



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
www.dupagecounty.gov

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Saba Haider at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other members present: Paula Deacon Garcia, Yeena Yoo

Staff Present: Steve Travia, Joy Hinz, Geoffrey Matteson, Myles Barnes, Jennifer Boyer, Ian Johnstone, and Nicholas Alfonso.

PRESENT	Evans, Haider, Honig, LaPlante, and Martinez
ABSENT	Cronin Cahill

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR HAIDER

Chair Haider welcomed committee members and shared news about a new sustainability initiative she is leading.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Mckeen - Executive Director of SCARCE updated the board on the success of their outreach events and highlighted the upcoming events SCARCE is preparing for.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [26-0843](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular meeting - Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

Attachments: [2-3 Minutes Summary - Final Revised.pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. [26-0910](#)

Kane DuPage Soil Water District Presentation

Attachments: [Kane DuPage Soil Water District Presentation.pdf](#)

Kat Gerdts, Administrative Coordinator for Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District talked about the Soil and Water Conservation District's history in Chicago. Kat shared how SWCD is mandated to exist and highlighted how its leadership operates. Additionally, Kat explained SWCD's work with local community Urban Development Projects and how it has expanded over time in the greater Chicagoland area. Kat concluded her presentation by detailing KDSWCD's leadership in providing education to both the community and industry professionals. Chair Haider responded to this presentation and thanked Kat for coming today.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. [26-0844](#)

2026 Spring Sign Recycling Flyer

Attachments: [2026 Spring Sign Recycling Flyer .pdf](#)

Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager reminded the committee members about the upcoming Spring 2026 Sign Recycling event happening on March 20th-March 21st. Vice Chair Lucy Evans commented on the timing of this event and Joy clarified the thought process behind the decision on when to have this event for the public.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Member Andrew Honig updated the committee with a brief overview of his meeting with the mayor of Lombard and SCARCE about reviving the Village's Recycling Extravaganza. County Board Member Paula Deacon Garcia requested information regarding existing educational programs that promote best practices for the disposal of 'flushable' wipes. Nicholas Kottmeyer - Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Public Works responded to Paula and shared about how much of an environmental hazard 'flushable' wipes can be. Chair Haider responded to all comments by expressing the need to brainstorm and collaborate on ways to educate the community on the proper disposal of 'flushable' wipes.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.



Minutes

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PRESENT Cronin Cahill, Evans, Haider, Honig, LaPlante, and Martinez
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3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR HAIDER

No remarks were offered.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [26-0525](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular meeting - Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Attachments: [1-6 Minutes Summary \(Final\).pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.A. [EN-R-0003-26](#)

Resolution to approve DuPage County's Participation in the Electronic Recycling Representative Organization Manufacturer Clearinghouse for the 2027 Program Year

Attachments: [Illinois County and Municipal Joint Action Agency Opt-In Form Illinis Electronicsrecycling Program.pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
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MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.A. DuPage Monarch Map Demonstration – Tom Ricker, GIS

Tom Ricker, GIS manager provided the committee with a demonstration of the DuPage Monarch Map. Member Lucy Evans responded to this demonstration thanking Tom for his hard work.

7.B. [26-0604](#)

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager provided the committee with a recap of the 1st flight of Feed the Cart campaign's impact in Chicagoland area.

Attachments: [REO Feed The Cart Flight 1 Reporting January 2026 \(003\).pdf](#)

7.C. [26-0605](#)

Kay McKeen, Executive Director of SCARCE presented an annual update on the programs and initiatives SCARCE implemented in 2025. Kay highlighted the programs successes and provides the board with an outlook of SCARCE's 2026 plans. Chair Saba Haider responded to this presentation by thanking Kay for her hard work.

Attachments: [SCARCE Update - DPC Env Committee February 2026.pdf](#)

8. STAFF REPORTS

No report was offered.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Committee Member Andrew Honig provided the committee with a brief overview about a new food share initiative he is working on in collaboration with SCARCE and the Regional Office of Education.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 AM.



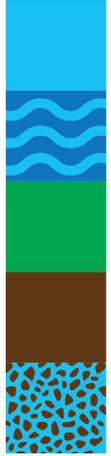
Presentation

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Kane-DuPage
Soil & Water
Conservation
District

DuPage County
Enviro
Committee
Update
March 2026



A Little Bit of History

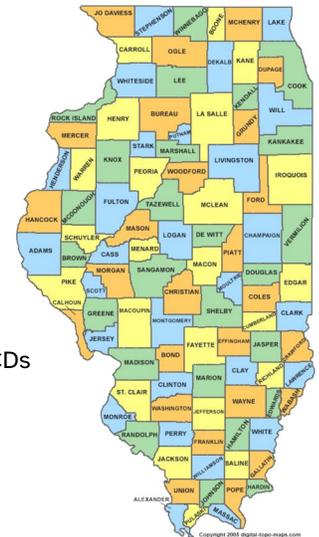
The Dust Bowl – *then and now*



Credit: National Weather Service

Soil and Water Conservation District =

- Locally organized and operated unit of government functioning under state law, to promote protection, maintenance, improvement and wise use of the soil, water and related resources within the District.
- Each SWCD is directed by 5 elected officials = Board of Directors



