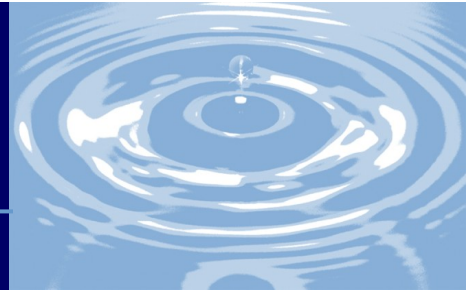


**Kane-DuPage Soil and Water
Conservation District**



2012 ANNUAL REPORT



Board Members

Gerard Fabrizio, Chair
 Mary Ochenschlager, Vice-Chair
 William Pauling, Secretary/ Treasurer
 Thomas Konen, Director
 Maureen McAllister, Director

Associate Directors

Kenneth Anderson	Randy Newkirk
Neal Anderson	Timothy Paulson
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Stasi Brown	Linda Yunker
Robert Conro	Mark Willobee
Susan Harney	Mary Zaander
Patrick Kelsey	

SWCD Staff

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

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

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

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

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*

A Message from our Chair

We at the Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District (KDSWCD) continue to forge onward in these challenging economic times. I am very proud that the board and staff remain committed and dedicated to keep KDSWCD an exemplar organization.

These items stand out this past year:

KDSWCD contracted with Geosyntec Consultants to author the Jelkes Creek-Fox River Watershed Plan that was submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in December. It was quite an extensive undertaking that produced an excellent document.

On the personnel side, the departure of Kelsey Musich and Dolores Salak was unexpected but Candice Jacobs, Ashley Jennings and Michelle Loth have stepped in and are performing marvelously.

Finally the board is working hard to fulfill components of our strategic plan. It has been a work in progress and hopefully great strides will be made in the coming year.

Lastly, my sincere thanks go out to the board and staff for a job well done this past year.



**KDSWCD Board Chairman
 Gerard Fabrizio**

Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District Minutes of the Annual Meeting February 23, 2012

Gerard Fabrizius welcomed everyone at 6:40 p.m. for attending the annual meeting. After the invocation given by Maureen McAllister, 80 people enjoyed a buffet dinner at the Riverside Banquet facility in Geneva, IL.

Introductions were made by Chairman Fabrizius and Directors, Associate Directors and staff were introduced. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and the purpose stated for the annual meeting. A motion was made by Ken Shepro and seconded by Irv Ochsenchlager to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting and motion carried. Irv Ochsenchlager motioned to approve the Statement of Financial Position July 2010 thru June 2011 and was seconded by Ken Shepro and motion carried.

Randy Newkirk, nominating committee chair, gave the voting results for the elected Directors. Gerard Fabrizius, Tom Konen, and Maureen McAllister were re-elected for another two year term.

A motion was made by Ken Shepro and seconded by Mary Ochsenchlager to adjourn the business meeting at 7:45 p.m. and motion carried.

Awards were presented to:

- ◆ Naper Settlement, an outdoor history museum, with Debby Grinnell accepting the Conservation of Land and Water Resources award. This award was sponsored by Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick Inc.
- ◆ Bob and Kathy Andrini accepted the award for Excellence in Conservation Education, having spent a good deal of their adult lives promoting nature and conservation. This award was sponsored by Pizzo and Associates.
- ◆ Tom Ryterske was presented an award for Excellence in Agricultural Conservation, sponsored by the Kane County Farm Bureau. Tom is retiring March 1st after 32 years in St. Charles, IL as District Conservationist.
- ◆ Joe Bybee, BLWR regional representative presented an award and pen to Dolores Salak, Secretary, having been with the KDSWCD 25 years.
- ◆ Rick Poulton, president of Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition presented Kelsey Musich with a plaque in appreciation for her support in the Tyler Creek Watershed Project.

The Program was KEEPING STREAMS HEALTHY given by Gary Swick, currently an instructor at NIU and Kelsey Musich, KDSWCD Resource Conservationist.

Centerpieces, sponsored by Phoenix and Associates were given as door prizes and the evening ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William Pauling/Secretary/Treasurer dms

Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year 2012

Beginning Balances 7/1/2011

Operations Account	\$ 161,351
Undeposited Funds	8,709
Program Account	72,566
Petty Cash	100
Reserve Funds	<u>72,761</u>
Assets	\$ 315,487

Ending Balance 6/30/2012

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



Fall Fish Sale

Revenue

Land Use Programs	\$ 171,223
IDOA Operations	47,596
IDOA Program (Cost Share)	3,900
Interest	2,386
Sales Programs	25,644
Annual Meeting/ Awards	2,175
Education Programs	227
Grants	30,089
Total Revenue	\$ 283,240

Expenses

IDOA Program (Cost Share)	34,326
Sales Program	18,671
Education Programs	1,672
Personnel Expenses	185,347
Office/ Equipment	40,721
Annual Meeting/Awards	2,514
Dues	2,075
Grants	<u>20,048</u>
Total Expenses	\$305,374

Staff Changes

Secretary Dolores Salak retired this year after 26 years with the KDSWCD. She always greeted customers with a friendly smile as they walked in the door or a pleasant hello on the phone. Resource Conservationist (RC) Kelsey Musich, who had been with the district for 9 years, also left to take a job with Encap Inc. Resource Analyst Candice Jacobs was promoted to RC, while Ashley Jennings took over as Resource Analyst. The district also hired a part time Office Assistant, Michelle Loth.



New faces: Michelle Loth, Ashley Jennings, and Jim Rospopo

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 6 municipal agreements. The program aims to control soil erosion and sedimentation in and near waters of the United States.

SESC Applications: 104 Total Acres: 970

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: 71 Total Acres: 836

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 2012, the KDSWCD provided technical assistance and \$48,321 of cost share for:

- ◆ Naper Settlement Rain Garden—\$2,700.00
- ◆ Michael Bland Well Sealing—\$400.00
- ◆ Eagle Heights HOA Streambank Stabilization—\$14,400.00
- ◆ Spring Cove Townhome Association Streambank Stabilization—\$16,974.00
- ◆ Dan Jepson Streambank Stabilization—\$3,847.00
- ◆ Lawndale Park Creek Streambank Stabilization—\$10,000.00



Lawndale Park Creek with native seed and blanket

Educational Activities to Support Conservation

The KDSWCD offers outreach programs to schools and scout groups, participates in public events, and conducts training for educators. The district also helps to coordinate the annual Northeastern Illinois Envirothon competition. In 2012, 37 high school teams participated in this event.

KDSWCD's 2012 Top Scoring Teams:

Kane: Dundee Crown High School, Carpentersville

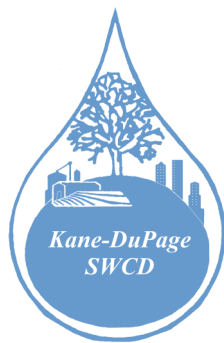
DuPage: Wheaton North High School, Wheaton

Overall 2012 Top Scoring Team:

Cook County: Glenbrook South High School, Glenbrook



DuPage County Top scoring team, Wheaton North



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