



# Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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## Division of Water Pollution Control ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

### for NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

*This fillable form may be completed online, a copy saved locally, printed and signed before it is submitted to the Compliance Assurance Section at the above address. Complete each section of this report.*

Report Period: From March, 2025 To March, 2026

Permit No. ILR40 \_\_\_\_\_

#### MS4 OPERATOR INFORMATION: (As it appears on the current permit)

Name: Rockford Township Mailing Address 1: 404 N. Springfield Avenue  
Mailing Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Winnebago  
City: Rockford State: IL Zip: 61101 Telephone: 815-962-7313  
Contact Person: Barry Palm Email Address: Barrypalm@rockfordtownshipil.gov  
(Person responsible for Annual Report)

#### Name(s) of governmental entity(ies) in which MS4 is located: (As it appears on the current permit)

Township of Rockford

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE ADDRESSED.

A. Changes to best management practices (check appropriate BMP change(s) and attach information regarding change(s) to BMP and measurable goals.)

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Public Education and Outreach             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4. Construction Site Runoff Control       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Public Participation/Involvement          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 5. Post-Construction Runoff Control       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

B. Attach the status of compliance with permit conditions, an assessment of the appropriateness of your identified best management practices and progress towards achieving the statutory goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP, and your identified measurable goals for each of the minimum control measures.

C. Attach results of information collected and analyzed, including monitoring data, if any during the reporting period.

D. Attach a summary of the storm water activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle ( including an implementation schedule.)

E. Attach notice that you are relying on another government entity to satisfy some of your permit obligations (if applicable).

F. Attach a list of construction projects that your entity has paid for during the reporting period.

**Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent material statement, orally or in writing, to the Illinois EPA commits a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense after conviction is a Class 3 felony. (415 ILCS 5/44(h))**

Barry J. Palm  
Owner Signature:

Barry J. Palm  
Printed Name:

5/28/2025  
Date:

Deputy Highway Commissioner  
Title:

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: [epa.ms4annualinsp@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.ms4annualinsp@illinois.gov)

or Mail to: ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE SECTION #19  
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This Agency is authorized to require this information under Section 4 and Title X of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/4, 5/39). Failure to disclose this information may result in: a civil penalty of not to exceed \$50,000 for the violation and an additional civil penalty of not to exceed \$10,000 for each day during which the violation continues (415 ILCS 5/42) and may also prevent this form from being processed and could result in your application being denied. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

**Rockford Township Highway --- June 2025**  
**Attachment to the IEPA Annual Facility Inspection Report**  
**for the**  
**NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from MS4s**  
**Permit No. ILR40-0118**  
**Report Period: March 2025 – March 2026**

**Part I**

No change.

**Part II**

**A. Public Education and Outreach**

- 1.) Continue providing educational articles and materials at both the office and on the website.
- 2.) Increased reporting on Township website, including all activities related to BMP and measurable goals.
- 3.) Continue relations with Winnebago County soil and water to provide brochures and information to the public. Utilize Township website.
- 4.) Support Winnebago County, R1, and Rockford Park District video of construction and advantages to bio-swale projects.

**B. Public Participation / Involvement**

- 1.) Planned yearly meeting to discuss any storm water issues in the Township.
- 2.) Involved with South Fork Kent Creek committee.
- 3.) Meet with City of Rockford and Winnebago County every two month to coordinate and discuss any ongoing or future projects.
- 4.) Make public the Township is available for any volunteer education or speaking.
- 5.) Continue relations with residents involving grant for Madigan Creek. (Grant secured for Phase I)
- 6.) Continue relations with residents of North Fork Kent Creek.
- 7.) Continue relations with residents of Carbaugh/Bond areas involving flooding.
- 8.) Participated in Winnebago County SWCD Soil Erosion and sediment control workshop discussing construction of bioswales.

**C. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**

- 1.) Support of Winnebago County IEPA Section 319(A) grant application for phase I of Madigan Creek restoration project. (Grant secured for Phase I)
- 2.) With Winnebago County move forward on 319 grant application of Phase II of the Madigan Creek restoration project. (Re-apply for Phase II grant)
- 3.) Continue working with Winnebago County to finish new NOI.

