

2025 Stewardship Week Press Release

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Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation District Promotes Stewardship Week

Dubuque County — **Dubuque SWCD**, in partnership with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), is celebrating the **70th Annual Stewardship Week** from **April 27 – May 4, 2025**, with the theme **“Home is Where the Habitat Is.”** Dubuque County Supervisors, along with several communities, have proclaimed April 27th - May 4 as Stewardship Week.

Dubuque SWCD, led by **Chairperson Wayne Demmer**, is a proud member of NACD, which oversees this national program. The theme highlights the importance of both natural and managed habitats in maintaining biodiversity, supporting water quality, and ensuring healthy soils. This year, Dubuque SWCD is celebrating its 80th Anniversary.

“Soil and water conservation is all about protecting the habitats that keep our environment healthy. Whether it's forests, wetlands, or grasslands, these habitats provide so much - clean air, safe homes for wildlife, clean water and a stable environment for everyone,” **said NACD President Gary Blair**. “This year’s theme, ‘Home is Where the Habitat Is,’ is a reminder that taking care of our habitats is key to a healthy, thriving community and future.”

Throughout Stewardship Week, **Dubuque SWCD** will host a variety of events focused on habitat conservation, including a **poster coloring contest for Dubuque County schools**, educational presentations by the Watershed and a Trivia Night and Silent Auction on **Saturday May 3 at 7:00 pm**. These efforts are designed to raise awareness about the vital role that habitats play in the long-term health of the environment.

Stewardship Week resources celebrating **“Home is Where the Habitat Is”** are available for free download on the NACD website.

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About the National Association of Conservation Districts:

The National Association of Conservation Districts is a nonprofit organization that represents the nation’s 3,000 conservation districts, their state and territory associations and the 17,000 individuals who serve on their governing boards. For more than 70 years, local conservation districts have worked with cooperating landowners and managers of private working lands to help them plan and apply effective conservation practices. For more information about NACD, visit: www.nacdnet.org.