

Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum

Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 22, 2015 – Springfield

10 am - noon

- I. Introductions

- II. Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy review
 - a. Development
 - b. Status

- III. Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum Charge
 - a. Steer and coordinate **outreach** and **education** efforts to help farmers address nutrient loss and select the most appropriate BMPs:
 - i. Identify needed education initiatives or training requirements for farmer and technical advisors
 - ii. Strengthen connections between industry initiatives, certified crop advisor continuing education requirements, state initiatives, and other technical service
 - Identify and discuss ongoing efforts
 - What are the gaps?

 - b. BMP tracking
 - Producer survey (*Mark Schleusener*)
 - Transect survey (*Mike Rahe*)
 - GIS location data (*everyone*)
 - Coordination with Nutrient Monitoring Council
 - BMP Implementation Baseline

 - c. Coordinate cost share and targeting
 - Agency cost share timelines (*everyone*)
 - Best venue for cost share and targeting discussions & decisions

 - d. Develop other tools as needed
 - i. Consider an agriculture water quality certification program

- IV. Next steps
 - a. How does the forum want to manage progress of above charges?
 - b. Set next meeting