- 4.) Work with Winnebago County and R1 to prepare 319 grant to study Kent Creek from its confluence with the Rock River to Levings Lake on the South Fork of Kent Creek and the headwaters of the North Fork of Kent Creek. (on-going)
- 5.) Working with Winnebago County and R1 continue working on grant for flooding area of Carbaugh and Bond. (Re-apply for grant when available)
- 6.) Continue to train and implement a complete visual dry weather screening of all out flows. Documenting findings. Further define a set schedule and mapping list.
- 7.) Actively involved in making improvements in drainage basin to increase the ability to assess impact areas.
- 8.) Documentation for scheduling and water quality monitoring.
- 9.) Continue to work with City of Rockford, the County, R1, and the State Highway department to identify areas of collaborative watersheds for quality monitoring.
- 10.) In cooperation with Winnebago County review and enforce Winnebago County's Surface Water Management Ordinance.

**D. Construction Site Runoff**

- 1.) Rockford Township has made an agreement with Winnebago County to review and field inspect all construction site, runoff control, and requirements in Winnebago County Surface Water Management Ordinance.
- 2.) Inspect and ensure all developments in Rockford Township follow NPDES guidelines and receive all necessary documents prior to approval.
- 3.) Enforce erosion and sediment control ordinances.

**E. Post-Construction Runoff Control**

- 1.) Rockford Township following Winnebago County's Surface Water Management Ordinance encourages developments that incorporate post construction runoff quality controls which benefit water quality and prevents creation of any surface water nuisances, hazards, or contamination of ground water.

**F. Pollution Prevention / Good Housekeeping**

- 1.) Continuous training in the proper technique of applying and disposing of chemical and salt alternatives for all employees.
- 2.) Spring street sweeping of all streets with curb and gutter.
- 3.) Fall leaf sweeping and inlet cleaning.
- 4.) Continue employee training on proper road de-icing.
- 5.) Continue employee training on proper way to repair and seed draining areas
- 6.) Continue training of employees on proper disposal of tires, paint, oils, and electronics.
- 7.) Continue to document all training.

**G. Storm Water Activities Conducted March 2024 – March 2025**

- 1.) Lining of culvert @ 4856 Guilford Rd
- 2.) Replaced cross culvert @ 5310 Grover St
- 3.) Replaced culvert @ 1197 Aura
- 4.) Replaced culvert @ 7684 Ivory Lane
- 5.) Replaced culvert @ Ral-Mar and Larry
- 6.) Ditching on Ral-Mar

- 7.) Replaced cross culvert @ Iroquois and Central
- 8.) Replaced cross culvert @ 318 Stiles
- 9.) Replaced culvert @ 6942 Tipple Rd
- 10.) Replaced culvert @ 776 Tower
- 11.) Replaced cross culvert @ 413 Stiles
- 12.) Intake repair 3200 Prairie Rd
- 13.) Intake cleaning 6901 Kishwaukee Rd
- 14.) Intake repair 4509 Linder
- 15.) Intake repair 3528 Hickory Lane
- 16.) Intake repair 3615 Hickory Lane
- 17.) Intake repair 4035 Burrmont Rd
- 18.) Intake repair 7742 Tulagi Trail

#### **H. Construction Projects**

- 1.) Numerous culvert and storm drain repairs and replacements.
- 2.) Continue support of Winnebago Counties IEPA section 319(A) grant application for phase 1 of Madigan Creek. (Grant has been approved for Phase I)
- 3.) With Winnebago County Highway, R1, and the Rockford Park District work on completion of 319 grant for Park-er-woods bioswale project. (Project finished 5/3/25)
- 4.) Provide project assistance to Winnebago County, R1, and Rockford Park District on completion of Ken-Rock bioswale project. (Project completed)
- 5.) With Winnebago County and other local municipalities move forward on a grant for mapping all of the Townships storm water drainage structures. (Grant turned down for second Phase of data collecting which would include all storm drain mapping. Continue re-applying for grants to get storm drains mapped.)



# ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Rockford Township  
404 N. Springfield Ave.  
Rockford, IL 61101

Re: Notification of U.S. EPA's approval of the Rock River/Pierce Lake Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Report.  
NPDES Permit No. ILR400118

Dear NPDES Permittee:

This letter is to inform you that the *Rock River/Pierce Lake Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for fecal coliform and total phosphorus* was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on September 17, 2024. The report is available on the Agency's TMDL webpage: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/Pages/reports.aspx>, and includes a Responsiveness Summary, which addresses questions and comments submitted during the final draft TMDL public comment period.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) is required to 1) send notification of U.S. EPA's approval of the TMDL to Permittees/Stakeholders within the watershed, 2) incorporate the TMDL requirements into individual/General NPDES Permits, and 3) follow-up and track work completed on the TMDL implementation plan by local stakeholders.

Pursuant to Section 303(d) of the 1972 federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1313(d), Illinois is required to develop a list of impaired waters. Impaired waters do not meet designated uses and the water quality standards set for them, even after point sources of pollution have installed the minimum required levels of pollution control technology. The law requires that Illinois establish priority rankings for waters on the 303(d) lists and develop TMDLs for these waters.

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The Agency has found that voluntary management measures recommended in a TMDL to address nonpoint source pollution are most successfully implemented through the leadership of local stakeholders within the watershed. The Agency strongly encourages the formation of a watershed management committee or work group to expedite implementation of the nonpoint source pollution control activities identified in this TMDL. A work group can direct planning efforts for the implementation of the best management practices (BMPs) that are both practical and feasible for the watershed.

The Illinois Nonpoint Source Management Program, administered by the Agency, was developed to meet the requirements of Section 319 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The program can assist local entities with technical and financial assistance to develop programs to implement the BMPs and outreach activities recommended in the TMDL. For more information, visit the Agency's website at:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/Pages/grants.aspx>

If you have questions, please contact the following, regarding the:

- TMDL Report - Abel Haile ([abel.haile@illinois.gov](mailto:abel.haile@illinois.gov)) - 217/782-3362
- NPDES Permits - Permit Section - 217/782-0610
- Illinois Nonpoint Source Management Program – Jeff Edstrom ([jeffrey.edstrom@illinois.gov](mailto:jeffrey.edstrom@illinois.gov)) 217/782-3362

IEPA is looking forward to working with you and your organization to implement this TMDL for the protection and improvement of the local water resources in the watershed.

Sincerely,



Christine Davis  
Manager, Watershed Management Section  
Bureau of Water

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CC: IEPA/BOW/DWPC – Permit Section-NPDES File/WQS

Rock River/Pierce Lake Watershed TMDL - TMDL File



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January 17, 2025

TO: Engineers/Developers/Contractors/Site Superintendents & Inspectors  
FROM: Winnebago County SWCD

RE: Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop – **THURSDAY - March 6<sup>th</sup>**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District will once again be hosting a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control workshop on **Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**, from **7:30AM to 12:00PM**. The workshop will be held at the **NIU – Rockford campus**, located at 8500 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61108.

What will I learn?

- Advancement in Filter Sock Technology
- Case Study - IEPA 319 grant program bioswale construction - design & construction considerations
- Slope Stabilization toolbox - overland flow and concentrated flow considerations
- Illinois Urban Manual - Identifying “Best” management Practices while using it
- Case Study - Bridge removal and the use of drones on construction sites
- NPDES program goals and often overlooked considerations

The agenda will be provided at the workshop. Registration will start at 7:30AM, with the program running from **8:00-12:00** with a mid-morning break. A reminder will be sent to those who have registered.

Four (4.0) Professional Development Hours will be awarded for this event. Please mark on the attached registration form if the attendee would like a PDH certificate. The cost of the workshop is **\$40**. Payment information can be found on the registration form. The registration deadline is **February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Feel free to share this information with other engineers, developers, contractors and consultants that you may work with, or who are involved with on your site developments. If you have any questions, contact me at 815-965-2392 x3247; or e-mail [danthonyswcd@comcast.net](mailto:danthonyswcd@comcast.net).

