



# NLRS Partnership Workshop

*November 1, 2022*

## AGENDA

**In person:**

Auditorium  
John Block Building  
Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
801 E. Sangamon Ave., Gate 11  
Springfield, IL 62702

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<b>Hosted by Todd Gleason, University of Illinois Extension</b>	
<b>9:00 am – 11:45 am</b>	<b>MORNING SESSION</b>
9:00-9:05 am	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Todd Gleason, University of Illinois Extension</i> <i>Lisa Merrifield, University of Illinois Extension</i>
9:10-9:15	<b>Opening Comments</b> <i>Director Kim, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency</i>
9:15-9:45 am	<b>U.S. EPA Gulf Hypoxia Program Grants</b> <i>Bruno Pigott, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>
9:45-9:55 am	<b>Illinois River Watershed Study Group Update</b> <i>Lisa Merrifield, University of Illinois Extension</i>
9:55-10:15 am	<b>Perspectives on Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plans</b> <i>Karoline Qasem and Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec Consultants</i>
10:15-10:30 am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30-10:50 am	<b>Observation from the Next Generation Water Observing System Gauges</b> <i>James Duncker, U.S. Geological Survey</i>
10:50-11:10 am	<b>10 Years of Farmer Funded Nutrient Research</b> <i>Julie Hewitt, Illinois Nutrient Research &amp; Education Council</i>
11:10-11:30 am	<b>Developing Phosphorous Assessment and Reduction to Address Unnatural Growth in an Urbanized Unnatural Waterway – Interim Findings and Next Steps</b> <i>Jennifer Wasik, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District</i> <i>Rishab Mahajan, Geosyntec Consultants</i>
11:30-11:40 am	<b>Closing Comments</b> <i>Director Costello, Illinois Department of Agriculture</i>
11:45 am-12:30 pm	<b>Lunch Sponsored by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illinois Farm Bureau</li> <li>• The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>• Geosyntec Consultants</li> </ul>

<b>12:30-3:15 pm</b>	<b>POLICY WORKING GROUP MEETING</b>
12:30-12:45 pm	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Director Shelly Nickols-Richardson, University of Illinois Extension</i>
12:45-1:05 pm	<b>Update on Nutrient Loads</b> <i>Tim Hodson, U.S. Geological Survey</i>
1:05-1:25 pm	<b>2021 Point Source Nutrient Loads</b> <i>Trevor Sample, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency</i>
1:25-1:40 pm	<b>Update from Watershed Coordinators</b> <i>Rachel Curry and Nicole Haverback, University of Illinois Extension</i>
1:40-2:00 pm	<b>Working Group Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Urban Stormwater Working Group, Lisa Merrifield, University of Illinois Extension</i></li> <li>• <i>Performance Benchmark Committee, Trevor Sample, Illinois EPA</i></li> </ul>
2:00-2:15 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
2:15-2:35 pm	<b>2021 NASS Survey Results</b> <i>Mark Schleusener, USDA – National Agricultural Statistics Service</i>
2:35-2:55 pm	<b>Agricultural BMP Practice and Performance Update</b> <i>Laura Christianson, University of Illinois</i>
2:55-3:05 pm	<b>2023 Biennial Report Survey Results and Due Dates</b> <i>Joan Cox, University of Illinois Extension</i>
3:05-3:15 pm	<b>Closing Comments</b> <i>Trevor Sample, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency</i> <i>Michael Woods, Illinois Department of Agriculture</i>