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WATER RESOURCE ACTION PLAN (WRAP) TASK FORCE

AGENDA

February 12, 2020
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

County Administration Building
Conference Rooms A and B (2nd floor)

1. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

2. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMPLETED SECTIONS OF THE WRAP
 - Climate Change
 - Industrial Development
 - Open Space
 - Transportation

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

WRAP TASK FORCE MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2020



Lauren Lurkins

Director of Environmental Policy, Illinois Farm Bureau

Presentation: “Agricultural Conservation Practices to protect Soil and Water”

Lauren Lurkins is the Director of Environmental Policy in the Governmental Affairs and Commodities Division of the Illinois Farm Bureau and has held that position since 2013. In that position, Lauren is responsible for advocating on behalf of the organization in the promulgation, implementation and enforcement of environmental regulation impacting Illinois agriculture. Lauren maintains liaison with various state and federal agencies, and develops and coordinates the organization’s environmental programs, communications and information.

Beginning in 2006, Lauren practiced environmental law with the law firm of Hodge Dwyer & Driver in Springfield, IL. Her previous experience includes both enforcement defense and legislative/regulatory work in all areas of environmental law on behalf of a variety of clients, including agricultural businesses and individual farmers. Lauren and her husband, Matt, have one daughter, Caroline and one son, Julian. They live in Bloomington, IL.



Julie Armstrong

Executive Director, Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council

Presentation: “*Research on methods to enhance nutrient utilization, increase crop production, and protect water quality*”

Julie Armstrong is the Executive Director of the Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council (NREC). With a background in agronomy, marketing and public relations, Julie joined Illinois NREC in 2015 and is the organizations first Executive Director. In this role, Julie’s main focus is to identify opportunities to advance research into nutrient efficiency and to share the outcomes of this research so that farmers and other members of the agriculture industry can incorporate these practices on their farms. Julie graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in AgBusiness and has spent the last 17 years working in various aspects of the industry.