BLACKHAWK HILLS

Resource Conservation and Development

Report to Sponsors

Following are projects or events that the RC&D is presently involved in:

35th Anniversary – Blackhawk Hills RC&D will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary of being a not-for-profit organization. The Anniversary celebration will kick off in March and will end with the Annual Business Meeting that will be held on April 3, 2009 at the Candlelight Inn in Rock Falls, IL. Norm Walzer, Senior Research Scholar, NIU Center for Governmental Studies will be speaking on Issues and Opportunities in Northwest IL. For more information on the Annual Meeting, please call Julie at 815/625-3854.

Winter Feeding Options Tour – An on-farm winter feeding program is planned for Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the Alan Dykstra Farm in Morrison, IL. The workshop will run from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Using several guest speakers, workshop topics to be covered include an overview of the farm operation, tour of the winter feeding station, planning considerations including structural options, funding opportunities and grazing information. Early registration fee, which includes workshop materials, is $5 if received by March 13. For late registrations and walk-ins, the fee increases by $5 person. To register or to obtain more information on the workshop, contact Whiteside County Extension at 815-772-4075, or Jo-Carroll Extension at 815-244-9444 in Mt. Carroll. On-line registration with credit card payment can also be done via the Jo-Carroll Unit website at http://jdc.extension.uiuc.edu.

Capital Improvement Plan – Blackhawk Hills RC&D has earmarked funds to assist ten communities with less than 5,000 population to develop a Capital Improvement Plan. For detailed information on the CIP program, please call the RC&D Office.

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