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In July of 2008 the McDonough County SWCD completed a very successful watershed based planning initiative for the Spring Lake Watershed in McDonough County. This work was in cooperation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the AISWCD. A planning committee comprised of local stakeholders worked for 1 ½ years to develop the plan. The plan addressed all IEPA identified water quality impairments, as well as a list of watershed resource concerns that were noted by the planning and technical resource committees. The final plan was approved and published in July of 2008, and can be viewed at [www.springlakewatershed.org](http://www.springlakewatershed.org). The SWCD and Planning Committee have now moved into the implementation phase of the project.

McDonough County SWCD partnered with University of Illinois Extension and Western Illinois Regional Council to sponsor the 9<sup>th</sup> annual McDonough County 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Day, with attendance by all 5<sup>th</sup> graders in McDonough County private and public schools attending.

McDonough County SWCD continues to co-sponsor the Ag Literacy Program, which reaches each grade school classroom in McDonough County once per month.

McDonough County SWCD continues to promote the CREP Program, and have seventy-two CREP contracts.

McDonough County SWCD participates in a regional Envirothon with five other counties for high school age students.

McDonough County SWCD spent approximately \$75,000 State dollars in cost-share related projects in 2008.

