



## Achievements in Conservation Honored

On February 25th, the Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District (KDSWCD) held an annual meeting at Eagle Brook Country Club in Geneva. Following the business meeting, four awards were given to honor achievements in conservation.

The award for Promotion and Conservation of Land and Water Resources honored a company that helped the city of St. Charles earn the title "Water Capital of the World." Aquascape Inc. promotes conservation by holding education events, offering and installing rain water harvesting systems, and creating new wildlife habitats with every pond, waterfall, and wetland they design. In

addition, Aquascape headquarters is a Silver-level LEED certified building located by the DuPage Airport. The award was sponsored by Christopher B. Burke Engineering LTD.

who participate in the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon as well as manages the Mighty Acorns program in DuPage County. She has created many family and youth programs at The Conservation Foundation's

McDonald Farm property. Fitchett's current initiatives involve working on the Leave No Child Inside effort lead by Chicago Wilderness to increase the time spent by children outside the home.

Co-workers have said that Judy does all of this with flair and grace, and lights up when she's around children and nature.

The John C. Biddle Award, which recognizes an outstanding

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**District Chairperson, Gerard Fabrizious presents Judy Fitchett with Conservation Education award**

The Excellence in Conservation Education Award was sponsored by ENCAP Inc of Sycamore. Judy Fitchett, director of youth and family education at the Conservation Foundation received the award. Fitchett works with DuPage Schools

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## 2010 Northeastern Illinois Envirothon



**Wildlife presenter Carl Strang with Envirothon students**

Once again this year, the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon competition was divided into two day long events in April. On April 14th the event was held at Prairieview Education Center in Crystal Lake for teams from Boone, DeKalb, Lake, McHenry and Winnebago counties. The April 16th competition was held at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oakbrook for teams from Cook, DuPage, Kane, and Will counties. Forty one high school teams from eight counties participated over the two days.

Envirothon gives students the opportunity to learn more about natural resource issues in the areas of Wildlife, Aquatics, Soils, Forestry, and a new current topic each year. This year's current topic was Protection of Groundwater Through Urban, Agricultural and Environmental Planning.

Students were given study mate-

rials for each of the topic areas prior to the competition. During the competition, students traveled to five stations representing each topic. At the aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife stations, teams heard a presentation from a resource professional. The teams then worked together to answer test and lab questions covering those areas. For the current topic station, the students gave an oral presentation on a scenario they had been given prior to the competition.

Envirothon depends on the dedication of numerous volunteers. The volunteers serve as team guides, station monitors, and photographers. Another key to the success of the Envirothon is the knowledge of the presenters. Presenters for the events were Aquatics, Jennifer Hammer, The Conservation Foundation; Wildlife, Carl Strang, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County; Soils, Bob Oja, McHenry County SWCD; Forestry, Chris Mest, Chicagoland Tree Care Advisor; and current topic judges Andrea Cline, The Conservation Foundation, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Kane-DuPage SWCD, and Cassandra McKinney, McHenry County.

The top scoring team for Kane County was Dundee Crown High School in Carpentersville. St.

Francis High School in Wheaton had the top score for DuPage County. The highest scoring team of the two events that advanced to the Illinois Envirothon on May 13th and 14th was Woodstock High School from McHenry County. Taylorville High School from Christian County won the Illinois Envirothon, and will compete at the Canon Envirothon to be held August 1st-6th in Fresno, California. They will be one of 52 teams from the United States and Canada participating in the event.

The Northeastern Illinois Envirothon committee would like to thank the McHenry County Conservation District for providing event facilities and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County for providing event facilities, lunch and t-shirts. Thanks also to expansion sponsors Dorie Zimmerman, Luise Fianza and Winnebago County SWCD. Check [www.kanedupageswcd.org](http://www.kanedupageswcd.org) for information on the 2011 Northeastern Illinois Envirothon.



**Top Scoring DuPage County Team  
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## Awards, Continued from Page 1

farmer, family, or partnership, for their conservation efforts was awarded to the late Dave Compton and family. Compton applied some of the conservation farming methods he had learned earlier in his life from farms in Australia and New Zealand. He practiced strip till farming long before it became a common practice. Compton was a hard working farmer with an understanding and supportive family. The award was presented to Compton's family to show appreciation for his conservation efforts. The Biddle Award was sponsored by Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick Inc.

The Conservation Design Forum sponsored the 2010 Dick Young award. The Dick Young award is



**Phil Bus receives the Dick Young Award from KDSWCD board members**

given to an individual with a life long commitment to conservation in Kane or DuPage counties. This year's recipient was former Director of the Kane County Development Department, Phil Bus.

Bus worked to keep Kane County on the cutting edge of

conservation and sustainability. From his leadership on the Comprehensive Land Use Plans to his guidance in creating a Stormwater Management Committee, Bus demonstrated the importance of open space preservation, water resource, and wise development. In addition, he has consistently called for the recognition that agricultural land is not vacant land waiting to be developed but a valuable economic and natural resource to be protected.