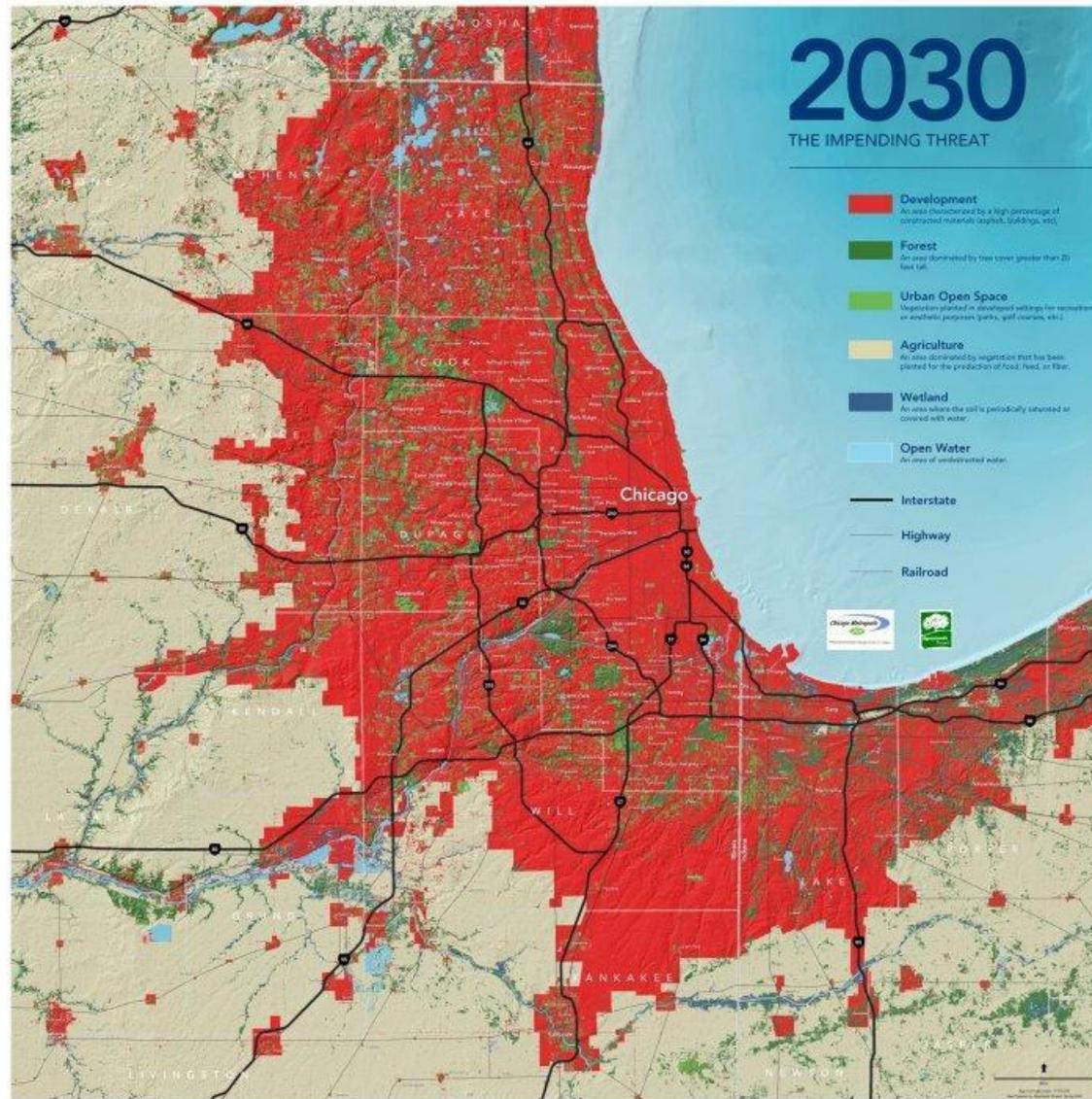
102 Counties in IL - 97 SWCDs

What do SWCDs do?

- Education Programs
- Watershed Planning
- Soil Health Monitoring
- Technical Assistance
 - Agricultural Conservation
 - Illinois Department of Agriculture
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - Sustainable Urban Development
 - Regulatory Agencies (permit compliance)
 - Counties, Municipalities, Developers and the Construction Industry



Why?



