



# Kane County

## KC Agriculture Committee

### Agenda

Government Center  
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A  
Geneva, IL 60134

JUBY, Roth, Allan, Lenert, Penesis, Sanchez, Williams and ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

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**Thursday, October 23, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**County Board Room**

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#### **2025 Committee Goals**

Goals from the July Agriculture Committee meeting

- Revise County Code Definition of the Agriculture Committee
  - Awareness & Support of Agriculture - Raise public awareness and support for agriculture in Kane County as an industry sector and community resource
  - Farmland Protection - Work in concert with the Farmland Protection Commission and County Board to oversee the successful implementation of Kane County's Farmland Protection Ordinance and related conservation efforts, and pursue funding
  - Continue Growing for Kane Program - Direct the implementation of programs and policies that expand the production of locally grown foods and improve community access to fresh and healthy food choices, and pursue funding
    - Continue partnerships with Kane County Farm Bureau and Northern Illinois Food Bank
    - Implement current grant funded projects
    - Continue to apply for additional outside grants
    - Implement economic development projects for Agriculture
    - ARPA Small grants for farmers
    - Other projects identified by the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Kane County
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1. **Call To Order**
  2. **Roll Call**
  3. **Remote Attendance Requests**
  4. **Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2025**
  5. **Public Comment**
  6. **Partners**
    - A. Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
    - B. Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Updates (Kat Gerdt, Administrative Coordinator)
    - C. Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates
  7. **Presentations/Announcements**
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- A. Farmer Weatherization Rebate Program (Austin Powell, Sustainability Coordinator)
- B. Soil Health and Economic Impact Assessment Outreach (Matt Tansley, Planner)

- 8. **New Business**
- 9. **Reports Placed On File**
- 10. **Executive Session (if needed)**
- 11. **Adjournment**

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COUNTY OF KANE )

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-1305**

**KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPDATES (STEVE ARNOLD, MANAGER)**

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**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-1306**

**KANE-DUPAGE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATES  
(KAT GERDTS, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR)**

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**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-1307**

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK UPDATES**

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**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-25-1308**

**FARMER WEATHERIZATION REBATE PROGRAM (AUSTIN POWELL,  
SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR)**


Kane County is now accepting applications for the Farmer Weatherization Rebate Program

Up to \$800 per rebate to qualified farmers

25C Federal Tax Credit expires this year (\$1200)

This program will benefit between 22 to 36 farmers

# <https://www.kanecountyil.gov/sustainability/Pages/Weatherization-Rebate-Farmer.aspx>



### Kane County Farmer Weatherization Rebate Program: Application

**Important Note:** If the following rebate application is approved by Kane County staff for the amount of \$800, the applicant must submit a W-9 to Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District before the check can be disbursed. All rebates over \$600 are considered taxable income by the IRS. Therefore, KDSWCD must collect a W-9 and send the applicant a 1099 form before the upcoming tax filing season.

**Personal Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Parcel #

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Home Address in Kane County?  Yes  No

Is the Home Address Located on the Farm?  Yes  No (If No, Fill Out Farm Address or PIN)

Farm Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Parcel # or PIN


City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Criteria for Approval**

Proof of Residence in Kane County?  Yes  No

If Yes, what proof was provided?  Driver's License  Utility Bill\*  
 Bank Statement\*  Voter Registration Card



## Farmer Weatherization Rebate Program

### Step-by-Step Guide September 2025

**Form 5695**  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Residential Energy Credits**  
Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR.  
Go to [www.irs.gov/Form5695](http://www.irs.gov/Form5695) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0074  
**2024**  
Attachment Sequence No. 75

Name(s) shown on return \_\_\_\_\_ Your social security number \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I Residential Clean Energy Credit** (See instructions before completing this part.)

**Note:** Skip lines 1 through 11 if you only have a **credit carryforward from 2023**.

Enter the complete address of the home where you installed the property and/or technology associated with lines 1 through 4 and 5b. For more than one home, see instructions.

Number and street	Unit no.	City or town	State	ZIP code
1 Qualified solar electric property costs				1
2 Qualified solar water heating property costs				2
3 Qualified small wind energy property costs				3
4 Qualified geothermal heat pump property costs				4
5a Qualified battery storage technology. Does the qualified battery storage technology have a capacity of at least 3 kilowatt hours? (See instructions.) If you checked the "No" box, you cannot claim a credit for qualified battery storage technology				5a <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b If you checked the "Yes" box, enter the qualified battery technology costs				5b
6a Add lines 1 through 5b				6a
b Multiply line 6a by 30% (0.30)				6b
7a Qualified fuel cell property. Was qualified fuel cell property installed on, or in connection with, your main home located in the United States? (See instructions.) If you checked the "No" box, you cannot claim a credit for qualified fuel cell property. Skip lines 7b through 11.				7a <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b Enter the complete address of the main home where you installed the fuel cell property.				
Number and street	Unit no.	City or town	State	ZIP code
c If the special rule for joint occupants applies, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and attach a statement. (See instructions.)				
8 Qualified fuel cell property costs				8
9 Multiply line 8 by 30% (0.30)				9
10 Kilowatt capacity of property on line 8 above				10
11 Enter the smaller of line 9 or line 10				
12 Credit carryforward from 2023. Enter the amount, if any, from your 2023 Form 5695, line 16				12
13 Add lines 6b, 11, and 12				13
14 Limitation based on tax liability. Enter the amount from the Residential Clean Energy Credit Limit Worksheet. (See instructions.)				14
15 Residential clean energy credit. Enter the smaller of line 13 or line 14. Also include this amount on Schedule 3 (Form 1040), line 5a				15
16 Credit carryforward to 2025. If line 15 is less than line 13, subtract line 15 from line 13				16

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see your tax return instructions. Cat. No. 13540P Form 5695 (2024)



# Any Questions?

**Austin Powell**

Sustainability Coordinator

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## Soil Health Impact Assessment

# Growing for Kane Updates

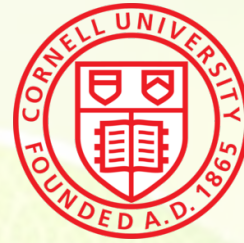
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## Farmer Outreach – Soil Testing and Financial Analysis

### Outreach Objectives

- Recruit up to 10 farmers for soil health testing
- Select 2-3 farmers to conduct scenario testing based on shared financial and operating data



**Cornell Soil Health Laboratory**  
Home of the Comprehensive  
Assessment of Soil Health

### **Standard PLUS Soil Health Analysis Package**

Testing covers multiple factors including:

- Soil pH, Organic Matter, P, K
- Soil Respiration
- Soil Organic Carbon, Total Carbon, Total Nitrogen

Cost: \$150 per sample and \$30 for Available Water Capacity Analysis per sample



# Farmer Outreach Strategy

## Promotion Channels

- Kane County Farmer
- Kane County Connects
- Growing for Kane E-newsletter
- Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District
- Local U of I Extension Office







## Farmland Protection Program Outreach

### Direct Mailing for KC FPP Participants

- Letters to be sent to all farmers and landowners participating in the Farmland Protection Program announcing the opportunity
- The Farmland Protection Program participants broadly represent the majority of production agriculture across Kane County – namely corn and soybean production





## Soil Health Impact Assessment – Project Schedule

Project Activities	JUL	SEP	NOV	JAN	MAR
Kickoff Meeting	█				
Research & Data Gathering Strategy	█	█			
Secondary Research & Soil Data Gathering		█	★	█	
Business Analysis / Modeling				█	
Business Case Narrative				█	█

★ Soil testing to begin early to mid-November