



“Sustainability Planner and Environmental Programs Technician Join Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation & Development”

Stephen Ibendahl, ASLA, RLA joined the organization as the Sustainability Planner, and has over 14 years of professional experience as a registered landscape architect. He is an advocate for walkable communities and sustainable design. Prior experience includes a wide range and diversity of projects such as master planning, park and trail design, streetscape design, site development, landscape design, transportation enhancement, and public involvement. Stephen is a board member for the St. Louis Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architect (ASLA) and a past president. He also sits on the Lafayette Park advisory board and is a member of the American Planning Association. Stephen received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois; Urbana-Champaign in 1997 and his Advanced Certificate of Nonprofit Management from Washington University in 2003.

Allie McCreary joined the organization as our Environmental Programs Technician, to assist other personnel with mapping, preparing reports, creating informational materials and other project tasks. Prior to this, Allie has provided public recreation and educational opportunities through her work with national forests and outdoor education centers. She brings experience with geographic information systems (GIS), resource-management partnerships, and public outreach. Allie recently graduated with a Master of Science in 2010 in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources from the Forestry Department at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Forestry in 2008. The City of O'Fallon, Illinois has tasked the RC&D with analyzing the area known as the MidAmerica Commerce Center (MACC) for potential resource impacts should development occur. With the plan to create a new exit north of Scott Air Force Base, and the area north of I-64 between the new exit and the existing Exit #19, may become a desirable location for new development.