Thank you and hope to see you there,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Anthony".

Dennis Anthony, CPESC  
Executive Director/Soil Scientist

Attached: Registration form

# Winnebago County SWCD

## Sediment & Erosion Control Workshop



**Thursday - March 6, 2025**  
 Northern Illinois University - Rockford Campus  
 8500 East State Street  
 Rockford, IL 61108



Time	Session	Presenter
7:30 - 8:00	Registration & Refreshments	Winnebago SWCD staff & Partners
8:00 - 8:05	Welcome & Introductions	Dennis Anthony - Winnebago Co SWCD
8:05 - 8:40	Case Study - Bio-swale construction and planning considerations - 319 Grant Program	Eric Tison - Reg 1 Planning Council Sean Von Bergen - Winn Co Hwy Dept
8:40 - 9:10	Illinois Urban Manual - Identifying "Best" Management Practices based on the resource concern	Tommy Purdon - Kane-DuPage SWCD
9:10 - 9:40	Slope Stabilization Toolbox	Dan Salsinger - HANES
9:45 - 10:00	Break - Refreshments - Network, Meet with Vendors	
10:00 - 10:40	Case Study - Bridge Removal and the use of drones at Construction sites	Todd Destree & Andrea Pracht - HR Green
10:40 - 11:35	Advancements in Filter Sock Technology	Joe Moore - Siltworm, Inc. & Erosion Construction Services
11:35 - 12:00	IEPA - Programs goals and often overlooked considerations	Todd Bennett - IEPA
12:00 - 12:05	Closing Remarks	Dennis Anthony - Winnebago Co SWCD



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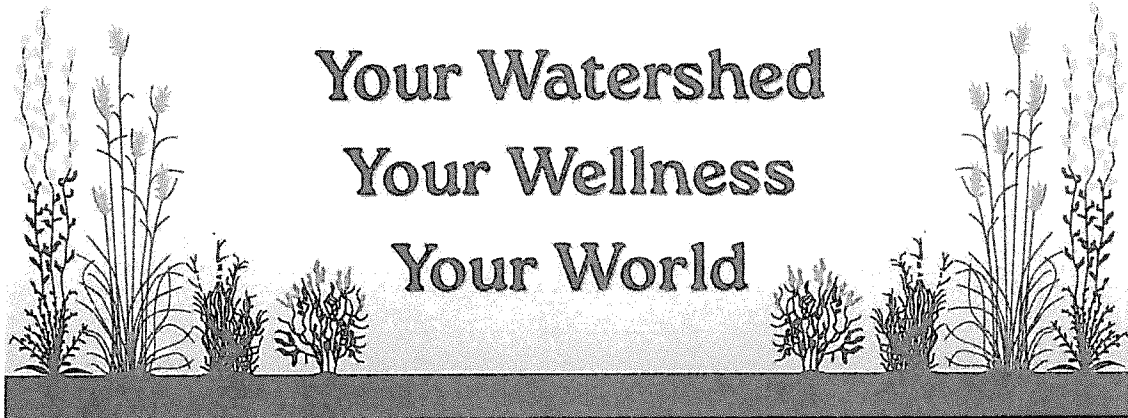


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## Barry Palm

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**From:** Watershed Education & Outreach Project <etison@r1planning.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2024 8:01 AM  
**To:** Barry Palm  
**Subject:** Shedding Light on Watersheds: IEPA Watershed Education Newsletter



### GET INVOLVED!

- Sign up for newsletter.
- Contact us for consulting assistance.
- Go to the [Engage R1](#) webpage to see project updates and provide feedback.
- **Volunteer opportunities to plant at Park-er-Woods will be made available in the Spring of 2025**

## EXCITING NEWS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY!

Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural innovators, the time has come to elevate our practices and embrace **Best Management**

**Practices (BMPs)** to ensure a sustainable agriculture and improve water quality.

### **What are BMPs?**

Best management practices (BMPs) are methods of managing stormwater runoff and mitigating pollution entering waterways by controlling peak stormwater runoff rate, improving water quality, and managing runoff volume.

