



Kane County Soil & Water Conservation District Board Member Biographies

Gerard Fabrizius: Gerard has served on the KDSWCD Board for since 2006 and is a lifetime resident of western Kane County. He is very active in the KDSWCD's Legislative Committee. Gerard resides in Maple Park with his wife and 4 children. He has lived on and farmed The Fabrizius Farm all of his life. It is a centennial farm with over 100 years of ownership by the same family. Gerard also substitute teaches. He is a member of the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation and a lector at Saints Peter and Paul Parish.

Thomas A. Konen: Tom is a resident of Sugar Grove. He grew up on a farm in Kane County. Tom is currently Water Foreman for the United City of Yorkville. He also served as Water Superintendent for the Village of North Aurora for over 10 years. During his 8 years with Rempe-Sharpe and Associates, Tom helped to develop and infrastructure maintenance and repair program for the Village of Elburn. A few of Tom's affiliations include the American Water Works Association, Kane County Water Association, and Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association.

William Pauling: Born and raised in DuPage County, Bill has been involved in the family farming operation since childhood. In 1984, he went into business for himself. Along with his brother, he operates a 1200 acre grain farm. Bill has served on the SWCD Board since 1991 as Secretary/Treasurer and has been involved with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) committee for years. Bill has also served on the Farm Bureau Farm Management Committee as director and is Chairman of Farm Bureau's Young Farmers of DuPage County. Bill lives in Carol Stream with his wife and 2 boys.

Maggie Soliz: Maggie has been a resident of Batavia for 35 years and is a life-long resident of the Tri-Cities. She is married to Dan Soliz, and is the mother of four grown children and grandmother of five. Maggie is the owner of The Soliz Group, a marketing and sales company aiding builders and developers with the purchase and sale of vacant land. She is also employed as a Business Development Representative at Applied Ecological Services, one of the leading ecological consulting, design and contracting firms in the world which is dedicated to bringing the science of ecology to land-use decisions. Formerly a member of the River Corridor Foundation, Maggie was a founder of the Art in Your Eye Festival in Batavia.

Jay Womack: Born and raised in Illinois, Jay has a professional background that reflects his lifelong affinity for the natural areas of the Midwest. His design process is based on an understanding that every site contains a unique and ever-changing part of the global system. Therefore, every design solution requires innovation through the partnership of environmental and economic growth. Currently with WRD Environmental, located in the Chicago Center for Green Technology, Jay is the Director of Landscape and Ecological Design and leads the design team to create partnerships between land, water, and the built environment.

Jay has received recognition from the American Society of Landscape Architects at both the national and state levels for his academic and professional work. Living in Geneva, Jay volunteers his time with The Conservation Foundation and serves as an Advisor for Kane County, he is the Chairperson for the Natural Resources Committee of Geneva, is the site steward for Fabyan Preserve East through the Kane County Forest Preserve District, and is the Past President for the American Society of Landscape Architects-IL Chapter.

He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology where he teaches two courses in the landscape architecture department; both courses focus on the integration of ecology and sustainability in landscape architecture.