

**Kane-DuPage Soil and Water
Conservation District**



2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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 William Pauling, Secretary/Treasurer Treasurer
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 Maggie Soliz, Director

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SWCD Staff

Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Administrative
 Coordinator/Education Coordinator
 Candice Jacobs, Resource Conservationist
 Ashley Jennings, Resource Analyst
 Michelle Loth, Office Assistant

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Rand Briggs, GIS Specialist/Forester
 James Rospopo, District Conservationist/CPESC

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Davey Tree
Annual Report

ENCAP Inc.
Dick Young Award

Kane County Farm Bureau
Biddle Award

Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick Inc.
*Excellence in Conservation of Land and
 Water Resources Award*

Phoenix & Associates
Centerpieces

A Message from our Chair

I am exceedingly proud of my association with the Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District. The board and staff continues to be professional and dedicated to the mission of protecting and preserving the vital natural resources of our country. I thank them for their service and commitment.

This past year, the District continued to perform inspections for the City of Chicago's O'hare Modernization Program. The District also worked with the City of St. Charles on the Red Gate Road Bridge as well as several other projects in both DuPage and Kane Counties. Staff also worked to educate the public through their participation in a number of public events and teacher trainings.

These economic times continue to be a challenge, but we are surviving. There are bright spots on the horizon. Certain income areas are slowly improving. The board and staff continue implementing certain aspects of the strategic plan. Hopefully this will position the District for the future.

We all have the responsibility to insure that future generations have the full use of the Earth's natural resources. Let us all do our part.



KDSWCD Board Chairman
Gerard Fabrizius

Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District Minutes of the Annual Meeting February 21, 2013

Gerard Fabrizio welcomed everyone for attending the annual meeting at 4:30 p.m. Forty-three people enjoyed hors d' oeuvres at the Riverside Banquet facility in Geneva, IL.

Chairman Fabrizio introduced Directors, Associate Directors and staff. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and the purpose stated for the annual meeting. A motion was made by Ken Shepro and seconded by Irv Ochsenschlager to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2012 meeting and motion carried. Irv Ochsenschlager motioned to approve the Statement of Financial Position July 2011 thru June 2012 and was seconded by Ken Shepro and motion carried.

Sue Harney, nominating committee chair, gave the voting results for the elected Directors. Bill Pauling and Maggie Soliz were elected for a two year term.

A motion was made by Ken Shepro and seconded by Mary Ochsenschlager to adjourn the business meeting at 6:15 p.m. and motion carried.

Awards were presented to:

- ◆ Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition, a group of residents, municipal officials, and stakeholders working to protect the Tyler Creek Watershed in Kane County, received the Conservation of Land and Water Resources award. Rick Poulton accepted on behalf of the group. This award was sponsored by Hampton, Lenzi and Renwick Inc.
- ◆ Cindy Wendt, a 6th grade teacher at Sheridan Elementary School in Elgin, accepted the award for Excellence in Conservation Education.
- ◆ The John C. Biddle Award, sponsored by Kane County Farm Bureau, was presented to Donna Lehrer. Donna and her family grow organic vegetables, hay, oats and also produce wool from their flock of sheep.
- ◆ The Dick Young award for lifetime commitment to conservation was presented to Fran Caffee who has dedicated her time to monitoring the water quality of the Fox River. The award was sponsored by EnCap Inc.
- ◆ Mary Ochsenschlager was presented with a special award for her years of service on the Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

A silent auction was held in conjunction with the annual meeting. Approximately \$500 was raised to support district programs.

The evening ended at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William Pauling/Secretary/Treasurer dms

Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year 2013

Beginning Balances 7/1/2012

Operations Account	\$ 201,748
Program Account	42,346
Petty Cash	100
Reserve Funds	<u>79,310</u>
Assets	\$ 323,504

Ending Balance 6/30/2013

Operations Account	\$278,719
Program Account	9,642
Petty Cash	100
Reserve Funds	<u>79,727</u>
Assets	\$ 368,188



*Each year the KDSWCD holds a
spring prairie plant sale*

Revenue

IDOA Operations	\$48,161
IDOA Program (Cost Share)	12,500
Interest	606
Land Use Programs	196,759
Sales Programs	31,983
Annual Meeting/ Awards	725
Education Programs	1,225
Grants	52,221
Total Revenue	\$ 344,180

Expenses

IDOA Program (Cost Share)	45,221
Sales Program	22,098
Education Programs	1,506
Personnel Expenses	182,124
Office/ Equipment	13,343
Annual Meeting/Awards	3,152
Dues	2,095
Grants	<u>35,642</u>
Total Expenses	\$305,181

Board Changes

The 2013 board elections brought changes as a result of Mary Ochsenschlager's decision not to seek re-election. Mary was an Associate Director for many years prior to being elected to the board in 2007. Mary's vast knowledge of local history and strong conservation ethic contributed to her thoughtful decision making on the board. Maggie Soliz won election for her first term on the board. Maggie has been a resident of Batavia for 32 years and is a lifelong resident of the Tri-Cities.



**Batavia resident Maggie
Soliz joins the board**

Conservation of Urban Soil and Water Resources

Soil Erosion Sediment Control Program

The Soil Erosion Sediment Control (SESC) program is conducted through an interagency agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers and 5 municipal agreements. The program aims to control soil erosion and sedimentation in and near waters of the United States.

SESC Applications: 78 Total Acres: 480

Land Use Opinion Reports

Mandated by Section 22.02a of the Soil and Water Conservation District Act, Land Use Opinion (LUO) reports are designed to identify natural resource concerns and assist units of government considering petitions of zoning changes and variances.

LUOs Applications: 79 Total Acres: 1134

Enhancement and Protection of Natural Areas

Cost-Share Programs

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, facilitated through KDSWCD, provides cost-share dollars to assist landowners in the construction of approved practices that conserve soil and protect water quality. The two programs landowners may apply for are the Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program (SSRP) and the Conservation Practices Program (CPP). In 2013, the KDSWCD provided technical assistance and \$5,400 of cost share funds to Dezeri DeRaedt for one grassed waterway.



DeRaedt Grassed Waterway

Educational Activities to Support Conservation

The KDSWCD offers outreach programs to schools and scout groups, participates in public events, and conducts trainings for educators. A major focus in 2013, was assisting with the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Soil Health Initiative. The district co-sponsored a Soil Health seminar with NRCS in the fall to educate local farmers.

The District also helps to coordinate the annual Northeastern Illinois Envirothon competition. In 2013, 39 high school teams participated in this event.

KDSWCD's 2013 Top Scoring Teams:

Kane: Dundee Crown High School, Carpentersville

DuPage: Benet Academy, Lisle

Overall 2013 Top Scoring Team:

Cook County: Glenbrook South High School, Glenbrook



*Kane County Top scoring team,
Dundee Crown*



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