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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello again. I hope everyone had a safe a profitable spring. We had plenty of good days to work in between the rain and got a lot of jobs completed here in my part of the state. Many of our jobs were working in fields that have wind turbines. Working in and around a wind farm presents some unique

challenges. We started the spring on a 270-acre project that had two turbines on it. We crossed over live power and fiberoptic lines five times to complete the drainage pattern. We had a local wind farm get repowered last summer after only fifteen years in service. This meant recreating all the road modifications necessary to get new propellers and turbine heads to the existing pedestals. It also meant bringing back in the large cranes to take down the old turbines and propellers and put up the new ones. This type of heavy construction causes two main types of drainage issues; compaction of the soil and crushing of existing tile. We have installed more "French Drains" this spring than in all my 18-year career combined. Many times after heavy equipment passes a certain area, the area becomes compacted to the point that even a tile directly underneath will not work due to the compaction. This happens frequently along access roads and around the pedestals themselves. We have been digging these areas out, excavating to the top of the existing tile, and then filling the trench with rock and topping it off with dirt. This has seemed to work so far. Many times, we have dug near road crossings and around pedestals and found tile completely broke down. This is plastic pipe as well as clay and concrete lines. This gets pretty pricey to replace large stretches of tile with a backhoe, but we have done it, as well as split centers with the trencher and added or installed new lines of pipe where needed. This is the price existing tiles pay for having heavy construction on top of them. Job security for me.

Later this week, I am excited to attend the LICA Water Management Forum in Rensselaer, Indiana. I look forward to seeing everyone that attends. Unfortunately, this event overlaps our ILICA Area 6 Trap Shoot and Golf Outing, so I won't be able to embarrass myself on the golf course this year. I hope everyone that does attend this fun event has a great time.

LICA national summer meeting will be in Pittsburgh on July 9-13th. It would be great to get as many Illinois members out there as possible. These events are always lots of fun. I hope to see you out there helping me represent Illinois.



You have a few opportunities to attend a drainage workshop this summer. There should be one held within a couple of hours of you no matter where you are located in the state. This event is not just for contractors. Please invite customers and employees. There will be takeaways for everyone.

ILICA summer picnic will be held on July 20th. This event is going to be just outside of Dwight this year. Wes Lehman has graciously agreed to host us at his home which just happens to be the site of one of the constructed wetlands ILICA built a few years ago. I can't wait to see how it looks now.

Did you hear? If you are willing to host a member's event in your area, ILICA will pick up the tab! How sweet of a deal is that? This could be dinner, games, tours, education, you name it. I am always talking about getting the most out of your membership. What's a better way than this? Spread the word about the benefits of this great organization in your area and let us help you do it.

Enjoy your summer everyone. Stay safe no matter what it is you are doing.

Best regards,
Eric Layden


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BOARD & MEMBERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless changed by the Board during the year, the ILICA business meetings are scheduled as follows:

July 20, 2024 - Picnic & Members' Meeting:
Feather Prairie Farm, Dwight

Sept. 14, 2024 - Regular Meeting of the Board:
Virtual & IP - ILICA Office, Galva

Exact location, meeting times & other details will be published in the ILICA News and sent to members via mail and/or email.

2024 BOARD MEMBER MTG. ATTENDANCE

	A = absent		P = present		C = cancelled meeting	
Area / Director	Jan	March	May	July	Sep	Nov
Pres: Eric Layden	P	P	P			
VP: Jon Seevers	P	P	P			
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Area 1 - LaVerne Weber	P	P	P			
Area 2 - Steve Anderson	P	P	P			
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ILLINOIS'S FY 25 BUDGET CUTS CONSERVATION



By Dr. Michael Woods, Executive Director, Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Illinois' 103rd General Assembly has finalized the FY25 budget. While many are celebrating, we on the frontlines of soil and water conservation are yet again disillusioned by a frontal attack that has landed at our doorsteps. These extreme cuts underscore exactly why Illinois needs to look at diversifying funding for the state's soil and water conservation districts and move beyond the current yoyo investments.

Conservation is a long-game and to sustain the level of impact SWCDs have had to date across Illinois, we require new approaches and partnerships to drive resources into technical assistance offered by district staff that have traditionally witnessed erratic state investment. That's why it's crucial that we mobilize diversified capital—at scale and speed—to ensure economic and biological viability and climate resilience for future generations.