Serving Urban Development

Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

“The SWCD shall make all natural resource information available to the appropriate county agency or municipality in the promulgation of zoning ordinances or variances. Any person who petitions any municipality or county agency in the district for variation, amendment, or other relief from that municipality’s or county’s zoning ordinance or who proposes to subdivide vacant or agricultural lands”



Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts Act 70 ILCS 405

Reports

WETLANDS



Figure 2: DuPage County Wetlands

Wetlands of DuPage County Illinois. [http://gis.dupageco.org/arcgis/rest/services/OpenData/2015 DuPage County.](http://gis.dupageco.org/arcgis/rest/services/OpenData/2015%20DuPage%20County)

Figure 3: National Wetland Inventory Map

United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory Photo Year 1983-1984, Digitized 1985-1986.



Site Visits



DuPage County

Natural Resources Inventories 2025

proposed land use changes with acreage of disturbance

Residential

- Single-family to Multi-family Residential: Westmore-Meyers Rd., Lombard = 0.37 acres
- Residential to Residential (Subdivision & Variance Requests): North Path, Wheaton = 0.6 acres
- WMVP-AM Radio Transmitter Site to 35 Single-Family: 39th St., Downers Grove = 16.5 acres
- Single-family Home & Barn to Townhomes: Lies Rd., Carol Stream = 3.21 acres
- Vacant Land to Mixed-Use Development (ground floor commercial/residential above):
N. Beverly Ave., West Terrace St., E. Vermont St., & N. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park = 2.91 acres
- Vacant to Residential Apartment Building: S. Main St., Wheaton = 0.32 acres
- Vacant/Commercial to Residential Townhomes: E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton = 0.6 acres
- Vacant Property to Single-family Residence: Elm St., Lisle = 1.12 acres

Total Acres
Residential NRIs: 25.63

NRIs 2025 *cont.*

Commercial/Industrial

- Athletic Stadium to Stadium Additions & Parking Lot Expansion: Maple Ave., Lisle = 6.90 acres
- VAC Auto Service/Furniture Store to Shopping Center: Roosevelt Rd. & Finley Rd., Lombard = 2 acres
- Religious Institution to Institution Additions: Willow St., Wheaton = 2.6911 acres
- Parking Lot to Commercial Retail Center: Maple Ave., Roselle = 1.40 acres
- Agriculture to Truck Repair Terminal: Howard Dr., West Chicago = 4 acres
- Vacant Land to Coffee Shop & Quick Lube Oil Facility: Roosevelt Rd., West Chicago = 0.91 acres
- Commercial Office to Light Industrial Office Warehouse: Warrenville Rd., Downers Grove = 12.23 acres
- Agriculture to Light Industrial/Warehousing: Sunrise Rd., Naperville = 6.3 acres
- Driving Range/Vacant Land to Driveways & Stormwater Detention Basin: Keil Rd., West Chicago = 12.3 acres
- Commercial/Construction Business to Warehouse Facility: IL-83, Oakbrook Terrace = 21.37 acres
- Parking Lot to Drive-through Coffee Shop: Rice Lake Sq., Wheaton = 0.5 acres
- Abandoned School to Office Space: W. Roosevelt Rd., West Chicago = 0.67 acres
- Church to Church Expansion, Parking Lot Reconfiguration & Stormwater Detention Basin Enlargement: E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton = 7.07 acres

