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Groundwater Taskforce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Congressman Don Manzullo

WOODSTOCK, IL – On Wednesday, August 18, at the McHenry County Conservation District Prairie View Education Center, the McHenry County Groundwater Taskforce hosted Congressman Don Manzullo for a ribbon cutting ceremony in recognition of his support for the McHenry County Groundwater Protection Program.

With Congressman Manzullo's support, McHenry County received \$590,000 with the US Army Corps of Engineers to install a County-wide Observation Well Network consisting of 27 wells. Also, in 2010, McHenry County received a \$280,000 grant with the United States Geological Service to: install real-time data transmitters on 40 observation wells; to install 2 Stream Gauges in the Kishwaukee River Watershed; and to conduct a water quality analysis of each observation well County-wide for basic water chemistry in September.

“Over the past three years, the McHenry County Division of Water Resources, with the support of Congressman Don Manzullo and the McHenry County Board, has been actively developing a comprehensive Groundwater Protection Program in an effort to better understand our finite water supply,” stated McHenry County Board Chairman Ken Koehler during the ceremony. “McHenry County is 100% dependent on groundwater for all of our water resources with no other alternatives available.”

“It is going to take every resident, business and local government working collectively to ensure that we have a sustainable and safe water supply,” continued Chairman Koehler, “everyone needs to be a part of the solution because every drop counts.”



Water Resources Mgr. Cassandra McKinney, Congressman Don Manzullo, and County Board Chairman Ken Koehler at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

The McHenry County Groundwater Protection Taskforce was formed in 2007 to address the water quality and quantity concerns in McHenry County. Over the past three years, the Taskforce has developed the Water Resources Action Plan and the comprehensive Groundwater Research Program, which is now available at www.mchenryh2o.com.

For more information on McHenry County's efforts in Groundwater Protection, please visit the Groundwater Resources website at www.mchenryh2o.com or by contacting Cassandra McKinney at (815) 334-4216.

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Water Resources Manager Cassandra McKinney, Congressman Don Manzullo, and County Board Chairman Ken Koehler with the McHenry County Groundwater Taskforce.