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**? County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrates 76th Annual Soil and Water Conservation Week!**

The ? County Soil and Water Conservation District is excited to celebrate the 76th Annual Soil and Water Conservation Week April 30 - May 7, 2017! The 2017 Soil and Water Conservation Week theme is “Healthy Soils Are Full of Life!” as soil is the starting foundation of all the food we eat.

The week is an opportunity to recognize the important conservation practices placed on Iowa’s landscape and bring attention to the ongoing work by farmers, landowners and urban residents to protect the state’s soil and water resources.

Iowa’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and others provide leadership in soil health, soil conservation, water quality and the protection and enhancement of Iowa’s natural resources.

“Much has been accomplished in the last 75 years of conservation work in Iowa”, states Robert Lynch, President of Conservation Districts of Iowa, the state wide organization that supports Iowa’s elected Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners who work within our local communities to provide resources that assist landowners in caring for the land. “We celebrate these accomplishments during this week and seek to communicate the opportunities all Iowans have to become involved in conservation through their local Soil and Water Conservation District.”

The ? County Soil and Water Conservation District will be celebrating by… (insert the event or activity you will be holding during the week or insert something that highlights a couple of your initiatives like…offers planning, technical and financial assistance, opportunities to nominate neighbors for state wide recognition, urban conservation education, youth education, purchase of native trees and plants, etc. Be specific to your district.

To learn more about these opportunities through your local Soil and Water Conservation District, contact ? County Soil and Water Conservation District, address, e-mail, phone.

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