

Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Erosion along the Flint Creek in Barrington Hills, IL has left this property with steep banks and unprotected stream toe. However, through the Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Cost-Share Program (SSRP), the Lake County SWCD, Illinois Department of Agriculture, the homeowner and Trillium Native Landscapes Inc, will be able to prevent 1,720 cubic feet of soil from entering Flint Creek. This will be done through the installation of geotextile fabric and stone along 230 feet of the streambank.

This project will add to the existing stabilization and restoration efforts done by other organizations to improve the water quality in Flint Creek.

Lake County SWCD has several other prospective SSRP projects along this stream that will improve water quality in the county and protect sensitive habitat.



In an effort to reduce stress on water quantity demand, Lake County SWCD has lead the effort to distribute 980 rain barrels to residents from Lake, Cook, McHenry and Kenosha County, WI in 2008. Rain barrels can be used to store rain water during a storm, which can be later used during times of drought or rainless days.

This program was implemented in conjunction with Lake County Forest Preserve District and Lake County

Stormwater Management Commission. The project promotes environmental stewardship right in your backyard, while reducing the amount of water needed to water plants, wash your car and gardening tools.

Lake County SWCD has several other great conservation initiatives. You can find out all about them by going to the District website at www.lakeswcd.org or by contacting the friendly and helpful staff at lcswcd@sbcglobal.net or by calling 847-223-1056.