



ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABLE
AG PARTNERSHIP

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*Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy
Conference - Ag Sector*

Coalition of 13 orgs working to promote soil health and water mgmt. practices that reduce nutrient loss



ISAP'S HISTORY

- Initial conversations in 2015 (NLRS)
- ICC acquired land in 2016
- MOU signed in 2017
- First ISAP programs in 2017
- Additional members added (2019 & 2020)
- Theory of Change in 2020
- Annual Report produced



ISAP's THEORY OF CHANGE

Core Strategies

How do we create our desired impact?

Increase farmer recognition in the **ECONOMIC VALUE** of conservation practices

Serve as clearinghouse for **SOIL HEALTH & CONSERVATION DRAINAGE EDUCATION**

Accelerate the **ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES** that improve soil health, carbon cycling & water quality

Enabling Outcomes

What is needed to bring about change?

Farmers and advisors have access to data and view ISAP as a trusted source of information.

All education is action oriented, fosters knowledge transfer, and motivates change on the landscape.

ISAP members and partners are using a consistent message to inform and engage key audiences.

Policies and funding priorities are supporting practices with the biggest water quality and climate impacts.

Desired Impact

What is our "long-term" goal?



Illinois agriculture voluntarily meets **NLRS goals and benefits from being part of the climate solution**

ISAP'S PROGRAMS

- Production Risk Management
- Soil Health & In-field Management
- Water Quality and Edge of Field
- Network of Practitioners





Production Risk Management

- Risk Management Conference
- Economics
- Climate Adaptation
- Ecosystem Markets

A group of approximately 20 people, mostly men, are gathered outdoors in a gravel area. In the foreground, several long, narrow wooden trays are set up on stands, each containing multiple soil samples. The people are dressed in winter clothing like jackets and hats. In the background, there is a long, open-sided building with a corrugated metal roof, possibly a barn or a workshop. The sun is shining brightly in a clear blue sky, creating long shadows on the ground.

Soil Health & In-Field Mgmt.

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- Advanced Soil Health Training
 - Cover Crops
 - Reduced Tillage
 - Nutrient Management



Water Quality & Edge of Field

- Advanced Conservation Drainage Training
- Edge of Field practice resources

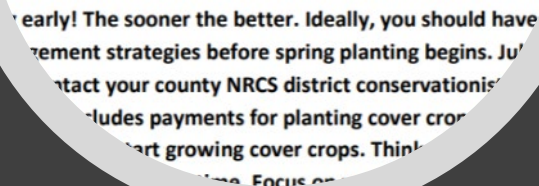
A photograph of a group of people in a meeting room. Five people are seated around a long wooden table, engaged in conversation. A woman stands in the background near a large window. The room has a modern feel with large windows and whiteboards. The text 'Network of Practitioners' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Network of Practitioners

- Specialist / Trainee Engagement
- Alphabet Soup
- Cover crop network calls

ISAP'S Resources

- Libraries / Fact Sheets
 - Soil Health & Cover Crops
 - Edge of Field
 - Climate
- Communications
 - Website, Blogs, The Aggregate
- Rainfall Simulator
- Annual Report



2020 Annual Report



Looking Ahead

Expanded programs

- Climate focus

Enhanced website

- Story Map

Expanding membership

- Mission-aligned partners
- Business membership

Increased engagement and awareness

- Specialist Network
- Webinars & Presentations
- Curriculum

Bigger Picture

Innovations
Funding
Climate Resiliency
Prioritization
Collaboration



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