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DuPage County Stormwater Management News & Updates

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**Stop by STEM-a-Palooza at the DuPage County Fair
This Weekend!**



Kids learn from SWM staff about erosion and streambank stabilization using the Emriver stream table.

Tons of activities, fun, and air conditioning can be found at STEM-a-Palooza in the DuPage County Fair, hosted by SCARCE! SWM is here all weekend with the popular Emriver stream table, a fantastic tool for teaching about river movements and the effects of human development on stream health. The mesmerizing table is an incredible tool for engaging the public on stormwater management, and SWM is very grateful to the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (IAFSM) for loaning us the model. When combined with the classic watershed models run by SCARCE and the traveling "Where Water Goes" exhibit, there's plenty of water quality learning to go around!

Work Begins for Winfield Creek Restoration Project Near County Campus

Around Town

SWM internships are wrapping up next month, and they've been able to fit in a lot of useful and interesting experiences during their short time. Besides water quality testing, outfall inspections, and wetland site visits, interns were taken on tours of various key facilities



Vegetation clearing has begun along the banks of Winfield Creek and in the adjacent wetland area.

SWM contractors broke ground on the Winfield Creek/Campus Stream Stabilization Project in mid-July. The project, funded through a Section 319 grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, addresses a section of creek running along the west side of DuPage County campus. When complete, this section will have rock-stabilized streambanks, native plant buffers, and improved outfalls from nearby storm sewers that discharge into the creek. The project is expected to be complete later this fall.

Second Conservation@Home Garden Showcase Takes Place Across DuPage County

Last weekend, The Conservation Foundation hosted the second ever Conservation@Home DuPage Garden Showcase, sponsored by SWM. The event invited participants on a self-guided tour of over 10 beautiful, eco-friendly gardens across the County, all certified by the Conservation@Home program for featuring native plants, water-smart gardening practices, and valuable wildlife habitats. The organizers hoped that residents would get green inspiration for their own yards by seeing the successes of their neighbors. Keep an eye on our socials for pictures from these wonderful gardens!

throughout DuPage County. Interns learned about reuse, recycling and environmental education at SCARCE's facility, and Groot's Recycling Facility in Elk Grove Village. They also stopped by the Urban Stream Research Center in Blackwell Forest Preserve, County Knollwood Wastewater Treatment Plant, and a traveling tour of SWM's operating facilities like Elmhurst Quarry and Armstrong Park. These tours are a great way to round out their learning while they're with us!



SWM Committee Chair Jim Zay and Carol Stream Mayor Frank Saverino greet interns before their tour of the Armstrong Park Reservoir in Carol Stream.

Upcoming Events

DuPage County Fair STEM-a-Palooza

Thursday, July 24 - Sunday, July 27, 2025, All Day

In partnership with SWM, SCARCE is hosting STEM-a-Palooza at the DuPage County Fair! Check out over 3,700 square feet of fun, hands-on environmental activities and make-and-take crafts that bring science, technology, engineering and math to life. SWM staff will also host an interactive booth for children and adults alike. Located at the DuPage County Fairgrounds (2015 Manchester Rd., Wheaton), access is included with Fair admission.

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Roselle Senior Expo

Thursday, July 31, 2025, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SWM will be tabling at this event for seniors hosted by Illinois Representative Jennifer Sanalidro 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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Heroes & Helicopters Community Showcase

Saturday, August 16, 2025, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

The heroes in our community of course begin with our first responders but there are so many other organizations that serve our community and are heroes as well.

Join us for a day of exploration hosted by Illinois Senator Laura Ellman and Representative Janet Yang Rohr, beginning with the medical helicopter scheduled to land at 10AM. Enjoy a close up view of trucks and equipment used by our first responders. Engage with all of the organizations that are participating in our event and sharing how they are serving our community.

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Wheaton Senior Resource Fair

Saturday, August 28, 2025, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SWM will be tabling at this event for seniors hosted by Illinois Representative Amy Grant 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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