

## Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District

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### Stormwater Permit Inspection Program

The Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District currently has a contract with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to inspect construction site in the county. During the inspection we evaluate the site for sediment and erosion control measures. The contractors are educated on ways to better control soil erosion and stormwater runoff. A report from the meeting is sent to the IEPA to let them know of our findings.

Along with the inspections, the district, along with Madison and St. Clair counties host annual Sediment and Erosion Control Workshops. This past year over 200 people attended the field day held at SIUE. Typically, this event attracts engineers, contractors, developers, and city officials.

### Conservation Days

The MCSWCD currently co-sponsors a two educational event. The district, along with the Illinois Extension and the Monroe County Farm Bureau organize Conservation Days for over 500 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Monroe County. The students attend sessions on recycling, stormwater pollution, snakes, forestry, gps/gis, and many others. This year will mark the 12<sup>th</sup> Conservation Day held in Monroe County.

### Natural Resources Inventory Report

In accordance with state law the District also provides Natural Resources Inventory reports for the Monroe County Zoning Board, as well as the local municipalities. These reports contain information on soils, floodplains, and wetlands. The reports assist the zoning boards in evaluating any land changes and subdivisions in the county.