

Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum

In Person Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

1:30 - 4 pm



Illinois Department of Agriculture John Block Building, Illinois State Fair Grounds, [801 E. Sangamon Ave,](https://www.illinois.gov/801-E-Sangamon-Ave)
[Springfield, IL 62702](https://www.illinois.gov/62702)

1:30 - 2:00 pm	<p>Strategic Planning for NLRs Agricultural Sector <i>Brian Rennecker, Illinois Department of Agriculture</i></p> <p>Introduce future NLRs tactics and establishing a state tactical plan to reach goals outlined in the NLRs. Prepare to initiate of a tactical plan for the Illinois NLRs agricultural sector. Introduction to the SMARTER tactical plan idea.</p> <p>AWQPF members should lead and participate in subcommittees focused on cover crops, conservation tillage, and edge-of-field practices. These committees will identify components of a plan for the following that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage and educate landowners and producers• Strengthen outreach efforts• Form industry partnerships• Attract new stakeholders• Secure necessary funding• Maximize the impact of public and private investments
2:00 - 2:45 pm	<p>Tactical Plan Structure Discussion <i>Moderated by Brian Rennecker, Illinois Department of Agriculture</i></p> <p>Feedback and ideas requested</p>
2:45 - 3:00 pm	<p>15-minute break</p>
3:00 - 3:30 pm	<p>Partner Idea Sharing <i>Moderated by Joan Cox, Illinois Extension</i></p> <p>Initial discussion and identification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attract new stakeholders• Secure necessary funding• Form industry partnerships• Other
3:30 - 4:00 pm	<p>Wrap up and action items <i>Brian Rennecker, Illinois Department of Agriculture</i></p>

Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum Charge:

1. Steer and coordinate outreach and education efforts to help farmers address nutrient loss and select the most appropriate BMPs:
 - i. Identify needed education initiatives or training requirements for farmer and technical advisors
 - ii. Strengthen connections between industry initiatives, certified crop advisor continuing education requirements, state initiatives, and other technical service
2. BMP Tracking
3. Coordinate cost share and targeting
4. Develop other tools as needed