



CONSERVATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. Please *rank* the FIVE most important natural resource issues or concerns facing Piatt County in the next ten years. Rank 1-5, with 1 being the most important and 5 the least important.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Buffers/Filter Strips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Quality/Soil Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land Conversion | <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened/Endangered Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Productivity | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Water Pollution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Availability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing Lands | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation/Water Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat/Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Mined Land Reclamation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Disposal of Organic Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Fiber Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species | |

_____ Other (please specify)

2. *Check* the FIVE customer groups you feel Piatt County SWCD should prioritize reaching out to with information, products, and/or services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agribusiness | <input type="checkbox"/> National Government Officials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Community | <input type="checkbox"/> State and Local Government Officials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time Farmers/Ranchers | <input type="checkbox"/> Planners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Users |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> County Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber Producers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal and State Agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Foresters/Forest Landowners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Farmers/Ranchers | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban/Suburban Citizens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby Farmers | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Farmers/Ranchers |

_____ Other (please specify)

3. Check the FIVE most important products, programs, or services Piatt County SWCD can provide to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Waste Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Land Reclamation | <input type="checkbox"/> Information (databases, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost-Share Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollinator Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed Burn Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop/Maintain Standards | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Survey & Soil Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Designs | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Stewardship Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion and Sediment Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Streambank Stabilization | |

_____ Other (please specify)

4. What specific areas of our county do you feel are most in need of natural resource conservation assistance?

5. Please share any additional thoughts or comments.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by March 2nd to Brianne.Gates@il.nacdnet.net. You may bring your completed assessment with you for discussion or complete it at the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, we would still appreciate your input. Please complete and return your assessment by April 30th, 2026 to: Piatt County Soil and Water Conservation District, 1209 Bear Lane, Monticello, IL 61856 **OR** email to: Brianne.Gates@il.nacdnet.net.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!