

**Cole County Soil and Water
Conservation District
1911 Boggs Creek Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101**

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ANNUAL MEETING

We would like to extend a special invitation to each of you to attend the 27th Annual Meeting of the Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at Reinhardt Circle, 5007 Buffalo Road in Jefferson City.

The meal will be provided by the District. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner service to begin at 6:30 p.m. As always, families are invited.

The planned program will include a presentation on programs available through the conservation district and accomplishments attained due to the parks and soils sales tax funding. There will be door prizes donated by local businesses to be given away at the end of the meeting

To make reservations to attend, please contact the Cole County SWCD office at the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City by March 8th. Call 573-893-5188 ext. 3.

Cole SWCD Election

The Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an election for one Supervisor each in Area 1 (Marion & Moreau Townships) and Area 3 (Liberty & Osage Townships) on March 15, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cole SWCD Office in the USDA Service Center at 1911 Boggs Creek Road in Jefferson City, and from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Reinhardt Circle Legacy Room at 5007 Buffalo Road just south of Jefferson City on Highway 54.

Nominating committees for the election are:

Area 1: Angie Stubinger, 573-690-2494

Area 3: Harry Bexten, 573-477-3363
Ray Volmert, 573-477-3395

If you are interested in running for the Board of Supervisors, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members. Any qualifying candidate not nominated by the committee may have their name added to the ballot if they reside in one of the two areas where an election needs to be held and have secured 10 signatures of land representatives in the territory they wish to represent on a petition and submit the petition to the Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at least 10 days before the election.

For additional information on the district election, contact the District Office by phone at 573-893-5188 ext. 3, or by mail at 1911 Boggs Creek Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101.



2016 Stewardship Week
April 24 - May 1, 2016

Women in Agriculture Conference

Cost-Share

Ladies! Mark your calendars for the 2016 "Paradise in the Ozarks" State Women in Ag Conference, August 29-31, 2016 at The Ramada Plaza Hotel & OASIS Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri -- <http://www.ramadaoasis.com>. The WIA Conference is designed for lady landowners and Agriculture/Conservation Partners to visit venues of agriculture tours, unique workshops, banquet & entertainment! Follow Missouri Women in AG on Face Book at www.facebook.com/WomenInAgriculture.



The Parks & Soils Sales Tax was first approved in 1984 and has been re-approved 3 additional times due to the sunset clause for the tax. The tax will be on the ballot again in 2016 for another re-approval. The majority of the sales tax funds are used for cost-share for landowners to install conservation practices to conserve the agricultural productivity of the land. In the past 10 years, Cole County SWCD has approved payments to Cole County landowners of almost \$1.7 million for these conservation practices. Come to the Annual Meeting on March 15 to learn more about the benefits of the sales tax.

The Programs and Services of the Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District are funded by the 1/10-cent Parks and Soils Sales Tax and private donations. For more information about the Cole County Soil & Water Conservation District see our web page at www.swcd.mo.gov/cole.

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