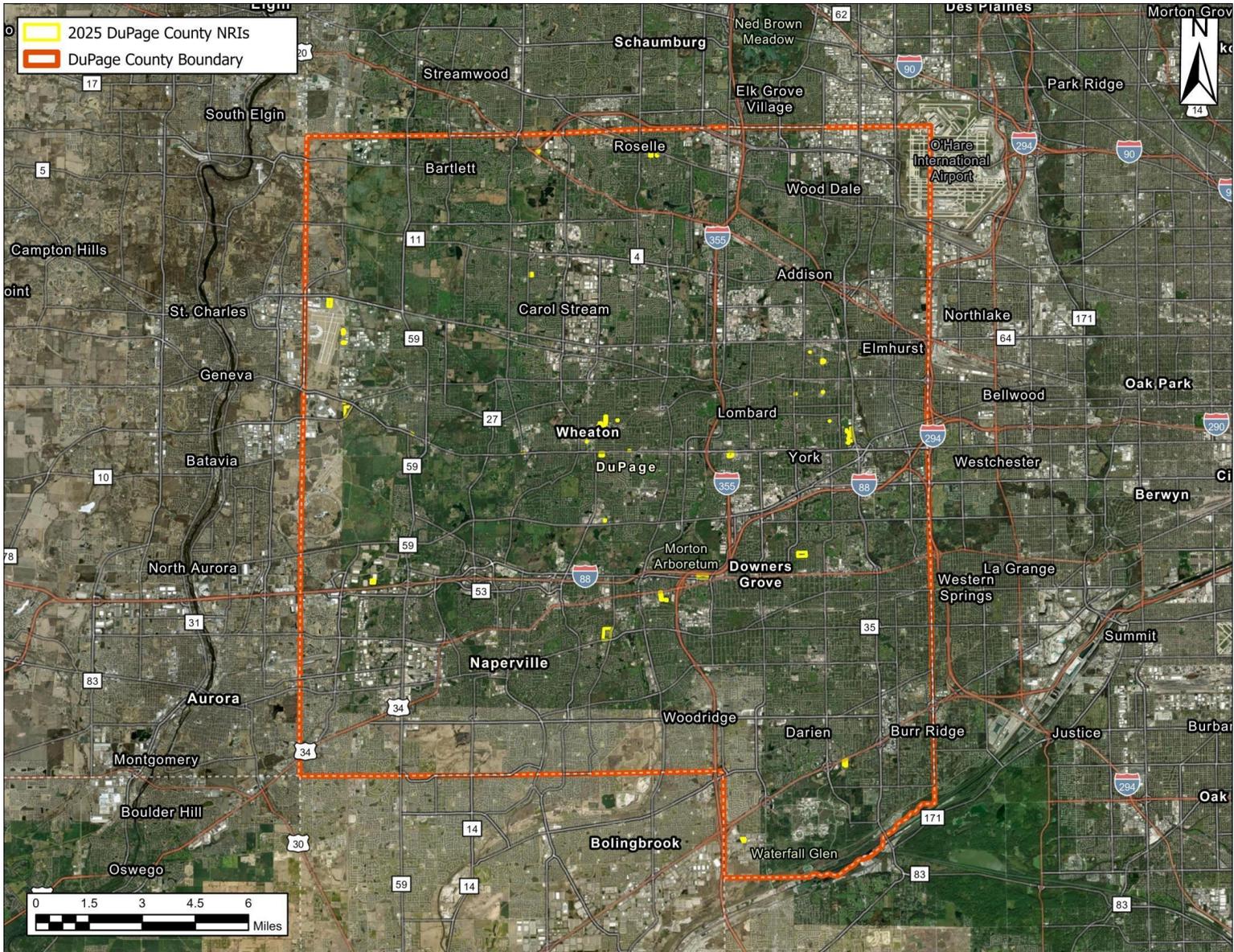
NRIs 2025 *cont.*

Commercial/Industrial *continued*

- College Library to College Library Improvements: Irving Ave., Wheaton = 1.19 acres
- Agriculture to Manufacturing & Distribution: Fabyan Parkway, West Chicago = 17.59 acres
- Industrial Contractor Facility to Truck Repair Shop: Blackhawk Dr., West Chicago = 0.1 acres
- Residential to Parking Lot: E. Seminary Ave., Wheaton = 1.255 acres
- Office to Storage Facility Addition: Ogden Ave., Lisle = 0.19 acres
- Indoor Sports Complex to Additional Parking for Complex: Frontage Rd., Hinsdale = 0.85 acres
- Vacant Land to Industrial/Warehouse: 103rd St., Woodridge = 3.5 acres
- Indoor Sports Complex to Complex Additions: Centennial Dr., Wheaton = 1.1 acres
- Trinity School to Library: Maple Ave., Roselle = 2.617 acres
- Vacant McDonalds Restaurant to Mister Car Wash Facility: W. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton = 1.36 acres

Total Acres

Commercial/Industrial NRIs: 89.4931



Serving Urban Development

Soil Erosion & Sediment Control (SESC)



