Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy
Policy Working Group Meeting

Welcome

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Policy Working Group Agenda

1:20 PM **Illinois River Phosphorous Study and Rock River Nitrate Study** – Greg McIsaac
1:40 PM **USGS Super Gage Network Update** – Tim Straub
2:00 PM **Watershed Outreach Associate Update** – Rachel Curry and Jennifer Jones
2:20 PM Break
2:30 PM **Farm Bureau Update** – Lauren Lurkins
2:50 PM **Statewide Green Infrastructure Inventory** – Eliana Brown
3:10 PM **Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan Perspective** – Rick Manner
3:30 PM **Illinois NREC: Agriculture’s Investment in Nutrient Research** – Julie Hewitt
3:50 PM **Closing comments** – Lisa Merrifield
Rain Garden Education

*Leads: Eliana Brown and Layne Knoche*

**Rainscaping Education Training** – 15 hours of instruction including a hands-on rain garden build.

**Red Oak Rain Garden** – demonstration site on campus that serves as a living, learning laboratory of exemplary stormwater management.

More info: [www.redoakraingarden.org](http://www.redoakraingarden.org)

Photo: Rachel Curry
Conservation@Home

Leads: Abigail Garofalo and Val Kehoe

• In Cook County, C@H certifies properties with environmentally sound landscape practices.

• For residences, libraries, community centers, faith-based organizations, and schools

• Partner: Forest Preserve of Cook County

More info: https://extension.illinois.edu/cook/conservationhome
Land to Water: Nutrient Explorer

**Leads:** Eliana Brown, Terri Hallesy, and Joan Cox

Educational tool for exploring nutrient loss reduction in Illinois. Meant for teachers, students, and anyone who wants to learn.

The goal is to increase awareness of hypoxia, the Illinois NLRS efforts, and what people can do to help.

Extension Update/Introductions

Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy (NREE)

Dr. Shibu Kar
Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy Assistant Dean & Program Leader

Agriculture and Agribusiness

Dr. Travis Burke
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Thank you!