

Vermilion County Soil & Water Conservation District

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for all the current events we have happening (217) 442-8511, ext 3

MISSION of the VERMILION COUNTY SWCD

To provide for the conservation of the soil, soil resources, water and water resources of the county.

To provide for the control and prevention of soil erosion.

To provide for the prevention of air and water pollution.

To provide for the prevention of erosion, floodwater and sediment damages

Education & Outreach

The Vermilion County SWCD works to provide educational opportunities to the public. Some past and present efforts of the district are listed below:

- Cover Crop Demo Plot – September 27, 2013 A three year grant has been received to host a demonstration on the farm ground of Dave Olson at County Road 3900N and N 1130 East Rd. Seed specialists and farmers experienced with cover crops will be speaking. Please call (217) 442-8511, ext 3 for further information.
- The SWCD provides free tree seedlings to 3rd grade students in Vermilion County to promote Arbor Day. In 2013, the SWCD gave away over 400 white pine seedlings
- The SWCD partners with the Vermilion County Pheasants Forever Chapter and neighboring county SWCDs as part of Land Use Council 7 to sponsor the Envirothon, a high school environmental education competition. Teams of high school students compete in the subject areas of wildlife, aquatics, soils and forestry. Winning teams can advance to state and national competitions. In 2013, over 40 high school students competed at Forest Glen Preserve in the LUC7 regional competition.
- The SWCD serves as a resource to local schools and can provide educational tools such as an Enviroscope and a Rainfall Simulator for environmental education
- The SWCD partners with the Vermilion County Pheasants Forever Chapter to coordinate a free wildlife foodplot seed program for county land users. Seed available includes corn, sunflower, sorghum and soybeans
- The SWCD provides monetary support for the annual Lake Vermilion Cleanup Day through a Streambank Cleanup and Lakeshore Enhancement (SCALE) Grant from the IL EPA

The SWCD also provides general conservation information, conservation and agricultural tours, and educational workshops on a variety of topics