Source: Water Resources Center Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

## **AN AGRICULTURAL BMP**



Riparian buffers and cattle fencing protect rivers and streams from pollution runoff. Photo by Hugh Kenney

**Riparian Buffers and cattle fencing protect rivers and streams from pollution runoff.**

Image Source: Virginia Conservation Network. Photo Credit: Hugh Kenney

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Dates TBD

Park-Er-Woods Planting Installation

Planting native vegetation at Park-Er-Woods project site. New dates coming soon. Sign up to volunteer for this planting event using the volunteer sign up link above!

## START YOUR RAIN GARDEN TODAY - WE ARE HERE TO HELP!



Image Source: Alliance for the Cheapeake Bay

A number of people have reached out for consulting assistance to install rain gardens! Do you have a

## QUESTIONS?

## CONTACT

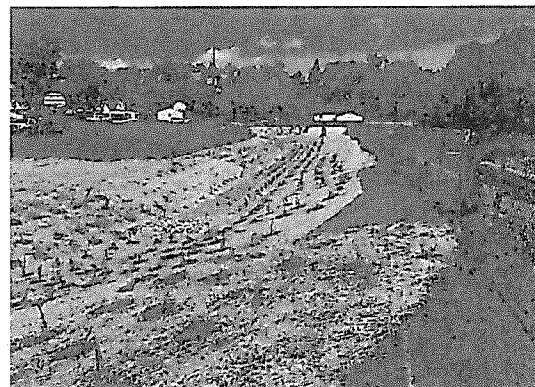
Estelle Adiaba

Outreach Coordinator

[eadiab@r1planning.org](mailto:eadiab@r1planning.org)

For more information, visit project website: [Engage R1](#)

## UNLOCK THE EXPERIENCE: JOIN OUR SITE TOUR



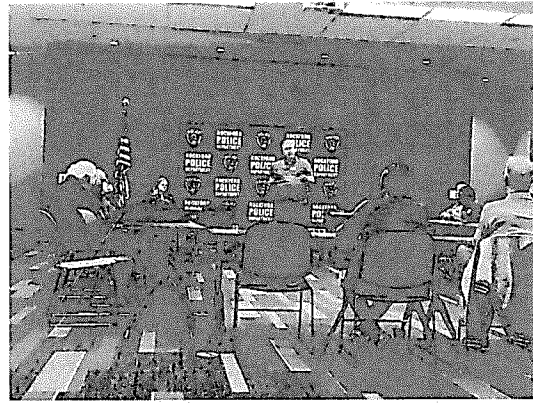
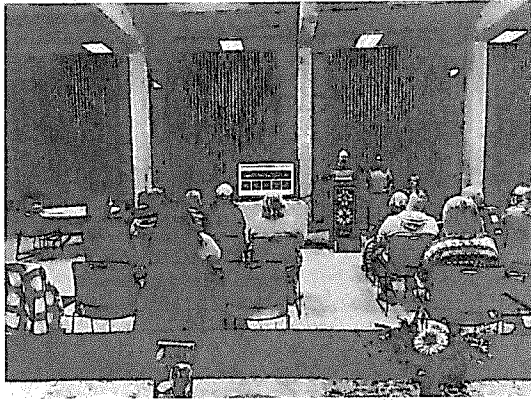
Join R1 and partners on a tour and information session

property and require additional help with evaluating potential BMP improvements? Technical assistance is available from staff of Olson Ecological Solutions. For more information, or to schedule a consultation, please contact Program Outreach Coordinator Estelle Adiaba ([eadiaba@r1planning.org](mailto:eadiaba@r1planning.org)) so that she can assist with determining eligibility. For more information, visit the [Engage R1 Page](#)

of the best management practice (bioretention basin) installed at Ken Rock Park. Come see how the plant plugs will, in time, bloom to beautify the location, sleeping in the first year, creeping in the next year, and leaping to full bloom within the next three years.

