

**August 14th
2015**

Perennial Biomass Crops and Nutrient Loss Reduction

Location: Richland Community College Campus/National Sequestration Education Center

Time: 10 am to 3 pm – Lunch provided

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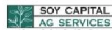
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Forage Crop



Prairie for Bioenergy Demonstration Plots

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The use of wetness-tolerant Perennial Crops combined with drainage management practices could become a viable cropping system to utilize nutrients before they reach streams and lakes.

Speakers and participants will discuss current and possible crops and methods to produce forage or bioenergy feedstock in wet or sloping areas and also help meet the targets of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

Attendees are invited to tour the Caterpillar—AWI Prairie for Bioenergy demonstration plots immediately after the workshop.

Wildlife Habitat



Bioenergy



Water Quality



This workshop and plot tour is free and open to the public. It is especially designed for conservation professionals, scientists and educators, producers, landowners, farm managers, and anyone else with an interest in perennial forage or bioenergy crops that can also provide water quality, soil conservation, and wildlife benefits. Speakers will include Jerry Kaiser, NRCS Elsberry Plant Materials Center; Cristina Negri, Argonne National Laboratory; Allen Parrish, U of I; Eric Rund, Rund Farms; Producer & Contractor Panel.

Agricultural Watershed Institute and Prairie Rivers Network
Invite you to a Workshop on
Perennial Biomass Crops and Nutrient Loss Reduction

Friday, August 14, 2015

10:00 am to 3:00 pm
National Sequestration Education Center building
On the Richland Community College campus – Decatur, IL

Agenda – Tentative, May be subject to change

9:30 am	<i>Sign-in and networking – Coffee and rolls</i>	
10:00	Steve John, AWI / Carol Hays, PRN	Welcome and Overview of Perennial Crop Project
10:15	Greg McIsaac / Tim McMahon, AWI	Perennial Crops, Drainage Management, and Nutrient Reduction
11:00	Jerry Kaiser, NRCS	Saturation-Tolerant Forage Crops
11:30	Allen Parrish, UIUC	Prairie cordgrass for Bioenergy and Water Quality
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch – Catered by the Prairie Grille</i> Lunch speaker: Eric Rund,	On-farm use of grass biomass for heat or grain drying
1:00	Cristina Negri, Argonne National Laboratory	Willows and short rotation trees for bioenergy and water quality
1:30	Producer / drainage contractor panel	Discussion and feedback on perennial crops and nutrient reduction
2:30	Project/Organization updates by workshop attendees	
3:00	Workshop Adjourns	

Attendees are invited to tour the Caterpillar—AWI “Prairie for Bioenergy” plots following the workshop.