



# ADVANCED CONSERVATION DRAINAGE TRAINING PROGRAM

## WELCOME!

Welcome to the Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership's 2019 **Advanced Conservation Drainage Training Program (ACDT)**. This three-part series is designed to provide both technical training and the opportunity to connect to a strong network of other experts and practitioners who are involved in various aspects related to the design, implementation, and outreach of conservation drainage practices in Illinois. We will also provide ongoing support, networking opportunities, and resources as you work to apply the knowledge gained through the series.

Our 2019 program consists of intensive classroom and hands-on training for drainage designers, contractors, farmers, farmer advisors, retailers, and other agricultural professionals and conservation practitioners to increase understanding of the functioning of conservation drainage practices. Topics covered include not only technical details on planning, designing, and constructions, but also an introduction on why the practices are needed, the science behind why they work, the programs available for helping farmers implement them, and training on communication and outreach related to conservation drainage practices.

To enhance learning, training sessions will incorporate discussions, small group exercises, and field demonstrations. Our three sessions will focus on saturated buffers, constructed wetlands, and drainage water management.

June 19-20 Saturated Buffers	July 24-25 Constructed Wetlands	August 7* Drainage Water Management
<p><b><u>Classroom Training</u></b>  <b>Wednesday, June 19, 8AM-5PM,</b>            Parkland College, Champaign, IL</p> <p><b><u>Field Day</u></b>  <b>Thursday, June 20, 8 AM-12PM</b>            John Lannon Farm, Longview, IL  <i>Featuring: Saturated buffer installation by Illinois LICA</i></p>	<p><b><u>Classroom Training</u></b>  <b>Wednesday, July 24, 8 AM-5PM</b>            Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL</p> <p><b><u>Field Day</u></b>  <b>Thursday, July 25, 8AM-12PM</b>            Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL  <i>Featuring: Constructed wetland installation by Illinois LICA</i></p>	<p><b><u>Classroom Training</u></b>  <b>Wednesday, August 7, 8AM-12PM</b>            Richland Community College, Decatur, IL</p> <p><b><u>Field Visit</u></b>  <b>Wednesday, August 7, 1PM-4PM</b>            Al Boyd Farm, Decatur, IL  <i>Featuring: Visit to monitored drainage water management site</i></p>

**\*The Drainage Water Management session will be held in conjunction with the Summer Drainage Workshop sponsored by University of Illinois Extension and the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association. Trainees will have the option of attending day one of the drainage workshop, which will cover topics related to drainage design, on Tuesday, August 6th.**

Your engagement, enthusiasm, and honest opinions are critical to the success of the program. Every member of our diverse training group benefits from the knowledge and expertise of each participant. We hope you find value in the program, and we encourage you to provide candid feedback, suggestions, and comments at any time through the suggestion box or by reaching out directly to any of the steering committee members or training coordinators.