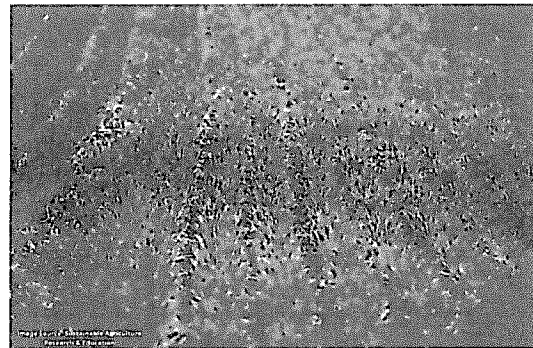
Contact Program Outreach Coordinator Estelle Adiaba ([eadiaba@r1planning.org](mailto:eadiaba@r1planning.org)) for more information and to schedule a tour.

**Want to know more? Schedule an Informative Session on Water Quality Improvement, Non point Source Pollution - Perfect for Small and Large Groups.**



Whether you have a small or large group, be it an HOA, church or school, organize a session with us to learn about water quality and nonpoint source pollution – we're happy to come to you and share our expertise. Sign up here.

## SELECTED AGRICULTURAL BMPs



*Photo of strip till (left) and chisel plow (right) strips for on-farm research. Credit: Aaron Daigh*

Picture 2 source: Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education

### Picture 1 (Left) Conservation Tillage:

Conservation tillage is an agricultural management approach that aims to minimize the frequency or intensity of tillage operations in an effort to promote certain economic and environmental benefits.

These include a decrease in carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions, less reliance on farm machinery and equipment, and an overall reduction in fuel and labor costs. In addition, conservation tillage methods have been shown to improve soil health, reduce runoff, and limit the extent of erosion.

Source: Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program

### **Picture 2 (Right) Cover and Green Manure Crop:**

A cover crop is any crop grown to cover the soil and may be incorporated into the soil later for enrichment. Planting cover crops in your garden provides multiple benefits such as controlling erosion, suppressing weeds, reducing soil compaction, increasing moisture and nutrient content of soil, improving yield potential, attracting pollinators, and providing habitat for beneficial insects and wildlife as well as food to animals.

Source: U.S Department of Agriculture

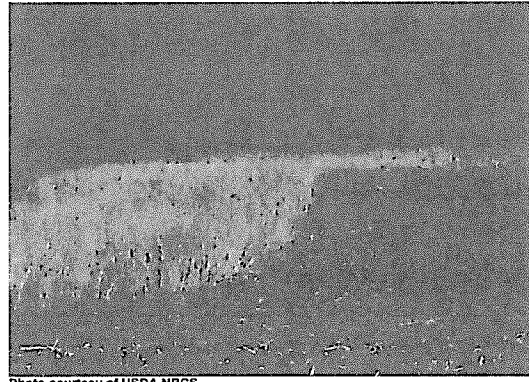


Photo courtesy of USDA NRCS

Picture 1 Source: United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Part 650 Engineering Field Handbook

### **Picture 1 (Left) Grassed Waterway**

A shaped or graded channel that is established with suitable vegetation to convey surface water at a nonerosive velocity using a broad and shallow cross section to a stable outlet. This practice is used to accomplish one or more of the following purposes:

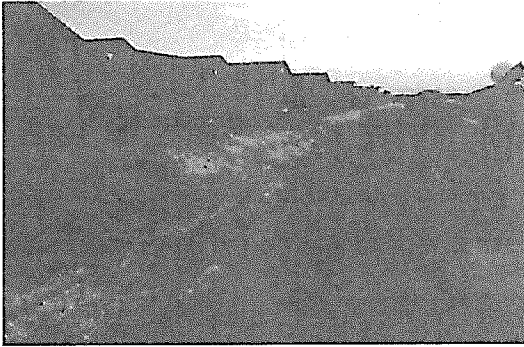
1. Convey runoff from terraces, diversions, or other water concentrations without causing erosion or flooding.
2. Prevent gully formation.
3. Protect/improve water quality.

