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## SWM Welcomes Three Interns for Summer



From left to right: Jack Doherty, Marcella Steele, and Johnathan Breeden are interning for the Department this summer.

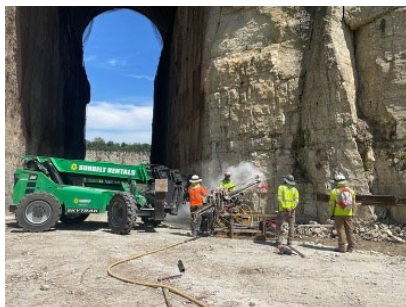
Another year, another batch of bright interns joining our department! Our interns join specific divisions of our team related to their focus of study, and will be involved in everything from floodplain modeling to wetland inspections. Here's some background on the three interns we're welcoming!

Jack Doherty is our Wetlands intern, currently in the middle of getting his Master's in Natural Resources and Environmental Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Marcella Steele is our Water Quality intern, and recently graduated from Brevard College with a degree in Environmental Studies.

Johnathan Breeden is our Engineering intern, and just finished his junior year at the University of St. Thomas, on track for a degree in civil engineering.

## Project to Stabilize Quarry High Walls Begins



The contractor crew works to remove the old stabilization netting around the keyway on the West lobe of the Elmhurst Quarry.

This month, work began in earnest at the Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility to stabilize key sections of rock wall that have eroded over time. A contractor that specializes in rock stabilization was selected to conduct the work, which involves replacing the original mesh rockfall netting

### Around Town

The SWM Water Quality team has begun storm sewer outfall monitoring across the County, an annual project that involves physically inspecting every outfall within a particular watershed. Outfalls are inspected during dry-weather conditions to ensure function and that there are no illegal discharges. This year's monitoring is focused on the partial watersheds within the County, including the Fox River, Des Plaines River, and Mainstem DuPage River. There are also priority outfalls in the three major watersheds that must be inspected every year. In total, SWM staff will

within and around the keyway. This netting was installed long before the County purchased the facility, when the quarry was still in active operation. The project is expected to be complete by November of this year.

[Watch a guided tour of the Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility.](#)

### Senator John Curran Stops by Kaye Ave Drainage Project



State Senator John Curran and SWM Chair Jim Zay pose in front of the completed drainage project, along with two members of SWM's field crew who worked on the project.

Earlier this month, Senator John Curran and SWM Chair Jim Zay visited the recently completed 90th and Kaye Drainage Project in unincorporated Willowbrook. The installation of new storm sewer inlets and piping will significantly relieve road flooding during storm events. Senator Curran was pivotal in securing the state grant to fund this project. Thanks for your help, Senator!

monitor over 1,300 outfalls scattered across the County. As always, you can help out by reporting signs of illegal discharge in any waterway to the [Citizen Reporter App](#).

SWM recently hosted 25 environmental consultants and ecologists for an advanced Wetland Plant Identification Course. The course was taught by renowned Illinois botanists Chris Benda (The Illinois Botanizer) and Dr. Glenn Adelson (Lake Forest College). Participants visited three high-quality natural areas in Lake and Cook County and successfully identified 110 individual plant species!



Dr. Glenn Adelson explains the key features of a plant specimen to the class at Harms Woods in Glenview.

## Upcoming Events

### Roselle Senior Expo

Thursday, July 30, 2026, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SWM will be tabling at this event for seniors hosted by Illinois Representative Jennifer Sanalistro and Senator Seth Lewis. Attendees will be able to engage a wide variety of organizations offering services for seniors, including everything from health screenings to advice from a master gardener.

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