

Kankakee County Soil & Water Conservation District cordially invites you to attend a special event!



Kankakee County "Farming for the Future" Conservation Bus Tour

Tuesday, April 4, 7:45AM -12:30PM



Join us to learn about agriculture's vital role in water quality and conservation. Meet local farmers and view on-farm solutions that reduce erosion, increase soil health, and keep nutrients out of waterways.

Farm stops will include cover crops, edge-of-field conservation, tillage solutions, & wetland restoration practices.

Due to limited space this event is by invitation only. Please RSVP by calling the office at (815) 937-8940 ext. 3



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Most people today have noticed the increased attention in the news that is being placed on our climate. It seems drought has reached corners of our country on an almost routine basis with water shortages for many people living in those regions. Locally, while not suffering from drought, we have experienced excess rainfall cutting short the planting season as recent as 2019. Things have definitely changed.

Corresponding with extreme weather events is the seemingly daily use of the words sustainability, climate change and regenerative farming practices. All of those topics can be a mouthful to understand, let alone to make them relatable locally.

The defining geographic feature of Kankakee County is unquestionably the Kankakee River. The surrounding landscape which contributes to its' flow of water is predominantly farmland. A resource which contributes significantly to the economic livelihood of all those who call Kankakee home. With so much conversation swirling around about how human interactions with our environment may be contributing to environmental decline, those of us at the SWCD thought it was about time to share what is, and what can be, done to improve our natural resources within the county.

I am grateful for the opportunity to finally invite all of you to our Kankakee County Conservation Bus Tour this spring. This tour has been an idea floating around for quite some time and we at the Soil and Water Conservation District are looking forward to finally sharing the strides that farmers have been making to protect the land and water resources of Kankakee County. Although not inclusive of all possible farm level activities, we will literally step foot on some current practices that have made significant differences in soil and water quality.

With all of the attention that the Kankakee River has rightfully been garnering, we believe that now is the best time ever to showcase farmer efforts to date. We also believe we can strengthen relationships by demonstrating how clean water and healthy soil makes a better Kankakee County for all.

Please join us for this event!