8/2023



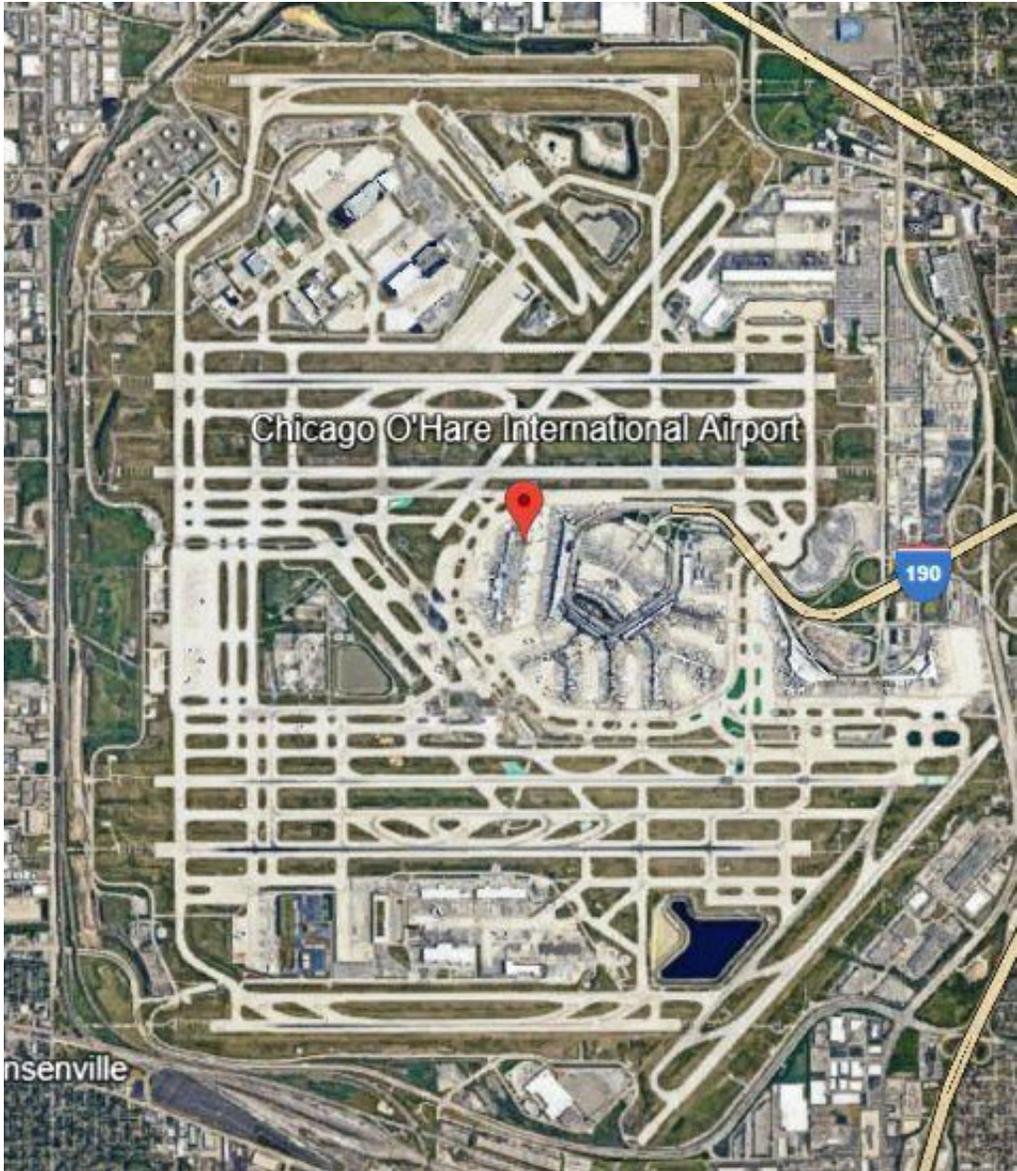
8/2024



2/2025



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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Serving Urban Development

Illinois Urban Manual (IUM)

*Technical Reference Material for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation
Best Management Practices*



**Seeking Sponsors
for the
e-Newsletter**

**BOOTS
ON THE
GROUND**

23rd Annual
Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Seminar
Green Infrastructure



Attendees: 136

Included:

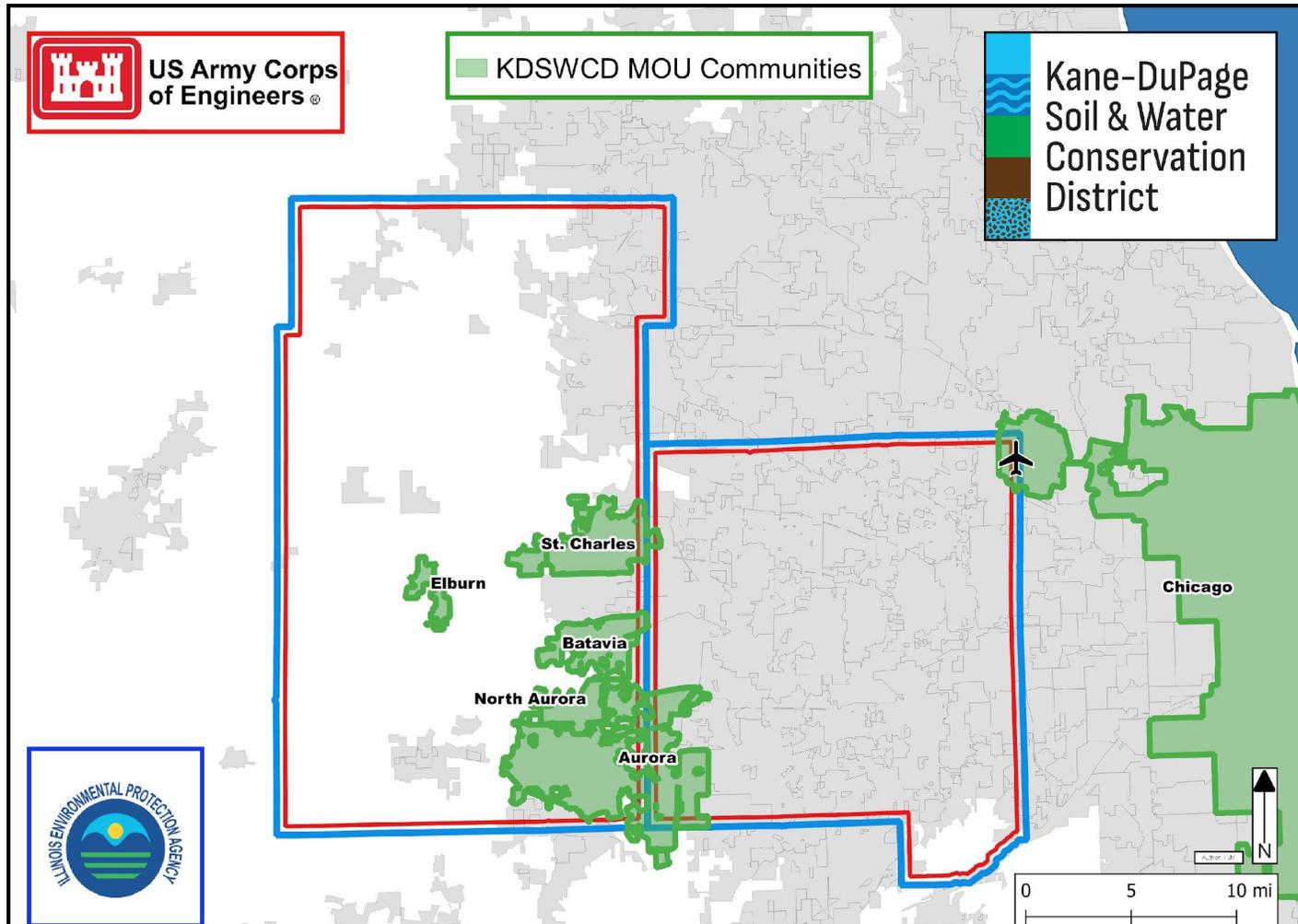
- DuPage County Stormwater
- DuPage Forest Preserve
- Addison
- Aurora
- Downers Grove
- Hanover Park
- Engineering Firms
- More...



Let *US*
be *YOUR* boots
on the ground!

**Memorandum of Understanding
(MOU)
With KDSWCD**

Existing Memorandum of Understandings

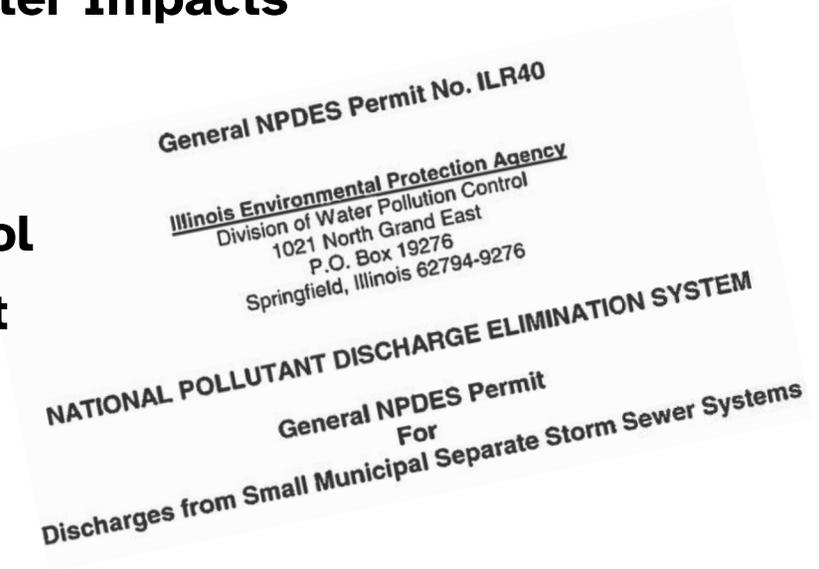


MS4 ILR40 Permit Requirements

Develop, Implement and Enforce a Stormwater Management Program

SIX minimum control measures must be included:

- 1. Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts**
- 2. Public Involvement/Participation**
- 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**
- 4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control**
- 5. Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment**
- 6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations**



KDSWCD can help municipalities meet their ILR40 Permit Requirements

Serving Producers

- Technical Support
- Cost Share Dollars

The Big 5

1. Soil
2. Water
3. Air
4. Plants
5. Energy



No Solar Panels on Fertile Farmland Act of 2025

This bill excludes expenses for certain property and facilities placed into service on prime farmland from multiple energy-related tax credits.

Specifically, the bill excludes expenses for property placed into service on prime farmland from the:

- residential clean energy tax credit (tax credit for up to 30% of the cost to install solar water heating property, solar electric property, fuel cell property, small wind energy property, geothermal heat pump property, or battery storage technology);
- renewable electricity production tax credit (tax credit for electricity that is produced from a qualified facility [for which construction generally begins before 2025] using wind, solar, or other specific types of renewable energy);
- clean electricity production tax credit (tax credit for electricity that is produced from a qualified facility that is placed into service after 2024 and has a greenhouse gas emissions rate of zero);
- energy investment tax credit (tax credit for investment in qualifying energy property for which construction generally begins before 2025, with some limited exceptions); and
- clean electricity investment tax credit (tax credit for investment in qualifying energy property placed into service after 2024 and has an anticipated greenhouse gas emissions rate of zero).

