



**COLES COUNTY**  
**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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Dear Teachers, Organization Sponsors, and FFA Advisors,

***Your students are invited to participate in the 2026 Envirothon Competition!***

*The 2026 Land Use Council 7 Envirothon is being held at Lake Land College on Wed., March 11, 2026.*

All expenses for the 2026 Envirothon (excluding transportation costs) will be covered by local sponsors and the Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Champaign, Clark, Coles, Douglas, Edgar, and Vermilion Counties. These expenses include lunch, awards, T-shirts, etc. Schools will only be responsible for transportation to and from the event on the day of the competition.

The competition includes five areas of study: Aquatics, Wildlife, Forestry, Soils, and this year's current events category which is "**Non-Point Source Pollution: It Begins at Home.**" Our local council will post study materials online at <https://www.ccswcd.com/envirothon>, for your students to prepare for the competition. All test questions will come from the study materials provided.

An oral presentation is part of the Illinois and National Envirothon competitions. **As in prior years, only one school from each county will be selected to participate in the oral presentation portion of the local competition.** The presenting school will be selected at random in advance of the competition and will be provided the scenario on which to build the presentation (based on the current events category). Our local council feels the oral presentation portion of the competition is very valuable in preparing teams for the State Envirothon Competition, should they qualify, and encourages all teams to prepare an oral presentation even if not selected to present at the local competition.

The overall winning team(s) from this Land Use Council 7 event will be eligible to compete at the Illinois Envirothon competition that is scheduled to be held April 29-30, at the 4H Memorial Camp in Monticello, Illinois. The winning team from the state level competition will advance to compete in the National Competition, to be held July 19-25 at Mississippi State University.

Each school may send up to four teams representing the school and/or FFA chapter. There is the opportunity for FFA chapters to compete against other chapters in this competition. If FFA Chapters are interested in competing, please register as a FFA Chapter.

A registration form is attached for your convenience. If you have any questions or would like additional information, feel free to contact us by phone at (217) 345-3901 ext. 3 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 4 pm or by email at [info@colescountyswcd.org](mailto:info@colescountyswcd.org).

**If you are interested in participating, please return your registration form by February 6th so t-shirts may be ordered.**

***We look forward to your school's participation in the 2026 Envirothon!***

Sincerely,

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Resource Conservationist

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Education Coordinator

**Julie Gass**

Administrative Coordinator

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