



Spring Quarterly Alphabet Soup Meeting

May 10, 2018 – 9am-3pm

Barnacopia, Polo, Illinois

- 9:00 am Coffee and Networking
- 9:45 am Welcome and Introductions
- 10:15 am **Updates – resources and programs**
- Woody Woodruff – Illinois Stewardship Alliance Training Videos
 - Advanced Soil Health Training
 - Advanced Conservation Drainage Training
 - ISAP Risk Management Conference
 - ISAP Event Calendar – group activity to try out online submission or to fill out cards for April
 - New Extension Watershed Coordinators – Jennifer Woodyard
 - Other updates?
- 11:00 am **Local flavor - What's different about northern Illinois?**
- Local issues/programs - Philip Alberti, Daryle Wragge, Marty McManus
 - NW Illinois Planning - Carrie Zethmayr, The Land Institute (invited)
 - Cover crops and grazing – Dean Oswald
 - Next steps for northern Illinois – planning for Advanced Soil Health Training and S.T.A.R.
- 12 noon **Lunch and Networking - sponsored by The Zea Mays Foundation**
- 1 pm **Creating local farmer led networks**
- Sara Walling, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture (invited)
- 2 pm **Spotlight – NW IL farmer led network success stories/case studies**
- Tri-county Farmer Network - Dean Oswald
 - Nutrient Stewards of Northern Illinois - Malcolm Stambaugh
- 2:15 pm **Rainfall simulator / desktop soil demo training**
- 3pm **Wrap Up and Adjourn**
- Next meeting** – Aug/Sept in SE Illinois - Future lunch sponsorship opportunities available!