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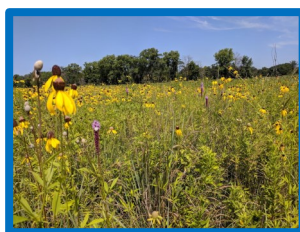
Partners for Conservation (PFC) Cost Share Funds Available for YOUR Project

The Winnebago County SWCD is offering up to **75% cost-share assistance** to eligible county residents, organizations and businesses to complete conservation projects on their property.

Funding is limited and funding decision will be based on ranking criteria. Filling out a S.T.A.R. (Saving Tomorrow's Agricultural Resources) form is also a requirement to receive funding.

**Applications are available on our website or in the office.
 Applications for fall projects are due August 23.**

Apply today!



Popular Projects	Average Cost to Install*
Grassed Waterways	\$3,784.11 - \$5,555.83/ac
Pollinator/Monarch Planting	\$253.59 - \$1,014.95/ac
Cover Crops	\$53.33 - \$80/ac
No-Till/Strip-Till	\$40.00/ac
Well Sealing	\$9.45 - \$93.90/ft

*Prices are subject to change and limitations to cost share may apply

For questions and to learn more, contact Katie Peterson
 at kwalshswcd@comcast.net or by phone at (815) 965-2392, Ext. 3248.

Conserving Our Land Today For Tomorrow

The Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District is a locally operated unit of government functioning under Illinois Law. Our purpose is to promote the protection, maintenance, improvement and wise use of the soil, water and related resources within the District.
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Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), established in 1937 under the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Act, are local units of government. The Act gives SWCD'S the responsibility to provide technical information to individuals and groups on methods of soil and water conservation and to provide natural resource inventory information on properties slated for zoning changes. The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation was formed in 1940 and is a locally operated unit of government functioning under Illinois Law. Our purpose is to promote the protection, maintenance, improvement and wise use of the soil, water and related resources within the District.

Who develops the policies of the Winnebago County SWCD?

The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District is a public body made up of citizens concerned with the protection of our natural resources. It is governed by a five-member board of directors elected by District landowners and residents. This Board of Directors, along with the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) develop annual and long range plans that direct the activities of the District and NRCS.

Who funds the SWCD?

Districts have no taxing authority. Funding is provided by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA). Districts offer several programs and services which supplement IDOA funding. The additional funding is utilized for operation expenses and education programs.

Melisa Long
Horizons Editor

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COVER CROPS - SPRING 2024



**POLLINATOR ENHANCEMENT
SPRING 2024 PLANTING/EXPANSION OF POLLINATOR**

FY 24 Conservation Events



Highland Community College Ag Expo
Pollinator Palooza
Northeastern IL Envirothon
Winnebago-Boone Farm Breakfast
Spring Ag Workshop





TREE SALE

(brochures will be available - end of December)

SPRING FISH SALE

(brochures will be available - February)

\$25/acre
NEW 2023-24
cover crop acres

\$15/acre
New cover crop acres
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All cover crops
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NRCS Program

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PARTNER PAGE

SAVE the DATE



DRIVE FOR AG EDUCATION SAT., SEPT. 14, 2024

Travel the rolling hills of Northwest Winnebago and beyond.

Registrations received by Friday, August 30th will be eligible for a cash drawing of \$100.

Drawing will be held the day of the event.

For more information, visit:

winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/foundation-events



Clothing Drive

Saturday, September 14, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We accept the following (all items must be clean):
(wearable or not), pillows, bedding, fabric, purses, shoes, belts,
soft-sided luggage and stuffed toys.

This program is in partnership with Goodwill Industries of Northern IL.

Locations:

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Monthly board meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at the Soil & Water Conservation District Office. Call the office for meeting times and dates.

Meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Additional details on the SWCD District can be found on our website www.winnebagoswcd.org.

All Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Natural Resource Conservation Service programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap. The Winnebago County SWCD operates in accordance with the USDA policy. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250.

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