As a recap, the governor proposed returning the state's investment into Soil and Water Conservation Districts to pre-2000 funding levels (\$4.5 million) for his FY25 budget. The director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture declared in the IDOA appropriations committee that this was the funding level proposed and that increased funding would have to be a legislative member-led initiative. Thus, AISWCD—on behalf of the state's SWCDs—in partnership with many supporters banded together to engage our elected officials in the statehouse on several occasions. Many legislators (in both parties) declared their support and discontent with the proposed funding levels. Sadly, our supporters in the Senate were not able to adjust the funding levels as requested in the final \$53.1 billion budget. And our advocates in the House were unable to adjust the Senate's budget bill. It has now advanced to the governor's office to be signed into law with a nearly 50% decrease in SWCD operational funding.

Budget cuts of this magnitude will have a significant impact on frontline boots on the ground SWCD staffing. Notably, districts may have to reduce staff to adjust for funding cuts, along with not being able to fill vacant direct service staff positions, which are desperately needed to provide vital services. I am deeply concerned that current and future conservation efforts will be heavily impacted by these budget reductions at a time when the state needs to see a significant scaling up of conservation practices to address the nutrient loss reduction strategies and to ensure that producers are more

weather resilient in the face of shifting climate.

While the outcome we had advocated for did not come to fruition, we will find a path forward to ensure that the state's essential Soil and Water Conservation Districts remain on the frontlines in protecting the state's most vital natural resources...soil and water.

At this time, we must take the high road and find a path forward, and not dwell in the actions to cut SWCD funding and the attack on intergenerational equity and sustainable investing. Rather we must find a path forward to ensure that we: 1) diversify our treasury to become less dependent on volatile funding; 2) maintain service to our stakeholders to ensure the acceleration of locally-led efforts to conserve, protect, and restore the land and water across the state; and 3) engage those that value the frontline, boots-on-the-ground conservation agriculture essential to protect the stability and sustainability of Illinois.

At the federal level, the Biden administration has showcased a deep understanding and appreciation for conservation by investing an unprecedented amount into agricultural conservation across the nation. As we each are aware, these conservation commitments often fall short, and implementation—the real crux of field level conservation—lags far behind the promises in light of reduced technical assistance (operational) funding for frontline Soil and Water Conservation District staff. Nevertheless, now is the time we shall rise to the occasion and strive to elevate the same level of federal support through understanding at the state level. While the state's return to pre-2000 funding for SWCD has taken place with the FY25 budget, we cannot allow these actions to decline our individual and collective ability to put in motion our shared mantra of healthy soil and clean water.

In closing, I remind you that now is the time for decisive, collective action. It's time to demonstrate that the Illinois SWCD system will stay the course and respond to the immediate conservation crisis while shaping a recovery which prioritizes social and environmental outcomes through intergenerational investments of your time and talents, as we seek the treasures of those that truly value our individual and collective service today for tomorrow. The actions we collectively take over the coming weeks, months, and perhaps even years will lay the foundations for a more stakeholder-driven and sustainable environment — one that aligns conservation of our natural resources with the constituents and commitments of our state's General Assembly and highest leadership.

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ILICA Ladies' Page

Take a Scenic Illinois Road Trip to These 10 Hidden Gems



Published February 2023: Pack up the car, there's no way you've seen all 10 of these.

The sun is expected to shine this weekend and the temperatures are supposed to get into the mid-40s. That's perfect weather to go for a little car trip. This list will take you through some of the hidden gems tucked into the nooks and crannies of Illinois. The rolling hills of the Illinois Plain make the perfect setting for this circular track that will take you to all corners of the state.

1. Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, Joliet



We start off on the south side of Chicago in Joliet, Illinois, home of the Blues Brothers. Here you'll visit what was once the second largest steel mill in the country. It remained unoccupied until 1991 when it was turned into a park with guided trails.

Have a great time investigating the Joliet Iron Works site.

2. Mississippi Palisades State Park, Savanna



Next head west across the northern portion of the state towards Savanna, Illinois. The Mississippi Palisades is a series of short trails that climb along the cliffs and bluffs of the

Mississippi and Apple Rivers. The views are some of the best of the mighty Mississippi.

3. Giant Oak Park, Peoria



Turn south and take a scenic drive along the Mississippi River to the central part of the state and stop in Peoria. Here you'll stop at Giant Oak Park which is literal a park with a giant oak tree. Its branches span out over 100 feet and it is believed to be at least 300 years old. It's cool, but let's be honest, you won't be spending a ton of time here.

4. Dana Thomas House, Springfield



Turn east and head through the central part of the state. You're gonna see a lot of corn and other types of crops. Try not to get hypnotized. Make a stop in the state's capital, Springfield. Here you'll take a look at the Dana Thomas House, a 12,000 square foot turn of the century home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Ever hear of him? You will also not spend a ton of time here.

5. Pink Elephant Antique Mall, Livingston

Head back south west through the state, there will be more corn fields involved, toward St. Louis and stop in the town of Livingston for the Pink Elephant Antique Mall. This is a massive antique mall/flea market that occupies an old high school. You might find a hidden treasure, and you'll at least have some excellent ice cream. Go spend the night in St. Louis.

