



Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District

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STREAMBANK STABILIZATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM

Streambank erosion is a natural process that occurs in all streams as water wears away the soil and rock that form their banks. As the banks are worn away, streams naturally and slowly establish a meandering course. Streambank erosion in Illinois has, however, been accelerated by land altering activities, such as stream channelization and straightening, removal of streamside vegetation, construction of impervious surfaces and other activities which increase drainage water flow and water velocity. Streambank erosion, when left unchecked, can be responsible for the loss or damage to valuable farmland, wildlife habitat, buildings, roads, bridges and other public and private structures and property.

The Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) administers the Conservation 2000 (C-2000) Program which provides cost-share assistance to landowners. One of several practices available under the C-2000 program is the Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Practice (SSRP) which assists landowners with severely eroding streambank sites where effective low-cost streambank stabilization techniques can be established. Techniques include vegetative, stone structure and low cost bio-engineering practices for stabilizing streambanks. The SWCD provides financial incentives through cost-share assistance, technical assistance and education information to landusers with critically eroding streambanks. All landusers and project sites are eligible for SSRP provided that the project site meets the assessment and selection criteria established for successful streambank stabilization. Cost-sharing for all eligible and approved project components (labor, equipment and materials) will be 75%; the remaining 25% is the responsibility of the landuser (please note: that the actual cost-share amount approved will be based on the budget included in application and eligible payment will be based on 75% of the actual eligible costs contained in the final bills, not to exceed the approved amount). Recipients of cost-share funding must agree to maintain the streambank stabilization practices for at least 10 years.

For additional information or to schedule a site visit, please contact Megan Andrews, at the Kendall County SWCD, 630.553.5821 extension 3.