

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS
RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT
2010 Annual Dinner

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010

Understanding
**YOUR COMMUNITY'S
ASSETS**

“RESPECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, GROWING OUR FUTURE”

BRETZ WILDLIFE LODGE & WINERY • 4211 12TH STREET • CARLYLE, ILLINOIS 62231

Featuring
DR. STEVEN E. CRAFT

“ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND THE 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES FOR LOCAL PLANNING”

People benefit from numerous resources and processes supplied by natural ecosystems. Collectively, these benefits are known as **ecosystem services** and include products like clean drinking water and clean air and processes such as the decomposition of waste. As populations grow, so do their resource demands and the impacts of our global footprint.

- The U.S. Forest Service calculated that over a 50-year lifetime, **ONE TREE** generates \$31,250 worth of oxygen, provides \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, and controls \$31,250 worth of soil erosion.
- American Forests estimates that trees save cities **\$400 billion** in the cost of building stormwater retention facilities. Yet natural tree cover has declined by as much as 30% in many cities over the last several decades.

Agenda

6:00 - Registration

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~ Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar ~

Complimentary Wine Tasting provided

by

Bretz Wildlife Lodge & Winery

7:30 - Presentations

*Delivering environmental and conservation
programs specific to the region's needs;
ensuring open space, clean water, clean air
and vibrant communities since 1989.*

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