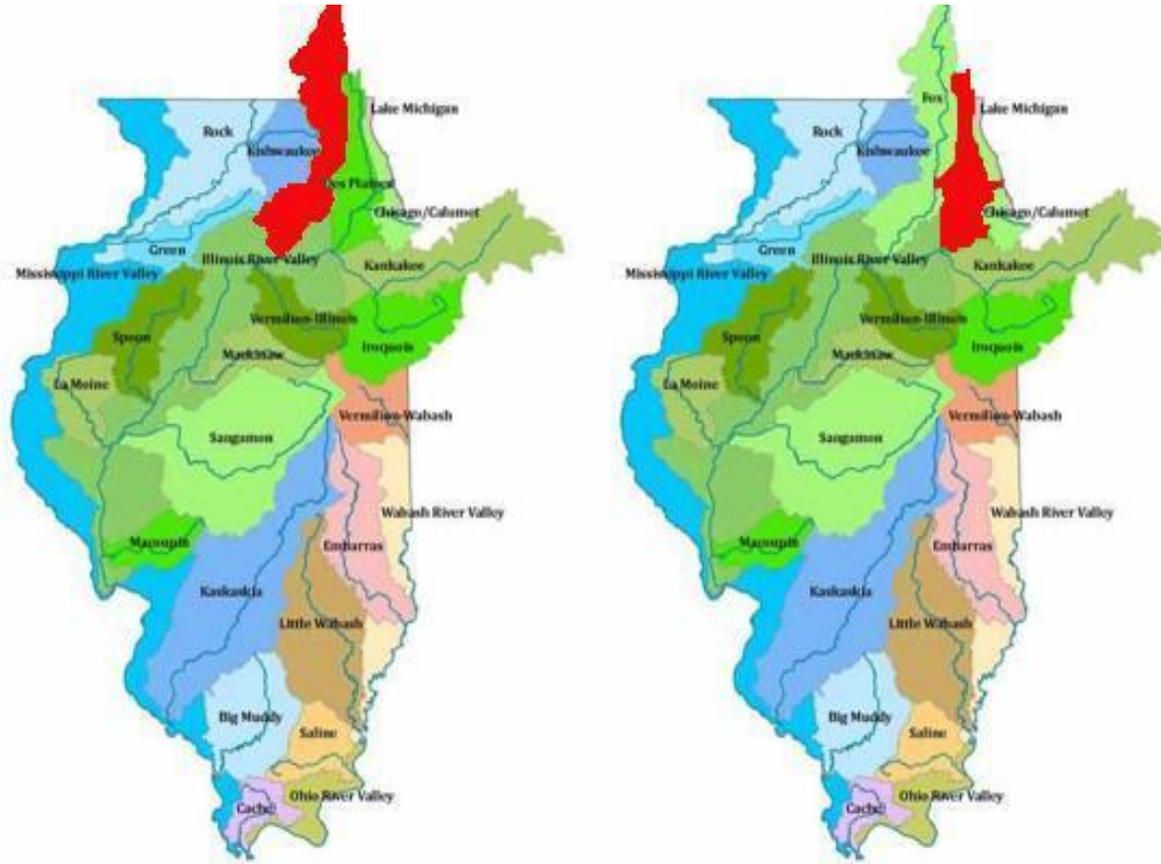
The bill defines *prime farmland* as land with the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for the production of food and other related uses.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1080>



Serving the Community

Watershed Planning



Serving the Community

Sharing the SWCD Mission



Conservation & Agricultural Site Tours

Environmentally-Focused Festivals

Serving the Community

AISWCD & Land Use Councils

SWCDs within the counties of Lake, Winnebago, McHenry, Boone, Kane, DuPage, DeKalb, Will and Cook come together to form the northeastern Illinois Land Use Council 16





NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON

"Fostering Environmentally Conscious Decision Making Young Adults."

Each spring, regional teams of 5 high school students prepare with a teacher/coach to compete in the areas of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and a current issue in natural resources.

Regional winners advance to the state (in Monticello in April) and then the national competition (in Mississippi in July) where winners receive scholarships.

DuPage County High Schools fielding teams:

- Downers Grove North (2 teams)
- Hinsdale Central (2 teams)
- Glenbard East (1 team)
- Glenbard West (1 team)
- Lisle (2 teams)
- Willowbrook (2)



Sponsors Needed!



**Non-Point Source Pollution:
it begins at home!**

March 18 at Morton Arboretum

Serving the Community

Soil & Water Stewardship Scholarship Program

Funding for this scholarship is made available from the Leopold Education Project, an educational program based on the works of noted conservationist and author Aldo Leopold



More Info Here

Well Water Testing 2026

Purchase Kits:

March 2 - 6

Kane DuPage Soil & Water
Conservation District
2315 Dean Street
Suite 100
St. Charles

OR

Kane County Farm Bureau
27N710 S. Randall Road
St Charles



Collect Samples: March 9 only

Return Kits to either location: March 9 ~ 8am- Noon



**March 4
session is
FULL!!**

\$45 per person *all inclusive*

September 16 (*registration coming soon*)
6pm @ Extension

Explore the Fascinating Realm of Mushrooms!

