Get paid for conservation agriculture through nutrient trading

To learn more about how to apply for **immediately-available grants**, attend a lunch workshop <u>Wednesday, January 15</u> from <u>12:30-2 p.m</u>. at <u>McHenry County Farm Bureau</u>, 1102 McConnell Rd, Woodstock.

This workshop features Bartlett Durand, of Central States Water Environment Association, who will help us understand how municipal wastewater treatment districts will pay for conservation agriculture practices via nutrient trading credits.

Because of Clean Water Act requirements for wastewater treatment plants Bartlett is able to partner with landowners for nutrient reduction, offering more bang-for-the-buck than building wastewater facilities to meet stricter municipal nutrient discharge limits. Instead of expensive treatment plants, Municipal-Agriculture Water Quality Partnerships benefit everyone in a watershed with improved soil health, sediment reduction, carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat improvement and flood mitigation while improving local water conditions.

Speaker Bartlett Durand connects utility companies with farmers to achieve water quality goals. He's bringing this program from Wisconsin and other areas in Illinois into the Fox River watershed thanks to funding from the Walton Family Foundation. **This program has funding to immediately support grants for cover crops and other conservation practices, plus additional opportunities for future growing seasons.**

TO REGISTER:

Contact Spring Duffey at the McHenry-Lake Soil & Water Conservation District:
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Lunch is hosted and will be catered by DC Cobbs, a staple in downtown Woodstock.

Please register by close of business Monday, January 13.

Special thanks to these workshop and program partners

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• McHenry County Conservation District • North Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District •
• Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts •