

“When the land does well for its owner, and the owner does well by his land, when both end up better by reason of their partnership, then we have conservation.” Aldo Leopold

Conservation Practices Program (CPP) is a state funded cost-share program administered through the Soil and Water Conservation District. CPP provides cost-share assistance for the construction of projects that promote soil conservation, reduce soil erosion, protect and improve water quality, and reduce potential groundwater pollution.

Conservation Practices:

Filter Strips

Diversions

Grade Stabilization Structures

Grassed Waterways

Basins

Terraces

Well Decommissioning

## What can you do to be a conservationist?

Utilize conservation practices to prevent soil erosion

Plant a native garden to attract butterflies & bees

Incorporate a rain garden in landscaping

Plant trees and shrubs for windbreaks and habitats

Install a rain barrel to collect rainwater

Start a compost bin

Recycle

Conserve energy

## Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District Youth Education

### Envirothon

Students learn about the environment and natural resources... aquatics, forestry, soils and wild-life. High school teams compete against teams from Bureau, Henry, Marshall-Putnam, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark counties.

### Poster Contest

Henry County SWCD sponsors an annual poster contest using the Soil and Water Stewardship theme. Students express their thoughts about soil, water and natural resources through art.

### Earth Day Camp

Henry County Farm Bureau, Cooperative Extension Service and SWCD sponsor Earth Day Camp for 3rd grade students.

### Trees for 3rd Grade Students

Henry County SWCD provides each 3rd grade student with an Eastern White Pine seedling in celebration of Arbor Day.

### ‘Conservation Kids’

Henry County SWCD operates a booth at the Henry County Fair. ‘Conservation Kids’ has Soil and Water Stewardship themed games and activities.

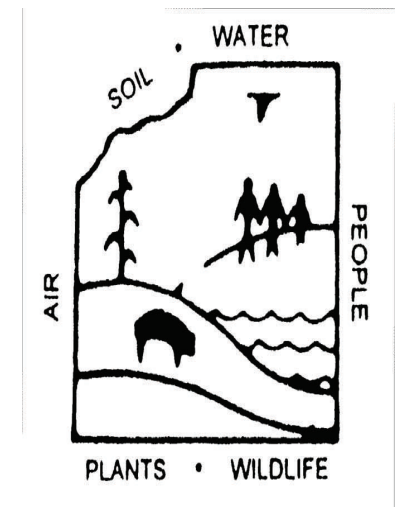
### Section 3 FFA and State

#### Soils Judging Contest

Henry County SWCD and Natural Resources Conservation Service provide technical assistance for the soils judging contest.



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# Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District

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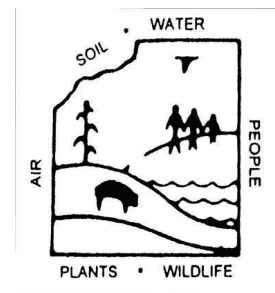
**"A thing is only right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the community; and the community includes the soil, water, fauna, flora, as well as the people." Aldo Leopold**

## Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District

A Soil and Water Conservation District is a governmental body created by state law for the purpose of promoting the protection and conservation of soil, water and natural resources in the county and state. Although a SWCD is a governmental body, it is not a branch of federal, state or county government. A SWCD is classified as a local unit of government. Each SWCD is governed by a five-member board of directors. Directors are elected by land owners and occupiers of the land in the county. The SWCD board meets regularly to administer a program of work that fits the needs and natural resources concerns in the county. There are 98 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the state of Illinois.

In 1932, the Illinois State Legislature approved the creation on Soil and Water Conservation Districts through the Soil and Water Conservation Act. The Munson Soil Conservation District was formed August 4, 1939. Henry County was the second district organized in Illinois. The Munson Soil Conservation District originally encompassed Munson Township

and parts of Osco and Cambridge Townships. By 1949, the entire county was included and the name changed to Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District in 1962. The mission of the Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide leadership and administer programs to help conserve, improve and sustain our natural resources and environment.



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