ILICA Ladies' Page (cont.)



6. Cedarhurst Center For The Arts, Mount Vernon



Head further south into the state and stop in Mount Vernon. Here you'll visit the Cedarhurst Center For The Arts. You never know what will be happening at Cedarhurst, the exhibits and displays are in constant rotation. Judging by those metallic horses in the above picture, I'm guessing it's usually cool.

7. Cache River and Heron Pond State Natural Areas



Head to the southern tip of the state and stop in Belnap for your next site. This ancient forest preserve houses cypress trees and massive bass. There are numerous trails to explore and camping is available. You'll want to find a place to stay down here because it's a long way north after this.

8. TREC Trails, Effingham

Take a long drive north to the south central part of the state and stop in Effingham. Here you'll try out the TREC trails system. The TREC trails system is a series of urban pathways that connect city and wildlife seamlessly. Come do some bird watching and enjoy this unique way to explore a city.

9. Spurlock Museum, Urbana



Head towards the center of the state and stop in Urbana, sister city to Champaign and home to the University of Illinois. Here you'll visit the Spurlock Museum. The Spurlock Museum is located on the University of Illinois campus. It is a free cultural museum that educates visitors about cultures and their histories from around the world. Speakers and conversation are common.

10. Elawa Farm, Lake Forest



The last stop on the Illinois tour takes back to Chicago on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan in Lake Forest. Here you'll visit Elawa Farm, a "gentleman's" farm bought in 1915 and since restored. Here you can wander the beautiful grounds and learn about the history of the site.

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SOIL EROSION AND WE, THE PEOPLE

By Jorge A. Guzman & Maria L. Chu

Soil erosion is a natural process – neither bad nor good. At the surface, it is part of the rock cycle, and in streams, it is a way to adjust their size and shape to carry water and sediments from surrounding lands. It is a crucial process supporting nutrients to wetland ecosystems and agricultural lands in river confluences. However, it is also critical for soil health degradation, loss of productive land, and fertile soil. As stakeholders, we have the power to mitigate soil erosion by slowing down these processes and thus minimizing their impacts. We can achieve a sustainable agro-production system that balances the tradeoffs between ecosystem services that favor food production, nutrient cycling, and biodiversity and the disservices that increase nutrient runoff, soil erosion, and soil degradation.

The growing competition between conservation and productivity makes these challenges more visible in policymaking as we encounter the threads to food security amidst soil erosion and soil degradation. Across our diverse agricultural geography, different groups of stakeholders frequently find themselves in a diametrically opposing “tug-of-war” situation, pulling the situational “rope” in their respective directions in favor of enhanced production or minimized land degradation. Soil erosion is further exacerbated by land use and management changes, agriculture intensification, and varying

climate. The effects of soil erosion go beyond the loss of soil fertility and land degradation. It also led to numerous environmental issues, such as loss of land productivity, water quality deterioration, economic and human health, and infrastructure stress. For instance, soil erosion from agricultural landscapes contributes large volumes of sediments along streams with significant phosphorous loads that are not yet biologically available while remaining “dormant” until changes in environmental conditions make them available, that is, legacy phosphorus. Soil erosion impacts our reservoirs and their functioning through increased sedimentation and siltation, reduced hydraulic efficiency, and the capacity to negatively impact recreational services and fish populations. Hence, adopting restoration and management alternatives that balance the risks and tradeoffs of enhancing productivity while minimizing long-term soil degradation is crucial to our agro-production systems, their sustainability, and our communities.

By definition, soil erosion is simple: it is the detachment, mobilization, and deposition of soil particles. However, along these three main processes, many players interact to form a complex phenomenon - some players are in the atmosphere, some at the surface and subsurface, and some in our daily activities. Soil erosion may occur independently or within three major groups of processes: (1) mass movement, (2) surface erosion, and (3) linear transport (Figure 1). Mass movement

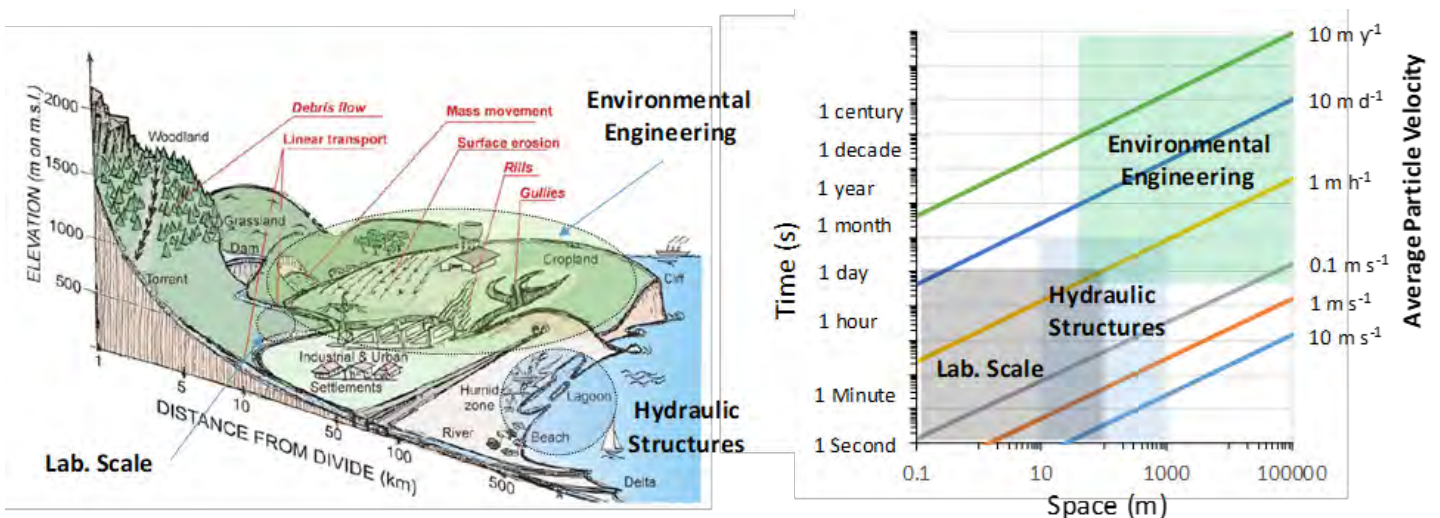


Figure 1. The complexity of soil erosion lies in the spatio-temporal variability of sediment production and transport processes (figure adopted from Di Silvio and Basson, 2008). Different processes occur at various time scales spanning seconds to centuries.



occurs locally (e.g., landslide, streambank erosion). Surface erosion occurs on land surfaces, seen as sediment mobilization by water or wind and developing land features such as rills and inter-rills, gullies, and dunnes. Finally, linear transport is commonly found in streams where particles constantly move in an unsynchronized tango between the bottom and suspension as a function of the changes in river flow and its interaction with the geomorphological local properties. At first, the removal of soil particles and the subsequent asymmetrical motion of these particles downstream to adjacent water bodies occur under a combination of multifaceted processes that vary in time and space. Sediment starts its journey at local scales, commonly exacerbated by unusual precipitation or wind events and accelerated by human intervention. This particle mobilization is driven by the topography, soil composition, hydrologic processes (e.g., precipitation, overland flow, interflow/seepage), stream morphology and dynamics (e.g., bedload, streambank erosion), and human activities. Their transport and deposition are continuous processes across the basin that may require decades and even centuries to complete.

Once the eroded sediment reaches a river network, it can be transported to larger water bodies. These multifaceted processes, taking place over time while varying in space, make soil erosion complex to estimate.

Agro-production systems face many challenges daily. Soil erosion is a long-term challenge that requires enabling community stakeholders to make more effective decisions to decrease the agricultural footprint in the environment while sustaining their livelihood and quality of life. Environmental managers, policymakers, and scientists are often tasked to untangle the complex interactions between natural processes and our day-to-day activities that result in changes in watershed hydrology and land degradation. In this challenge, soil erosion is central to these complex processes. To better direct investments in natural resources, there is an urgent need for enhanced soil monitoring that stakeholders can use in making decisions, allowing stakeholders to accommodate their goals more efficiently.



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Tuesday, July 9

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Registration

7:45 am - 5:30 pm

Flight 93 Memorial
& Falling Water Tour

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Registration

8:45 am - 4:30 pm

Duquesne Incline, &
Carrie Blast Furnace Tour

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Executive Committee

Thursday, July 11

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Registration

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Committee Meetings

12:30 pm

Lunch

Friday, July 12

7:00 am - 7:30 am

Registration

8:00 am

Breakfast

9:15 am - 10:30 pm

"Leadership Panel"

10:45 am - 12:45 pm

"Beneath the Surface"

1:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Executive Directors'
Meeting

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Associates' Committee

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Associates' Night
(Exhibition)

Saturday, July 13

7:00 am - 7:30 am

Devotions

8:00 am

Breakfast

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Board Meeting

What Does Registration Include?

Summer Meeting registration includes all meal functions, Associates' Night, Educational Seminars, Committee Meetings, and the Board Meeting. All registered members will receive meal tickets, a name badge, and a program when they check-in on site and are welcome to ... even encouraged to, attend any of the Committee Meetings and the Board Meeting. For a list of committees and their functions, visit LICANational.org.

2024 LICA Summer Olympics

Associates' Night - Friday, July 12

Get ready to channel your inner Olympian as we debut the LICA Olympics in celebration of the 2024 Summer Games in Paris! Select your squad of 4 champions strategically and aim for that shiny Gold medal! With games ranging from ring toss to memory challenges, every team will battle it out to clinch the ultimate victory based on points earned. Let the games begin!

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PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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OMNI WILLIAM PENN HOTEL

Flight 93 Memorial & Fallingwater Architectural Tour Tuesday, July 9 - 7:45 am - 5:30 pm

Explore Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. This inspirational memorial is located at the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 which was hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001. You will be given time to explore the Visitor and Learning Center, Wall of Honor and Tower of Voices.

A Fallingwater Educator will be your guide as guests experience beautiful forested grounds and exploration of the house from both the interior spaces and outdoor cantilevered terraces. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a house designed by renowned American Architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1935. Fallingwater is one of Wright's most acclaimed works and best exemplifies his philosophy of organic architecture: the harmonious union of art and nature.

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Duquesne Incline, Pump House, & Carrie Blast Furnace Tour Wednesday, July 10 - 8:45 am - 4:30 pm

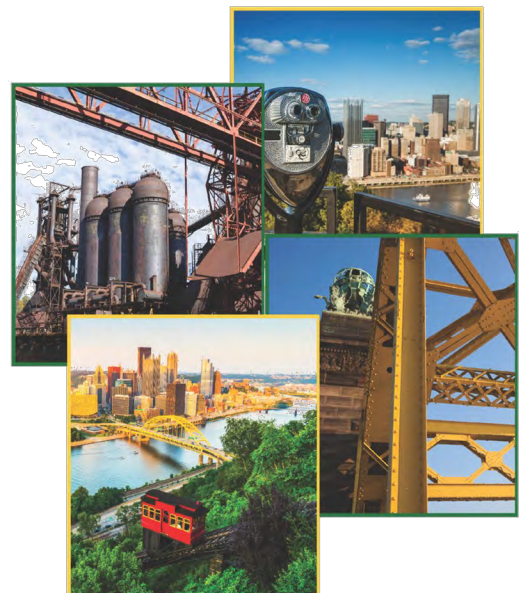
The first stop is the Duquesne Incline, this iconic Pittsburgh historic landmark opened its doors to passengers in 1877 and is still operating using the same cable pulley system today. We will ride the funicular up the side of Mt. Washington, tour the engine room and enjoy the spectacular view (voted one of the best views in America)

After the gorgeous panoramic views of the city, we will enjoy a "Hometown Hero Driving Tour" of the Northshore of Pittsburgh to include City of Champions Stadiums and many local points of interest.

Members will have *lunch (on your own)* in the hippest, most delicious neighborhood of Pittsburgh: The Strip District. Your guide will provide directions to many choices you will find to nosh your way through Pittsburgh's foodie neighborhood.

Let's step back in time at the historic Pump House dating to 1892 and once part of the United States Steel Homestead Works. Hear the Story of Steel at the Pump House, where the 1892 "Battle of Homestead" broke over labor issues and remains one of the most significant events in United States Labor History. The adventure continues with a guided walking tour of the legendary Homestead Steel Works Carrie Blast Furnace. Learn the iron-making process- from raw material to molten metal.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN



2024 NATIONAL LICA SUMMER MEETING

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

City of Steel

JULY 9 - 13
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Educational Seminars Friday, July 12

National LICA Leadership Panel

Presented by: Tony Cain, National LICA President; Adam Cook, Region 3 Vice President, Ted Lashley, Region 6 Vice President

Have you ever thought about serving on your State Chapter Board or even on the National Board? Most members do not know how to get involved – or even what a position on the board entails. During this session you will hear from LICA Board Members about their experiences at the State and National level. Members can get their questions answered about leadership roles within LICA, from the people who have held them. Hear them tell their stories: why they joined, how and why they served in leadership roles, and why they benefited from serving LICA.

Beneath the Surface: Unveiling the Power of Subsurface Utility Engineering and Pointman GIS Mapping Software

*Presented by: Brenda Reigle, DIG Prevention Consulting
Bill McIntyre, ProStar Pointman, VP of Business Development*

In this session, delve into the intricacies of subsurface utility engineering (SUE) and the innovative Pointman GIS mapping software. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the importance of accurately mapping underground utilities, the challenges associated with traditional methods, and how SUE techniques coupled with Pointman GIS can revolutionize utility mapping processes. The presentation will showcase a real-world case, highlighting the enhanced efficiency, cost savings, and risk mitigation benefits achieved through the integration of these advanced technologies. Participants will leave with a comprehensive understanding of how to leverage SUE and Pointman GIS to unlock the full potential of subsurface utility mapping for the future.

On Your Own in Pittsburgh... Ride the Light Rail for FREE!

Within Downtown Pittsburgh, PRT operates a free-fare T zone. The zone includes the following stations: First Avenue Station, Steel Plaza, Wood Street Station, and Gateway; North Side Station and Allegheny Station.

Steel Plaza Station is a short walk down Oliver Street from the Omni Hotel. From there you are able to ride for free within the downtown area. Take the train to Allegheny station and you will be within walking distance of: Acrisure Stadium, the Pittsburgh Steelers football stadium and Rivers Casino.

Members can also explore: PNC Park, the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball stadium; the Andy Warhol Museum; the National Aviary; and Allegheny Center, by way of the North Side Station. This transit system makes it easy to tour the "City of Steel." Visit www.rideprt.org for more information.

Senator John Heinz History Center Gateway Station

Explore artifacts from the city's role in the French & Indian War, Western Pennsylvania Sports exhibit, detailing the city's football and baseball legacies, and the exhibit on Heinz Ketchup. From the Civil War to the industry titans of steel, if it's got to do with Pittsburgh, it's here.

Kamin (Carnegie) Science Center Allegheny Station

Home to a planetarium, an exploration station with electricity and weather exhibits, a sports-focused venue, a robotics experience, and even a naval submarine. Within different areas of the museum, visitors can see what it feels like to be weightless on the zero-gravity climbing wall, understand the physics of sports and interact with the robots in roboworld.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh North Side Station

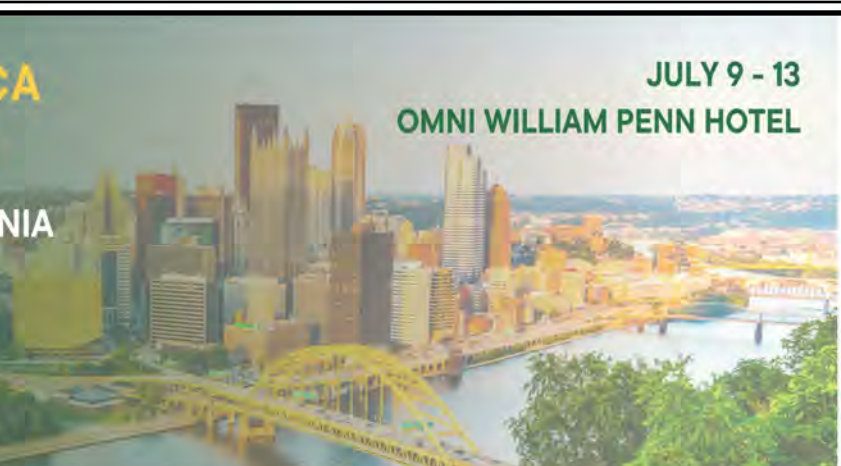
This museum provides innovative museum experiences that inspire kindness, joy, creativity and curiosity for all learners. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas include: The Studio, Garage, Nursery, Waterplay, Kindness Gallery, and Backyard.

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Youth: 13 Years & Under	FREE		
Tour Registration			
July 9th - Flight 93 Memorial & Falling Water Tour (Box lunch included)	\$125.00		
Youth: 13 Years & Under (2 & Under FREE)	\$80.00		
July 10th - Duquesne Incline, Pump House, & Carrie Blast Furnace (Lunch on your own)	\$125.00		
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AREA 6 TRAP SHOOT & GOLF OUTING ALWAYS A FAVORITE

Ask any trap shooter or golfer that attended the Annual Area 6 Trap Shoot & Golf Outing what they thought about the event and you will receive two types of resounding responses. If it's their first time attending, you'll hear, "It was great!" or "This was so much fun!" If you speak to one of the "regulars," which make up a majority of those in attendance, you'll hear, "This is one of our favorite outings that we get to attend." and "We always look forward to this event each year!" Responses like these affirm the successfulness and appeal of the event that has been a member favorite for over 13 years.

As usual, this year's event held in June saw temperatures verging on "hot," but that did not stop over a dozen trap shooters from busting over 700 clay targets at the Paul McKillip Farm first thing that morning. The title of "Top Shot" went to Alex Brown with Invenergy Transmission, who narrowly edged out last year's winner Levi Coons with Port Industries by one clay, and earned himself a pair of electronic shooting muffs. No one went home empty handed, though, as all shooters received a door prize thanks to the generous support of our sponsors.

Down the road at the beautiful Meadowview Golf Course in Mattoon, nearly 50 golfers first grabbed a boxed lunch, sponsored by BRON, before playing 18 holes in a scramble format with a shotgun start. Staying hydrated with the help of our beverage cart sponsors, Port Industries and Fratco, golfers had a great time out on the course competing for a chance at hole prizes and bragging rights. All the foursomes were happy to be back in the air conditioning for the 50/50 raffle drawing and prize winner announcements before their ribeye steak dinner buffet, wrapping up the day's events.

Hole prize winners took home \$50 cash compliments of sponsors Altorfer CAT, BRON, & Precision Intakes. The Lowest Scoring Team, after a tie and scorecard playoff, won \$100 cash sponsored by Miller Township Construction, and the Most Honest Team received a special prize altogether! Winners were as follows:

- Longest Drive:** Dalton Goldsmith
- Closest to the Pin:** Jeff Tomlinson
- Longest Putt:** Steve Anderson
- Lowest Scoring Team:** Harris Metals & Recycling - Tony Harris, Tyson Harris, Austin Powley, Tate Moses
- Most Honest Team:** Seevers Farm Drainage - Todd Childers, Chris Kaufman, Kirk Adkisson, Kade Wisley

The event was sponsored by Advanced Drainage Systems, Springfield Plastics, Prinsco, and Sullivan Auctioneers a BigIron company, along with over 30 different hole sponsors, meal and beverage sponsors, and door prize sponsors.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the outing including sponsors, donors, volunteers, shooters, and golfers. A big thanks to Paul McKillip, Meadowview Golf Course, and the Golf Outing Committee for ensuring the success of the 13th Illinois LICA Area 6 Golf Outing and Trap Shoot!

For the complete listing of sponsors and to view pictures from the event, check our website: <https://www.illica.net/golf-outings>






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JULY 20, 2024

Member Appreciation Picnic

& Members' Meeting

Feather Prairie Farm | 23335 E 3200 N Rd, Dwight, IL

Join us for Illinois LICA's Member Appreciation Picnic & Members' Meeting at Prairie Feather Farm in Dwight, IL. The morning will begin with a members' meeting followed by a tour of two constructed wetlands built by Illinois LICA and partners in 2022. After the catered lunch, provided compliments of our generous Associate sponsors, we invite you to hang out, socialize with fellow contractors, and enjoy the entertaining and challenging outdoor games planned for the afternoon.



Camping available!

- 9:00 am Members' Meeting
- 11:00 am Constructed Wetlands Tour
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Outdoor Games



**Blind Golf Cart Races | Cornhole | RC Car Races
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Name/Company name: _____

Yes, I/we will attend picnic lunch # _____

Yes, I/we will attend the members' mtg. # _____

Names of all attending: _____

Please remit by July 11th to: Illinois LICA
112 Exchange St., Ste. 2
Galva, IL 61434

Send me camping details

Register Online



This notice is to inform all officers, directors, alternate directors, chairmen and members of standing committees, and all active members of the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association, Inc. that the next ILICA members' meeting will be held on July 20, 2024 @ 9:00 am at Prairie Feather Farm, 23335 E 3200 N Rd, Dwight, IL. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Illinois LICA

DRAINAGE WORKSHOP



illica.net/events

JULY 30: Richland Community College, Shilling Center, One College Park, Decatur, IL

Are you a landowner or producer that farms tile drained acres? Or a contractor that installs drainage systems? If so, you understand the direct correlation that drainage has on crop production in the Midwest. But did you know how your tile drainage is correlated to water quality?

Join the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association (ILICA) and it's conservation partners for the latest information on the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (ILNLRs), a deep dive on edge of field practices (EOF) for tile drainage treatment, government and private cost share opportunities, WOTUS, and jurisdictional wetlands and determination information.

Contractors will also learn about the business opportunities associated with edge of field practice installation, trench safety, surveying basics, and plastic drainage pipe specifications and installation parameters during the afternoon session (producers welcome, too).

The workshop is free and includes lunch. Registration is requested for meal counts.



8 am - 2 pm

- **IL Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy:** *Adrienne Marino, Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership*
- **Edge of Field Practices:** *Ryan Arch, ILICA; Ben Reinhart, ESE; Richard Cooke, U of I Extension*
 - Denitrifying Woodchip Bioreactors
 - Saturated Buffers
 - Constructed Wetlands
 - Drainage Water Management
 - Drainage Water Recycling
- **EOF Practice Cost Share:** *Dylan Knisley, NRCS; Billy Haubner, Macon Co. SWCD; Sondra Rumble, Macon Co. FSA; Adrienne Marino, ISAP; Jeff Boeckler, Northwater Consulting*
- **WOTUS & Wetland Determinations:** *Kirsten Brown, USACE; Todd Granum, NRCS*
- **Bioreactor Tour:** *Matt Dasenbrock, NRCS*

