

Conservation Districts of Iowa

Informing, educating and leading Iowans through our local soil and water conservation districts to conserve our natural resources

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Bring your county's soil and stats to the Capitol in January!



Bring a sandwich bag of your county's soil to Iowa Conservation Partnership Day for each of your legislators. We will have 8 ounce bottles with labels to transfer it into!



Bring a customized report of your county's conservation accomplishments to share with your legislators as well. An example report and all of this year's legislative materials can be found online at www.cdiowa.org.

RSVP for 2016 Iowa Conservation Partnership Day Legislative Event on Tuesday, January 19th, 10 am - 3 pm at the Capitol Rotunda in Des Moines to 515.289.8300 or admin@cdiowa.org. **Let's have every District represented at this year's event!**

Save the Date: Spring Regional Commissioner Meetings

Region 1 - Wednesday, March 2 from 10AM to 2PM in Cherokee County

Region 2 - Wednesday, March 2 from 4PM to 8PM in Humboldt County

Region 6 - Thursday, March 3 from 10AM to 2PM in Dallas County

Region 9 - Thursday, March 3 from 4PM to 8PM in Mahaska County

Region 7 - Tuesday, March 8 from 10AM to 2PM in Linn County

Region 4 - Tuesday, March 8 from 4PM to 8PM in Clayton County

Region 3 - Wednesday, March 9 from 10AM to 2PM in Winnebago County

Region 8 - Tuesday, March 15 from 10AM to 2PM in Taylor County

Region 5 - Tuesday, March 15 from 4PM to 8PM in Audubon County

Your new
CDI Leaders
take office
January 1!



Pictured from left to right:

CDI President,
Robert Lynch

&
CDI Vice President,
Alex Schmidt

INITIATIVES OF INTEREST:
**CDI is collecting conservation images
from Districts!**

I am seeking to get one great picture of conservation from each District!

You can take a new picture this year or send a picture you already have on file of a conservation practice or project your county is particularly proud of!

CDI will use these pictures to promote the important work being done by Districts on social media and a commissioner's wife will be using them to make a quilt which will be auctioned off at next year's Annual Commissioner's Conference in August!

A judging committee of the CDI board will pick the top 3 pictures and those Districts will receive a \$50 prize.

Please send your image with a one sentence explanation and the approximate date of the image to admin@cdiowa.org by **March 1st, 2016.**

We look forward to seeing the great conservation work of your District!



Robert Lynch,
President of Conservation Districts of Iowa

Dates of Importance

January 1 – March 31, 2016

January: CDI website updated with 2016 information

January 13: NACD North Central Board Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

January 15: Farm Bill XIIIIB and Des Moines Lobe Period 1 Reports Due

January 18: CDI Board Meeting, Country Inn & Suites, Clive, 3 – 7PM

January 19: Conservation Partnership Day, Capitol, Des Moines, 10AM – 3PM

January 30 - February 3: NACD Annual Meeting, Reno, NV

February 1: Turn in Envirothon Team Registrations to avoid a late fee

February 26: Submit resolutions for discussion at Spring Regional Commissioner Meetings

February 26: Scholarship applications due to SWCD offices

March 1: Submit your conservation photo to CDI

March 1 – 17: 5 Iowa Envirothon Regional Competitions

March 2 - 15: 9 Spring Regional Commissioner Meetings, 10AM – 2PM & 4PM – 8PM

March 14 – 15: NACD Spring Legislative Fly In, Washington, D.C

March 23 – 24: Iowa Water Conference, Ames

March 25: SWCD Chooses a County Scholarship Application to forward on to their CDI Regional Director

March 25: Posters & Entry Forms due to SWCD Offices

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**Thank you to the
counties who have
submitted photos!
Get your conservation
photos in by March 1,
2016!**



Conservation photos submitted by
Poweshiek and Winneshiek Counties.