

RICHLAND COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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The Richland County Soil & Water Conservation District is committed to providing technical assistance to landowners in Richland County as they install and implement programs offered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The SWCD is the primary contact, as well as, the delivery source for these programs. Some of the programs offered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture include the Conservation Practices Program, Streambank Stabilization Program, Water Well Sealing initiative, T by 2000 Transect and the Nutrient Management Program. Over the last 5 yrs., the Richland County SWCD has utilized over \$250,000 for construction and implementation of several of these types of projects. In addition to working independently to promote sound conservation practices, the Richland Co. SWCD has a very strong working relationship with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and assists them in promoting Federal conservation programs. Thus, adding additional practices and monies to the landowners in Richland County. The photo below is an example of the installation of a Streambank Stabilization project.

Stone Toe Protection

The Richland County Soil & Water Conservation District is not solely committed to just the landowners in the county, but are committed to assist the urban communities as well. Promoting conservation, whether it be preventing or reducing soil loss, stopping erosion, helping keep our ground water clean, reducing pollutants to keep our water safe to drink, is an ongoing educational venture for the District. The Richland County Soil & Water Conservation District provides technical assistance and educational opportunities to all the residents of Richland County – whether it be surveying and designing a conservation practice or presenting a program to our youth on the importance of protecting our natural resources.

