

# Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum

## Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 22, 2015 – Springfield

10 am - noon

- I. Introductions
- II. Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy review
  - a. Development
  - b. Status
- III. Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum Charge
  - a. Steer and coordinate **outreach** and **education** efforts to help farmers address nutrient loss and select the most appropriate BMPs:
    - i. Identify needed education initiatives or training requirements for farmer and technical advisors
    - ii. Strengthen connections between industry initiatives, certified crop advisor continuing education requirements, state initiatives, and other technical service
      - Identify and discuss ongoing efforts
      - What are the gaps?
  - b. BMP tracking
    - Producer survey (*Mark Schleusener*)
    - Transect survey (*Mike Rahe*)
    - GIS location data (*everyone*)
    - Coordination with Nutrient Monitoring Council
    - BMP Implementation Baseline
  - c. Coordinate cost share and targeting
    - Agency cost share timelines (*everyone*)
    - Best venue for cost share and targeting discussions & decisions
  - d. Develop other tools as needed
    - i. Consider an agriculture water quality certification program
- IV. Next steps
  - a. How does the forum want to manage progress of above charges?
  - b. Set next meeting