Source: USDA

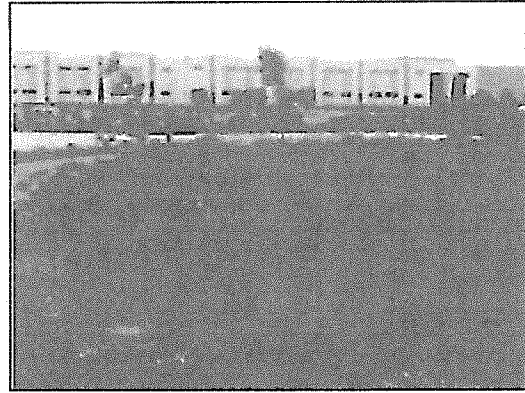
### **Picture 2 (Right) Filter Strips**

A filter strip is a narrow band of grasses, legumes, and forbs used to limit sediment, nutrients, pesticides, and other contaminants from entering water bodies. In addition, filter strips can provide valuable winter cover, nest sites, nectar and pollen for pollinating insects, and food for wildlife.

Source: USDA



Grass-lined channel in a construction area.  
Credit: Anthony D'Angelo for USEPA, 2017



Picture 2 Source: USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Services Illinois

### **Picture 1 (Left) Grass Lined Channels:**

A grass-lined channel is a graded, vegetated channel that collects and conveys stormwater while encouraging infiltration into the ground. Vegetation lining the channel slows down concentrated flow.

### **Picture 2 (Right) Permanent Vegetative Cover**

This process entails establishing permanent vegetative cover to stabilize disturbed or exposed areas. The purposes of this practice are to:

1. Permanently stabilize disturbed or exposed areas in a manner that adapts to site conditions and allows selection of the most appropriate plant materials.
2. Reduce erosion and sedimentation from such areas; and
3. Create a landscape that enhances soil permeability and the filtering of runoff pollutants, while improving water quality and wildlife habitat.

# WETLANDS



Picture Source: NC Wetlands

An artificial wetland ecosystem with hydrophytic vegetation ("water loving" vegetation, plants which have adapted to growing in the low-oxygen (anaerobic) conditions associated with prolonged saturation or flooding) for biological treatment of water.

This practice is used to accomplish one or more of the following purposes:

1. Treat wastewater or contaminated runoff from agricultural processing, livestock, or aquaculture facilities.
2. Improve water quality of storm water runoff, tile drainage outflow, or other waterflows.

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



The Rockford Township Highway Department, with over 280 lane miles of road is the largest Township Highway Department in the State of Illinois. We are responsible for the maintenance of the roads and right of ways on these various roads throughout the unincorporated areas of Rockford, Loves Park, Cherry Valley, and New Milford. We are proud to partner with the Region 1 Planning Council on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Grant. The partnership with not only Region 1 Planning but Winnebago County, Rockford Park District, Winnebago Soil and Water, and Rockford Public Library creates a great outreach audience to better understand the importance of water quality and nonpoint source pollution (NPS) control in the region. The Township provided in-kind services in both the Park-er-Woods Bioswale project that feeds into the south fork of Kent

Creek and the Ken Rock project that is in the Buckbee Creek Watershed. These projects are great opportunities to highlight BMPs to stakeholders that will improve NPS pollution in priority watersheds and engage in outreach best practices through implementing components of two IEPA approved Watershed Based Management plans.

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May 14, 2024

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**RE: Winnebago County IEPA Section 319(h) Grant Application for Phase II of the Madigan Creek Restoration Project (Mill Road to Waterford Road)**

Ladies and Gentleman:

**Rockford Township Highway Department** is pleased to provide Winnebago County a letter of support for its application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program.

If selected for funding, Winnebago County will work to engage residents of the Newburg Chase subdivision to create a streambank restoration Best Management Practice (BMP) project. This project will concentrate on the section of the Madigan Creek Watershed running through the northern part of their neighborhood.

