

AGENDA

- 8:30AM Registration and refreshments
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15 **Keynote: Farmland and Agriculture Planning Issues – A National Perspective**
Jon Scholl, President, American Farmland Trust, Washington, D.C.
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 **Farmland: Commodity or Resource – Why should we value it?**
Kevin Rund, Senior Director of Local Government, Governmental Affairs Division, IL Farm Bureau, Bloomington, IL
- 10:20 **Farmland and Agriculture Planning Issues – A Regional Planning Perspective**
 CMAP 2040 Strategy Report
Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- 11:00 **Sustaining Agriculture in Urbanizing Counties**
Anita Zurbrugg, Assistant Director, Center for Agriculture in the Environment, American Farmland Trust, Dekalb, IL
- 11:30 Lunch
Luncheon speaker – Planning for “Local Agriculture”
Lynn Peemoeller, Co-Chair, Chicago Food Policy Advisory Council
- 1:00PM **Farmland Planning Tools 101**
John Church, Extension Educator, Natural Resources, University of Illinois
- 1:15 **Planning Issues and Conservation Easements/Purchase of Development Rights: Putting the Pieces Together**
Dr. Tom Daniels, Professor of City and Regional Planning, University of PA, Philadelphia & former Manager, Lancaster Co. Farmland Protection Program (via teleconference)
- 2:15 **Funding Purchase of Development Rights programs**
 Local: *Janice Hill, Kane Co. Development Department*

State: New IL legislation - *Rich Nichols, Executive Director, Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Springfield, IL*

Federal: Farm and Ranchland Protection Program - *Bob McLeese, IL State Soil Scientist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Champaign, IL*

- 3:00 **Participant Panel: Making it work**
- ✿ Kane Co. Landowner / Purchase of Developments Rights program participant
 - ✿ Kendall Co. Landowner – Donation of conservation easement participant
 - ✿ Boone Co. SWCD staff – Holding agricultural conservation easements
- 3:30 **Adjourn**

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✿ **CEU's** - Certified county official credit will be offered - credits will apply to certain sessions with number to be determined (Check registration website for updates). Certification CEU's for township and municipal officials have been applied for also.
- ✿ Nationally-recognized experts will be featured on the program to address planning and other issues.
- ✿ New research regarding agricultural land use in urbanizing areas will be presented.
- ✿ Actual participants in the farmland preservation process will discuss their experiences.
- ✿ Funding issues will be discussed.
- ✿ Conference location offers a comfortable atmosphere and can provide a scenic get-away for before or after the meeting.



REGISTRATION

Advance reservations are required with payment by July 30.

On-line registration

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockfordcenter>
 (go to the upper right hand corner of web page to program registration box)

Mail-in registration

Complete form below, detach & mail to:
 Farmland Conference
 University of Illinois Extension
 1601 Parkview Avenue
 Rockford, IL 61107



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Farmland in Illinois has been changed to other uses at a rapid rate over the past decade. Much of Illinois' most productive farmland borders developing areas and has

converted at a rate 30% faster than other farmland. Is this a problem or concern for the state or in your community?

How do we plan for transitions in land use and still maintain a viable food supply? Can agriculture be sustainable and homeowners be happy?



What are tools that can be used to help landowners and planners?

Nationally-recognized speakers from Illinois and across the country will address these and other issues during the conference.



**Certified county official CEU's available.
Municipal and township official CEU's applied for.**

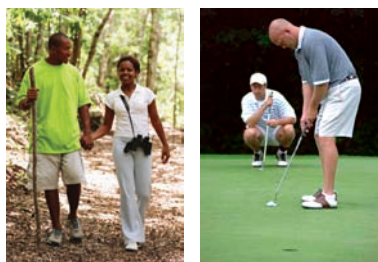
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Our conference location at Oak Ridge is located in the beautiful Illinois River Valley near Starved Rock State Park and other attractions.

Come early or stay late to play a round of golf on the scenic course – see their website at <http://senicasoakridge.net>.

Or, spend an extra day or weekend visiting the area's scenic attractions:

- ✦ www.starvedrockstatepark.org
- ✦ www.utica-il.com
- ✦ www.illinoisriverroad.org
- ✦ www.enjoylasallecounty.com



DIRECTIONS

Oak Ridge Golf Club is conveniently located on U.S. Highway 6 just off I-39 and I-80.

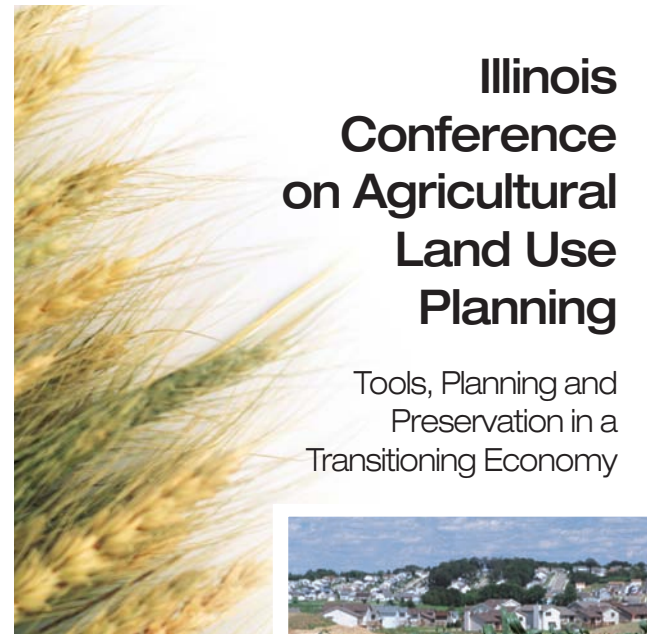
- ✦ Exit I-39 at the U.S. Hwy 6 East. Exit and turn east on Hwy 6 towards Ottawa. Oak Ridge is approximately 1.5 miles east on Hwy. 6.
- ✦ From the west, exit I-80 onto I-39 south and follow the directions above.
- ✦ From the east, exit I-80 at the IL Rt. 178-Utica, exit. Turn left and go to Hwy 6 intersection. Turn right on Hwy 6 and go about 1 mile to Oak Ridge.

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