



Cost Share Opportunities

Cover crop- \$30 per acre. (Cover crops can be chopped or grazed.)

No Till- \$15 per acre

Terrace, Grass Waterways, and Water and Sediment Control Basins–
Up to 75% cost share.

If you have any questions or would like us to look at a proposed project give us a call or stop by the NRCS Office.

Tom Brockett

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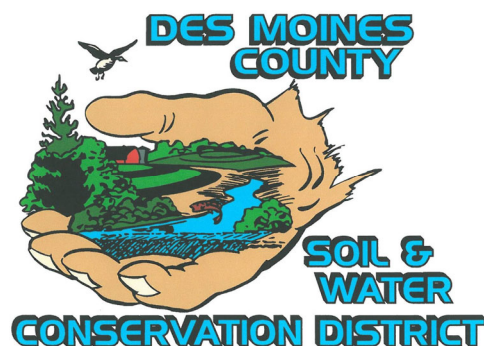
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News:

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Michael Fosdick hosted a field day at his Dodgeville farm on June 19th. The event was hosted by Practical Farmers of Iowa and sponsored by the Big Hollow Watershed Project and Des Moines County Soil and Water Conservation District.. At this field day, Michael discussed management strategies, including why he uses cover crops, and what he's learned so far. He also discussed strip-tilling before corn and on-farm trials, including a PFI trial studying return on investment when reducing nitrogen rates to corn. We would like to thank all the people that attended and thank Michael and his family for hosting this event.



Conservation Workshop with Richard Lyons



Pictured L to R: Michael Fosdick, Stan Nelson, Richard Lyons, and Charles Pilling.

A conservation workshop was held March 28th at the Clover Creek event center in Mediapolis. This event featured a presentation by 2024 Illinois Leopold Conservation Award winner Richard Lyons. Richard, a former agriculture instructor for 32 years at Lincoln Land Community College and IL State University, is a cash grain farmer for 50 years in South Central IL. He plants a two year rotation of corn, cereal rye, soybeans and tillage radish/barley/rape/Austrian winter pea. He is a strong believer of using the soil health practices on his farm of: no-till/strip till, cover crops, biodiversity of crops, and a living root throughout the year.

Richard couples his soil health practices with the conservation practices of nutrient management of N, P, & K on every acre while protecting streams and drainage ditches with filter strips, two-stage ditch designs and streambank stabilization. Keeping the soil on the land by preventing erosion and keeping the nutrients of nitrogen and phosphorus out of the runoff waters and tile waters for water quality maintenance is the strong moral ethos by which Richard farms and lives.

Richard's Presentation was followed by a Q & A session with a farmer panel that included Michael Fosdick, Stan Nelson, Charles Pilling, and Richard.

Thank you to everyone that attended this event! If you have a topic or speaker that you would like us to host please let us know.



On June 7th Des Moines County Conservation hosted their annual Youth Jamboree at Big Hollow. Big Hollow Watershed Project Coordinator Tom Brockett had a display set up that included a watershed model. This model gives the kids a hands on learning experience on how a watershed works and explains the different types of pollutions. 235 kids signed into this event.



NRCS District Conservationist Tyler Shipley and Big Hollow Watershed Project Coordinator Tom Brockett attended the New London School's 6th grade camp out at Camp McBride. A presentation was given to the students on how a watershed works and the difference between non-point source and point source pollution. This Enviroscape Watershed model is available for any event that the community would like us to set it up at.