



## LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District

1691 North 31<sup>st</sup> Road, Ottawa, Illinois 61350

815-433-0551 Extension 3

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to spring, the LaSalle SWCD would like to extend you an invitation to be a field host in a springtime self-guided Cover Crop and Conservation Practices tour. We are dividing the County into five regions- Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast, and the panhandle with 6-8 sites being within each region to view. There are so many great cover crop and conservation practices out there to showcase to fellow farmers that are interested in learning more about them. A self-guided, driving tour is a way that would be helpful to get more folks seeing and talking about conservation and cover crops. We are looking for covers and conservation practices that can be seen from the road.

Cover Crops are starting to gain more momentum within the County, and this is a great way to show other curious farmers what you are doing and how it looks in the process. The information that we are looking at collecting is what type, seeding rates, termination, etc. While driving past fields, folks can see the growth of the cover, how it works in different landscapes, what different types of covers look like, how they are terminated, grazed, etc. This information would be provided to those who take the tour so they can see what things look like at different rates, species, etc.

Conservation Practices are a huge part of the farming operation in some cases. They are great for reducing soil erosion, improving water quality, providing wildlife habitat, increasing soil biology, and the list goes on.

If this is something that you might be interested in participating in, please fill out the attached/enclosed survey for us and send back to the office, or email Vicki at [vicki.heath@il.nacdn.net](mailto:vicki.heath@il.nacdn.net), by Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. In the field location box, the top of the box is North. Please, draw in the road, number it, and then sketch out the practice(s) from there as an example.

If you have any questions give Vicki a call at the office, 815-433-0551, ext. 3.

Your Partners in Conservation,

Ross Adams, Ken Dau, Steve Glascock, Tracy Haas, and Josh Rhodes  
LaSalle County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors



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### 2021 Spring Cover Crop & Conservation Practice Tour Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Practice(s): Check all that apply.

Grassed Waterway \_\_\_\_\_ Structures \_\_\_\_\_

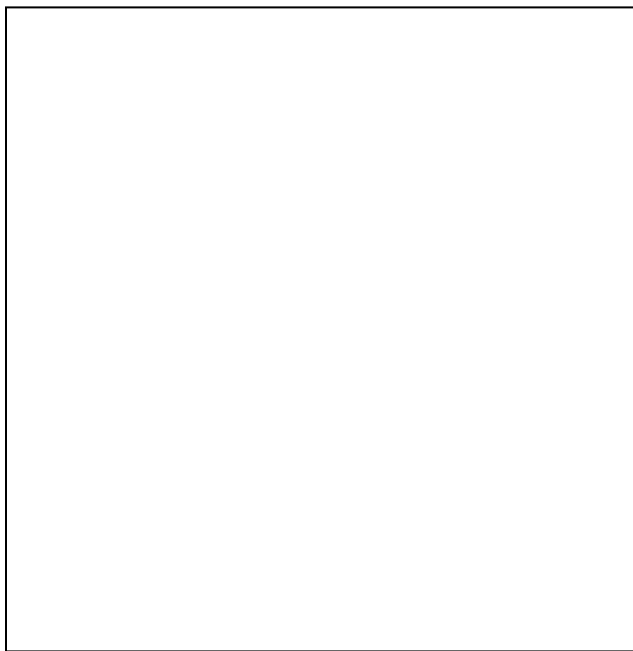
Bioreactor \_\_\_\_\_ Pollinator Habitat \_\_\_\_\_

Filter Strip \_\_\_\_\_ Wetland \_\_\_\_\_

Contour Buffers \_\_\_\_\_

Windbreak \_\_\_\_\_ Streambank Restoration \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Field location of practices and/or covers.

Cover Crop(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Variety: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Rate per acre: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date planted and how: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Termination: \_\_\_\_\_

Stage of growth when terminated: \_\_\_\_\_

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