

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TREES FOR THREES:

Monroe County SWCD supplies a tree and a shrub to each student. The District also provides fish for wetland stocking.



FARM BUREAU AG DAY:

Monroe County SWCD provides soil and water conservation information to third grade students by way of activity/color books, pencils, rulers and more.



CDI POSTER CONTEST:

Monroe County SWCD participates annually with the Conservation Districts of Iowa poster contest. First, second and third place winners are awarded a monetary gift from the District.



VOLUNTEERS



Pictured left to right: Eunice Nichols, June Smith and Francis Spears.

ALBIA FIELD OFFICE STAFF

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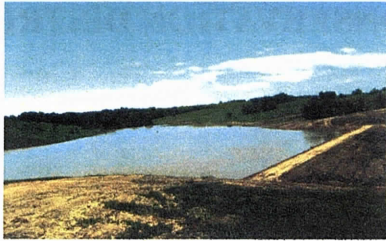
Pictured left to right:

Front: Marvin Wirtjes, Assist. Comm.; Bob Henderson, Comm.; Susan Ammons, Comm/Co-Treas.; Colleen Putnam, Asst. Comm.

Back: George Mackey, Asst. Comm.; Don Niebuhr, Comm.; Albert Tangie Vice-Chair.; Mervin McDanel, Chair.

Not Pictured: Helen Sinclair, Assist. Comm.

SOAP CREEK WATERSHED



The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District has worked side by side with Soap Creek Watershed Board over the last 25 years. The program has installed structures in the county and continues to renew interest from long-time landowners as well as create new interest from landowners recent to the area. Monroe County SWCD Chair person Mervin McDanel represents the District as a Soap Creek Board member.

RATHBUN LAKE SPECIAL WATERSHED PROJECT



Rathbun Lake is a priority watershed area in which Monroe County has approximately 6,500 acres. While these acres are short in comparison to other counties, Monroe County SWCD has been working with watershed landowners using the Watershed Protection Fund program to install much needed conservation practices in the area. Monroe District realizes the importance of working in conjunction with other Rathbun Lake watershed counties to meet the end goal of soil erosion control and water quality benefits.

MILLER CREEK WATERSHED



Miller Creek watershed starts just above the Albia City Reservoir and empties into the Des Moines River at Eddyville. It is approximately 14 miles from the spillway of the City Reservoir to the Des Moines River. Albia staff assessed approximately 20 miles including side tributaries that empty into Miller Creek. There are nearly 20,000 acres and over 40 landowners in the Miller Creek Watershed. With assessment work complete, the District is now preparing a grant application for funding of vital water quality practices.

LAKE MIAMI WETLAND



Numerous species of wildlife frequent the Lake Miami wetland, including over 50 mated pair of Giant Canada Geese. Many varieties of Flora and Fauna can be found at the wetland which makes it an ideal area for conservation education for students and general public. Lake Miami Wetland was established in 1998 in partnership with Monroe County SWCD, Monroe County Conservation Board, Monroe County Board of Supervisors, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Cedar Creek Chapter-Pheasants Forever and Burlington Northern Railroad.

ABANDONED MINED LAND RECLAMATION

Monroe County SWCD Commissioners and Albia field office staff will be working with IDALS- Division of Soil Conservation on abandoned mined sites. This will be the first of its kind for Monroe County commissioners.



EQIP PASTURE WALK

Monroe County SWCD Commissioners hosted an EQIP pasture walk in which the Albia Field Office staff assisted in presenting.

The grazing system was established through the EQIP program. It consisted of 572 acres of seeding, 16,000 feet of fence and 4 livestock water systems.

Commissioners and staff spoke with over 30 landowner/seed providers about forage quality, pasture management and fencing standards.

