



Outreach Impact

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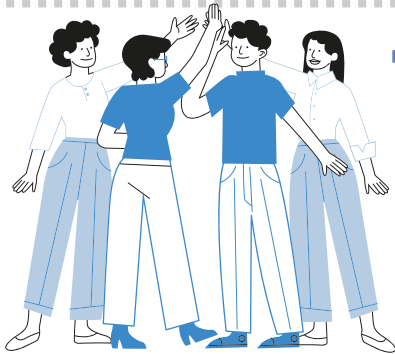
NGRREC'S **LAND CONSERVATION SPECIALISTS (LCS)** PROVIDE STATE-WIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND MONITORING FOR AGRICULTURAL LANDOWNERS AND **NRCS** PARTNERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE **CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM** AND **AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM**.

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LANDOWNER COMMUNICATIONS

LCSs provide outreach and technical guidance to landholders enrolled in federal private lands conservation programs (**CRP** and **ACEP**) - often in the form of face-to-face meetings.



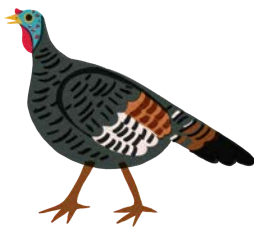
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LAND CONSERVATION SPECIALIST POSITIONS FILLED

IL Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) expands funding to NGRREC to help offer technical support throughout the entire state of Illinois.

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ACRES OF HABITAT RESTORATION/ MANAGEMENT



NGRREC's **Habitat Strike Team** conducts and assists with habitat management and restoration on both private and public lands in Illinois. They use prescribed fire, timber stand improvements, and invasive species removals to improve watershed health and wildlife habitat.



STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MENTORSHIP

Student intern research projects complement work of the Habitat Strike Team which help inform conservation and management. **3** students mentored over the year in 2023.

[HTTPS://OUTDOOR.WILDLIFEILLINOIS.ORG/ARTICLES/STUDENTS-STUDY-INVASIVE-BUSH-HONEYSUCKLE](https://outdoor.wildlifeillinois.org/articles/students-study-invasive-bush-honeysuckle)



HST CONDUCTING A PRESCRIBED FIRE



HST LEADING A HABITAT WALK AT WATER FEST.



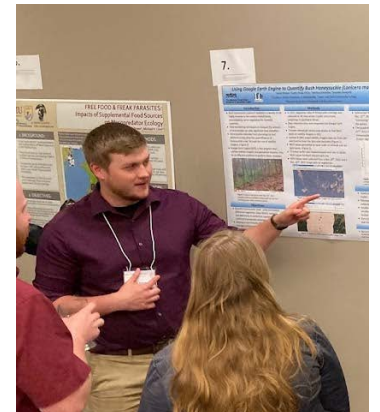
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM FIELD WITH COMMON MILKWEED



HST CONDUCTING INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL



CRP POLLINATOR HABITAT



STUDENT POSTER SESSION



ANNUAL LCS MONITORING VISIT TO A NRCS WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENT - FAYETTE COUNTY