



Serving Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties

**Extension Advisory Council Agenda
Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy (NREE)
December 13, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Our Mission: To help our communities recognize their sustainability is directly related to the sustainability of their natural resources.

1. **Welcome** – Peggy Doty Anesi, Educator, NREE
2. **Members**–
 - a. Boone County –Barb Wych
 - b. DeKalb County – Jodi Gudewicz, Anita Zurbrugg, and Jeff Woodyatt
 - c. Ogle County – Kayse Rushford
3. **NREC Staff Update** -
Charlotte Salis, (AmeriCorps Complete December 31, 2023)
Hope Nordbrock, Attending Olivet in Environmental Studies
Dale Giebel, Animal Care
AmeriCorps position is open – suggestions for where to post
4. **NREE Programming and Updates** -
 - a. Master Watershed Stewards progress report
 - b. Land Use Committee (meeting December 14th)
 - c. Augmented Reality sand table
 - d. WinterFest 2023 on January 20, 2024
 - e. DeKalb School District Kindergarten Spring trips
 - i. Recruiting volunteers
 - ii. Work on activities together
5. **Grants** -
 - a. Wheaton Franciscan Year I – complete (Heather and Peggy)
 - b. Wheaton Franciscan Year II – awarded
 - i. Train-the-trainer for teachers
6. **Annual Agreement** –
 - a. Explanation of agreements -
 - b. Solid Waste interest

7. 2024 Programming – Birds Eye View

- a. Winterfest, Mother’s Day Flower Walks, & NatureFest
- b. Field Studies & Summer Camp
- c. Watershed for Leaders in DeKalb 2024 (Ogle 2024 fall or spring 2025)
- d. Master Watershed Stewards (MWS) – Boone and/or DeKalb then Ogle
- e. Rainscaping
- f. Teacher training

8. Suggestions from the Council –

- a. **Additional members**
- b. **Programmatic needs**

9. Discuss 2024 Meeting Dates and Format

10. Past - 2023 Quarterly Meetings -

- a. March 16th @ 6:30 pm via Zoom
- b. June 21st @ 7:00 pm via Zoom(a change of time)
- c. **September 26th @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Fatty’s in Dekalb. In person full advisory (Whole Unit Council)**
Fatty's Pub & Grille, 1312 W Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL 60115
- d. **December 13th @ 6:30 pm via Zoom (today’s meeting)**

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