



2021 NLRS Partnership Conference

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Hosted by Todd Gleason, University of Illinois Extension

Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Update

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| 9:00-9:15 am | Welcome -- Director Jerry Costello, Illinois Dept of Agriculture |
| 9:15-9:50 am | Keynote Address – Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Senior Advisor for Climate in the Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture |
| 9:50-10:00 am | Break |
| 10:00-10:35 am | Agricultural Sector Overview – Brian Rennecker, Illinois Dept of Agriculture
Policy Working Group Member Perspective – Jean Brokish and Jill Kostel, Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership |
| 10:35-11:10 am | Point Source Sector Overview – Trevor Sample, Illinois EPA
Policy Working Group Member Perspective – Albert Cox, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District |
| 11:10-11:20 am | Break |
| 11:20 - 11:55 am | Urban Stormwater Sector – Eliana Brown, University of Illinois Extension
Policy Working Group Member Perspective – Mary Beth Falsey, DuPage County |
| 11:55-12:10 pm | Closing Comments – Director Kim, Illinois EPA |
| 12:10-1:00 pm | Lunch Break |

Policy Working Group Meeting

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| 1:00-1:20 pm | Welcome and Introductions – Director Shelly Nickols-Richardson, University of Illinois Extension |
| 1:20-1:40 pm | Illinois River Phosphorous Study and Rock River Nitrate Study – Greg McIsaac, Professor Emeritus, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois |

1:40-2:00 pm **USGS Super Gage Network Update** – Tim Straub, Supervising Hydrologist, Center for Midwest Water Science, US Geological Survey

2:00-2:20 pm **Extension Watershed Outreach Associate Update** – Rachel Curry and Jennifer Jones, Watershed Outreach Associates, University of Illinois Extension

2:20 – 2:30 pm Break

2:30-2:50 pm **Farm Bureau Update** – Lauren Lurkins, Director of Natural and Environmental Resources, Illinois Farm Bureau

2:50-3:10 pm **Statewide Green Infrastructure Inventory** – Eliana Brown, Water Quality Specialist, University of Illinois Extension

3:10-3:30 pm **Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plans --The Best and Worst New Idea in Permitting** – Rick Manner, Executive Director, Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District

3:30-3:50pm **Illinois NREC: Illinois Agriculture’s Investment in Nutrient Research** – Julie Hewitt, Executive Director, Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council

3:50-4:00 pm **Closing comments** -- Lisa Merrifield, Sustainable Communities Specialist, University of Illinois Extension