This project is a great opportunity to highlight a BMP to stakeholders that will improve nonpoint source pollution in a priority watershed and engage in best practices through implementing components of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) approved Watershed-Based Management Plan. **Rockford Township Highway Department** enthusiastically supports Winnebago County's application and urges IEPA to give it the highest consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel P. Conness  
Rockford Township Highway Department Commissioner



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May 14, 2024

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**RE: Winnebago County IEPA Section 319(h) Grant Application for a Winnebago County Watershed Improvement Plan: North Fork Kent Creek**

Ladies and Gentleman:

**Rockford Township Highway Department** is pleased to provide Winnebago County a letter of support for its application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program.

If selected for funding, Winnebago County will work to engage residents of the Kent Creek watershed to create a watershed improvement plan for the North Fork of Kent Creek as well as the main stem of Kent Creek all the way to the Kent Creek confluence with the Rock River.

This is a great opportunity to identify impairments and highlight BMPs to stakeholders that can improve nonpoint source pollution in a priority watershed by completing an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Watershed-Based Management Plan. **Rockford Township Highway Department** enthusiastically supports Winnebago County's application and urges IEPA to give it the highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. Conness".

Daniel P. Conness

Rockford Township Highway Commissioner



## ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

*Daniel P. Conness*  
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

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Christine Davis  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water, NPS Unit #15  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Dear Ms. Davis,

Rockford Township Highway Department is pleased to provide Region 1 Planning Council a letter of support for its application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Financial Assistance Program.

If selected for funding, Region 1 Planning Council will work to engage its targeted outreach audience to better understand the importance of water quality and nonpoint source pollution (NPS) control in the region. Additionally, Region 1 Planning Council will create two Best Management Practice (BMP) demonstration projects, one in the South Fork Kent Creek Watershed and one in Buckbee Creek Watershed.

This project is a great opportunity to highlight BMPs to stakeholders that will improve NPS pollution in priority watersheds and engage in outreach best practices through implementing components of two IEPA approved Watershed-Based Management Plans. Rockford Township Highway Department strongly supports RPC's application and urges IEPA to give it the highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel P. Conness".

Daniel P. Conness  
Highway Commissioner

# Stormwater - Inspection, Cleaning, Monitoring, Repair

## March 1, 2024-March31, 2025

### Intake Inspection and dry weather monitoring (mapping)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Employees</u>
3/25-3/28/24	Scott V. Bryan M.
4/23-4/25/24	Scott V. Todd J.
6/11-6/14/24	Justin D. Bryan M.
8/27-8/29/24	Scott V. Justin D.
10/22-10/25/24	Scott V. Todd J.
3/25-3/28/25	Todd J. Scott V.

### Intake Cleaning/Inspection

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Employees</u>
4/16-4/18/24	Justin D. Todd J. Marc A. Roger B.
<u>10/22-10/25/24</u>	Justin D. Bryan M. Marc A. Eddie B.
11/25-11/27/24	Zack L. Rudy H.
3/25-3/28/25	Hector B. Zack L. Justin D. Kerry S.

### Intake Repairs

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Employees</u>
5/7-5/10/24	Bryan M. Justin D.
7/9-7/12/24	Justin D. Bryan M.
9/10-9/13/24	Justin D. Zack L.

### Leaf Sweeping & Dry Weather Monitoring

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Employees</u>
11/12-11/15/24	Scott V. Rudy H. Marc A. Eddie B. Todd J.
11/19-11/22/24	Justin D. Rudy H. Todd J. Scott V. Marc A. Justin D. Eddie B.
11/25-11/27/24	Rudy H. Marc A. Scott V. Eddie B.

## Training

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Topic/Lesson</u>
12/4/24 7:00-8:30	Scott V. Roger R. Marc A. Eddie B. Rudy H. Todd J. Justin D. Zack L. Hector B. Craig D. Kerry S. Barry P.	Salting Roads and Brine usage
3/21/2025 8:00-9:00	Scott V. Roger R. Marc A. Eddie B. Rudy H. Todd J. Justin D. Kerry S. Hector B. Zack L.	Tire, paint, oil, and electronics disposal
3/24/2025	Justin D. Zack L. Todd J. Scott V.	Intake monitoring