2 pm - 5 pm

- **Business Opportunities for Contractors:** *Keegan Kult, ADMC*
- **Trench Safety:** *Tom Grey, Grey & Associates*
- **Survey Basics:** *Schlatter's Inc.*
- **Plastic Drainage Pipe Specifications:** *Kyle Kocurek, Springfield Plastics*

FREE LUNCH and REGISTRATION



RSVP requested by JULY 23

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May/June Answer: 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Illinois

Member Appreciation Picnic & Members' Meeting July 20, 2024

Feather Prairie Farm
23335 E. 3200 N. Rd., Dwight, IL 60420

Members' Meeting: 9 am
Constructed Wetland Tour: 11 am
Lunch: 12 pm
Outdoor Games: 1 pm

Register via QR Code on page 20

ILICA Drainage Workshop Series July 30, 2024 - Decatur, IL August 27, 2024 - Ina, IL

8 am - 5 pm

See page 21 for workshop details and to register for the Decatur location.

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Employee fatalities must be reported within eight hours	Inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye must be reported within 24 hours
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Employers must report these injuries

- By telephone to the OSHA Area Office nearest to the site of the work-related incident. Information about OSHA Area Offices: <https://www.osha.gov/contactus/bystate>
- By telephone to the 24-hour OSHA hotline (1-800-321-OSHA or 1-800-321-6742).
- Electronically, using the event reporting application that will be located on OSHA's public website: <https://www.osha.gov/>

Who Must Report?

All employers under OSHA jurisdiction must report these incidents to OSHA, even employers who are exempt from routinely keeping OSHA records due to company size or industry.

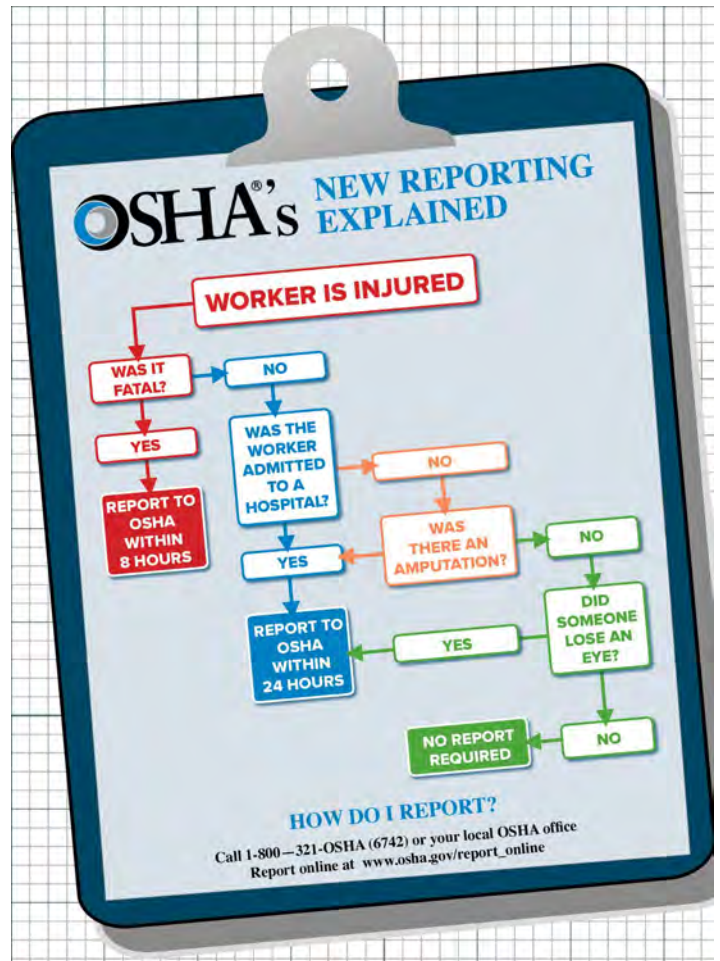
What Must Be Reported?

- Establishment name
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- Time of the work-related incident
- Type of reportable event (i.e., fatality, inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye)
- Number of employees who suffered the event
- Names of the employees who suffered the event
- Contact person and his or her phone number
- Brief description of the work-related incident

Links & Resources

- ▶ OSHA recording and reporting website: <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/>
- ▶ OSHA Serious Event Reporting Online Form: <https://www.osha.gov/ords/ser/serform.html>
- ▶ OSHA reporting final rule: <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/2014>

- ▶ OSHA electronic reporting final rule: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/05/12/2016-10443/improve-tracking-of-workplace-injuries-and-illnesses#h-4>
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