



PIATT COUNTY

Soil & Water Conservation District

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This is a Drop Box Structure at the end of a waterway. The amount of water you see is from a ¼ inch rain.



This picture is of a block chute at the end of a waterway.

Waterways & Structure's Conserve Soil

Piatt County SWCD works with land owners and farmers to put soil conserving grassed waterways and structures in place. With the help from Illinois Department of Agriculture we were able to build 8 acres of waterways, 5,865 ft of terrace rebuild and put in 2 needed structures like the one pictured above.

The Piatt County SWCD was able to get Federal cost share to get another 26 acres of waterways, 10,150 feet of terraces, nearly 500 acres of wild life habitat, 5,700 feet of fencing and 17 structure's! These were accomplished through the offices of Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency.



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The truck was so full that two guys had to push the stuff in while a third closed the door.



The truck was a 34 foot long van.

E-Waste Collection Day

Piatt County SWCD organized an E-Waste collection day. This was a Saturday when people could bring up old electronic equipment to be recycled. Five groups helped sponsor the event. They were The City of Monticello, Dewitt-Piatt County Bi-County Health Department, Lincoln Heritage RC&D, Heartland of Illinois RC&D, and the biggest helpers were Monticello Rotary. We collected 71 monitors, 50 TV's, 41 CPUs, 11 microwaves and a lot of other electronics. The total weight on the truck was 8,350 Lbs. The truck was filled to the roof.

The Piatt County SWCD along with the Lincoln Heritage RC&D has now put a trailer at the Piatt County SWCD office in Monticello for a weekly drop off site. The Piatt County SWCD is hoping to expand the program to a once a month drop off day in each one of the small rural towns in Piatt County.



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Mike Garthaus from Illinois Department of Natural Resources talks about fish with 3rd graders.

Piatt County Stewardship Day

Piatt County SWCD along with Earth Partners, and The Piatt County Farm Bureau held the first Piatt Stewardship Day. This was held at Washington Elementary in Monticello. The 326 students that attended learned about Aquatics, Rain, Mammals, Fish, Soils and Stream Restoration. The speakers made a lasting impact on the students.

The Piatt County SWCD and its partners are working to make this an annual event to help third grade teachers with the education of the environment. We have found that this event is supported by many agencies that are willing to send speakers for the day event.



Roger Windhorn with NRCS speaks about Soils with 3rd graders.



Rain Barrels

Save The Rain For A Sunny Day!!

A rain barrel connected to your downspout is a great way to cut down on your water bill!

Benefits of Diverting Water from the Downspout:

- Naturally softened water
- Great for delicate houseplants, window and car cleaning
- Saves money by lowering your water bill
- Chlorine-free water helps maintain a healthy biotic community in the soil
- Lowers the percentage of roof top rainfall as a component of urban runoff
- Backup source of water during times of drought or between rain showers

The Rain Barrels have a screen mesh to keep out debris and mosquitoes.



Plastic rain barrels are made from recycled food grade barrels.

UV Polished!

Piatt County SWCD has begun selling Rain Barrels to help the environment. The Rain Barrels have been found to help reduce run off and the amount of water that storm drains must handle. The water is also very beneficial for watering gardens and flowers around the homes.