

The North Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District

NOTICE OF ELECTION

To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the North Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District: A General Election will be held on February 13th, 2025 at the District office at 640 Cosman Road, Elk Grove Village, IL from 7am to 7pm. Two Directors will be elected to serve two-year terms and one Director will be elected to serve an interim one-year term on the Board of Directors. Directors perform on a voluntary basis. This is NOT a salary position. All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or possession of land lying within the District are eligible to vote, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote. Absentee voting, in the District office, will begin Jan 20th and conclude on Feb 12th 2025. Call ahead to ensure someone will be available to assist you. 224-875-7580 / www.northcookswcd.org

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

The North Cook County SWCD is governed by a five-member Board of elected Directors. Directors are elected by owners and / or occupiers of land within the district. The District holds an election every year, typically in February. Two Directors are elected on odd numbered years, and three are elected on even numbered years. Newly elected Directors' terms begin on the second Thursday in March following the District election.

There are 13 Townships in the District:

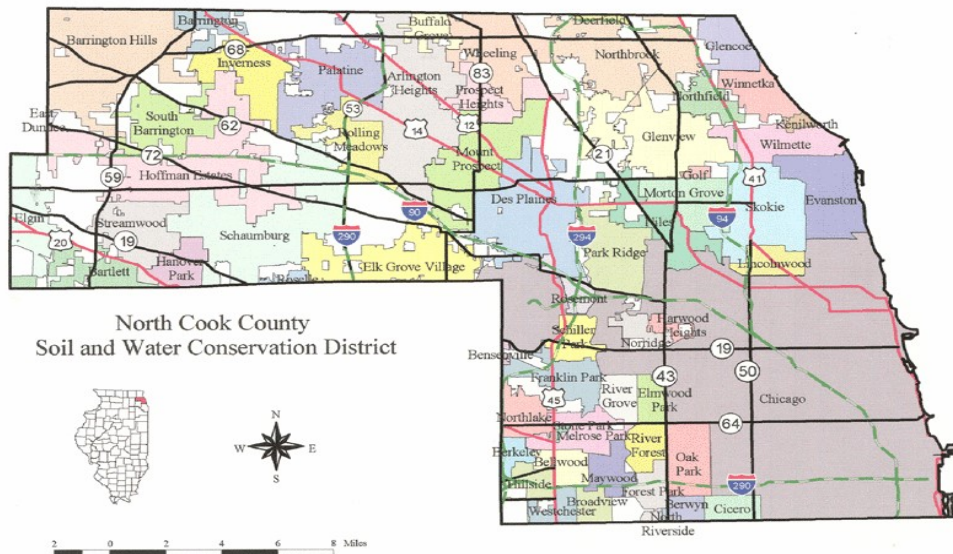
Barrington, Hanover, Elk Grove, Wheeling, Northfield, Maine, Palatine, Schaumburg, Nilens, Leyden, Proviso, New Trier, Evanston

There are 60 Municipalities in the District:

Arlington Heights, Barrington*, Barrington Hills*, Bartlett*, Bellwood, Bensenville*, Berkeley, Berwyn*, Broadview*, Buffalo Grove*, Chicago*, Cicero*, Deerfield*, Des Plaines, East Dundee*, Elgin*, Elk Grove Village*, Elmwood Park, Evanston, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Glencoe, Glenview, Golf, Hanover Park*, Harwood Heights, Hillside,

Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Maywood, Melrose Park, Morton Grove, Mt. Prospect, Niles, Norridge, Northbrook, Northfield, Northlake, North Riverside*, Oak Park, Palatine, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, River Forest, River Grove, Rolling Meadows, Roselle*, Rosemont, Schaumburg, Schiller Park, Skokie, South Barrington, Stone Park, Streamwood, Westchester*, Wheeling, Wilmette, Winnetka.

*Some portion located outside of the county or District. The District is bound by the Cook Co. line to the north, west and east and by Cermak Ave. to the south.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Being a Director on the Soil & Water Conservation District Board is a privilege and an opportunity to serve on a local public body that makes decisions and creates programs regarding natural resource conservation in North Cook County. All Directors must be 18 years or older and must have their residence within the District. The Board meets regularly to formulate and administer programs of work that are tailored specifically to the conservation and protection of soil, water and related natural resources within the district. Attending a Board Meeting is an ideal way to learn about its function, all members of the public are welcome.

Some common activities of the board include the following:

- Prepare an Annual Plan of Work and Budget.
- Establish SWCD policies and procedure.
- Collaborate with SWCD staff in establishing priorities on the type of services needed and where that assistance should be provided.
- Identify activities promoting conservation of the soil, water and related natural resources.

- Guide the dispersal of valuable resource information to units of government and land developers to support well-informed development choices, and to promote natural resource preservation as zoning ordinances are developed, or as zoning changes are requested.
- Secure partnerships with other agencies, groups and individuals to further the goals and objectives of the SWCD.
- Foster both youth and adult informational/educational programs.

PLEASE NOTE: This is only a partial summary of Directors' duties. District Directors perform on a voluntary basis. This is not a salary position.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

Anyone living within these townships may also become an Associate Director as appointed by the Board. Associates can provide additional advice and perspective, as well as learn more about the District prior to running for a seat on the Board. However, these volunteers are not afforded the same legal protection as directors and cannot vote on official business. North Cook County residents can attend any Board Meeting and express an interest in serving as an Associate Director.

VOTE!

Owners and occupiers of land in North Cook County are entitled to vote in the election of NCCSWCD Board of Directors, which is held at the NCCSWCD office, 640 Cosman Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

Absentee voting will be available for those who cannot vote on election day, February 13, 2025. Absentee voting will be available at the NCCSWCD office January 20 through February 12, 2025. Please call ahead to ensure someone will be in the office to assist you. Absentee voters must certify the nature of their inability to vote on February 13th and then cast their ballot, which will be held in a locked ballot box and counted with the election day votes after voting closes at 7:00 pm on February 13, 2025.

Election details are publicized in local media, social media, our website and are posted at various community centers.