26:** TWI Constructed Wetland Demonstration (Dwight)
- **September 9:** Area 3 Trap Shoot & Golf Outing (Kewanee)
- **September 15:** Streambank Restoration Workshop (Illinois City)
- **September TBD:** Woodchip Bioreactor Partnership (Springfield)
- **January 19 – 21, 2023:** ILICA Annual Convention/Members' Mtg. (Bettendorf, IA)



*Full Event Details*







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