The KDSWCD would like to thank all of our award sponsors as well Bollinger and Lach for sponsoring the printing of the annual report. Visit [www.kanedupageswcd.org](http://www.kanedupageswcd.org) for the 2011 award nomination form.

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# KDSWCD Election Results



**Wayne Schneider served on the KDSWCD board since 1996**

A ballot election was held February 25th, 2010 to elect three individuals to serve as Directors for the Board of the Soil & Water Conservation District.

This year's elections brought about changes to the board of Directors. District chairperson, Wayne Schneider, retired his seat on the board after 14 years of service. Wayne facilitated topics at meeting and was very helpful to the District staff for questions and advice. He will continue to be involved with the KDSWCD as an Associate Director.

The KDSWCD welcomed our new board member, Tom Konen of Sugar Grove. Tom served as Water Superintendent for the Village of North Aurora for over 10 years. During his 8 years with Rempe-Sharpe and Associ-

ates, Tom helped to develop an infrastructure maintenance and repair program for the Village of Elburn. Gerard Fabrizius, a centennial farmer and lifelong resident of western Kane County, and Maureen McAllister, Kane County resident and owner of a management consulting business, were reelected to the board.

Two director positions will be voted on in 2011. In order to qualify to serve as a director, you must be a land owner or occupier in Kane or DuPage counties, of legal voting age, and willing to serve a two-year term. Interested persons should contact the office at 630.584.7961 Ext. 3.

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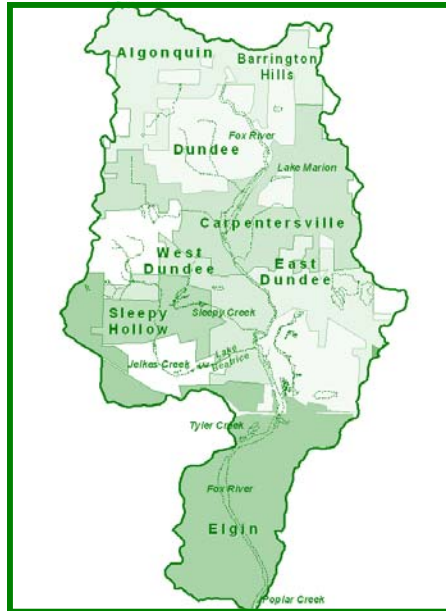
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# Creating a Jelkes Creek Watershed Plan

This spring, the KDSWCD was awarded a 319 Grant administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to develop a watershed-based plan for the Jelkes Creek watershed located mainly in the northern portion of Kane County. Once the plan is implemented, it is intended to improve water quality by controlling non point source pollution. The planning process will involve input from both local stakeholders and experts.



A Watershed Plan identifies and assess impairment areas of water resources along with causes and sources of such impair-

ments. Management practices will be identified for prevention, remediation, and restoration of natural and water resources. Existing concerns and unique fea-

tures of the watershed will be identified as well as possible improvement projects. A watershed stakeholder and technical committees will be formed to:

- Guide the development of the watershed plan
- Form an outreach plan
- Elect officers to drive the initiative forward

The first Jelkes Creek Watershed meeting will take place in August 2010. Anyone owning, occupying or working within the watershed is invited to attend and share their ideas to improve water quality. Call 630.584.7961 Ext. 3 to be placed on the mailing list.

## Disposal of Unused Medicines

At one time, flushing was believed to be the safest way to dispose of unwanted medicine. This practice is no longer recommended. When medications go down the drain, they flow through your community's sanitary sewer system to a wastewater treatment facility. Recent studies show that wastewater treatment facilities do not remove small amounts of pharmaceutical wastes. It is still unclear what effect this may have on wildlife or humans.

To properly dispose of unwanted

medication, follow any specific disposal instructions on the drug label. DO NOT flush unless the instructions tell you to do so. If no instructions are given, throw the drugs in the household trash but first:

- ◆ Pour medication into a sealable plastic bag.
- ◆ Crush or add water to dissolve solid medications.
- ◆ Add kitty litter, sawdust or any material that mixes with the medication and makes it less appealing for pets and children to eat.
- ◆ Seal the plastic bag and put

it in the trash.

- ◆ Remove and destroy ALL identifying personal information (prescription label) from all medication containers before recycling them.

There may also be approved collection sites in your area. For a list of programs visit, [www.co.kane.il.us/Environment/recycle/hhw.htm](http://www.co.kane.il.us/Environment/recycle/hhw.htm) or on [www.dupageco.org/recycling](http://www.dupageco.org/recycling) go



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Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Meetings are held at the KDSWCD office at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, in St. Charles. The meetings are open to the public. Please phone ahead to confirm the date and time.

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