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## Web Site

Check out our new web site:  
[www.colescountyswcd.org](http://www.colescountyswcd.org)

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## Stormwater Regulations Meeting

On the morning of June 13, thirty participants including contractors, engineers and city officials gathered at the Worthington Inn in Charleston to learn about erosion and sediment control at commercial and residential development sites. The meeting was sponsored by Coles County SWCD and Clark County Supply.

Topics covered at the meeting were a review of NPDES (National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System) Phase II permits, inspecting storm water pollution, prevention plans and on-site erosion control practices.

Presenters included Jeff Hutton from IEPA and two Certified Professional Erosion Control Specialists from Macon County, Shannon Allen and Tim McMahon.

## Summer Trainee

Brittany Brown, from Houston TX, is training in our office this summer. She is a senior at Tennessee State Univ. in Nashville majoring in Ag Business.

This is her third summer in Illinois and we welcome her to our field office.

## Fiscal Year 2007

For the year which began on July 1, 2006 and ended June 30, 2007, Coles County SWCD reports the following activities:

- \* New web site
- \* Bi-monthly newsletter
- \* Air tour
- \* Provided plaque for 4-H conservation winner
- \* Held pond management workshop
- \* Sold water testing kits
- \* Served as site for RSVP volunteers
- \* Held used tire collection
- \* Hired new Education Liaison to work with teachers in all schools in Coles County
- \* Held two fish sales
- \* Held informational meeting on Conservation Security Program
- \* Co-sponsored (with Douglas and Edgar SWCD's ) an information meeting on coal mining
- \* Offered materials to schools, churches and organizations to help celebrate Soil and Water Stewardship Week
- \* Held tree sale
- \* Participated in Career Days at Lake Land College
- \* Held conservation breakfast to present awards and discuss issues of interest
- \* Participated in farm show at Cross County Mall
- \* Worked with county high school Environmental teams
- \* Directors participated in Legislative Day in Springfield
- \* Hosted meeting on storm water regulations

Remember this site?



Wonder how it looks today?

On Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., Backyard Conservation participants will have the opportunity to see what Rollie and Lois Spaniol did with the plans we gave them a little over two years ago.

In addition to a tour of the site, we also have an interesting speaker lined up for you. Nancy Coutant who, along with Janice Coon, has spoken to diverse groups across the state, will present a program on the history of the Illinois prairie and tell us what prairie plants will work well in our yards in this part of the state.

If you were part of that planning group in September 2004, you will enjoy seeing what has taken place. If you were not part of that group, you will still enjoy seeing the prairie patch and hearing Nancy (and maybe Janice) talk to us about the Illinois prairie.

Call 345-3901 (ext. 3) for reservations, information and directions.

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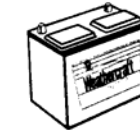
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