Mushroom Cultivation: Discover the art and science of cultivating delicious and nutritious mushrooms at home.

Gourmet & Medicinal Mushrooms: Learn the secrets of gourmet varieties that add a touch of luxury to your meals, as well as medicinal mushrooms treasured for their health-promoting properties.

Educational Insights: Delve into the ecological benefits of mushrooms and their potential for environmental stewardship.

Enjoy mushroom coffee and gourmet mushroom dishes during the event! Inoculate your own kit PLUS take home an additional ready-to-fruit grow kit.

Led by Great Lakes Mushroom Company

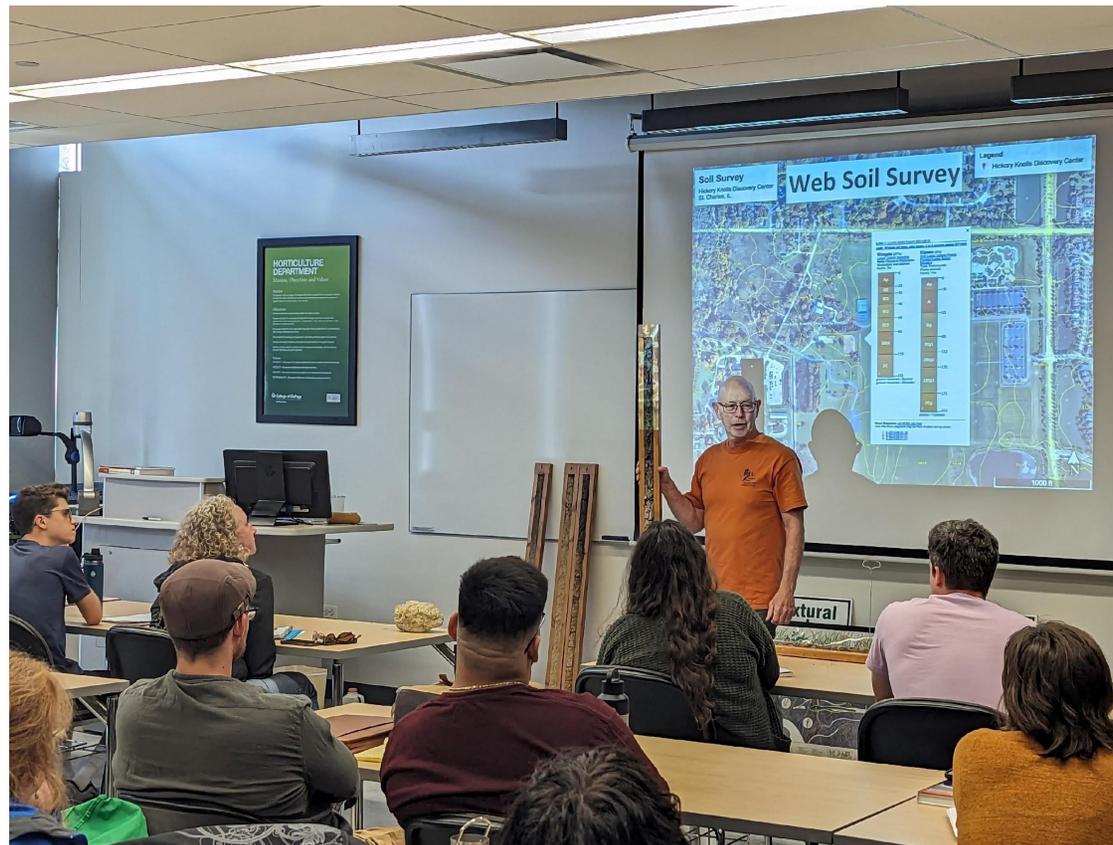


Coming in March!



Inspiring Environmental Stewards

Continuing Education for Students, Professionals and Constituents



Partners in Your Community



Thank you!

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2026 Spring Sign Recycling Event



DuPage County Campus

Enter through Main Entrance Road
421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton
{Follow Recycling Event Signage}

Friday, March 20th · 3 pm – 5:30 pm
Saturday, March 21st · 9 am – 12 pm

DuPage County Environmental Committee is pleased to offer the opportunity to recycle political and other corrugated plastic and cardboard signs for recycling. DuPage County will collect signs and metal stands at no cost. **Only corrugated plastic and cardboard signs will be accepted. Metal stands must be separated from signs prior to drop off.**



Questions? Contact DuPage County at 630-407-6767 or email Recycle@dupagecounty.gov.

www.dupagecounty.gov/recycling