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National Resource Conservation and Development Week

ROCK FALLS, IL – The National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils Board of Directors and USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack have declared September 23-29, 2012 as National Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Week. This week will also begin the year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the RC&D Program.

Blackhawk Hills began as an RC&D in 1974 and has been serving the six-county region of Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside ever since. Blackhawk Hills has worked to protect natural resources and develop rural economies through soil and water quality projects, job creation programs, and renewable energy assistance.

The offices of Blackhawk Hills are always open to the public and anyone wishing to obtain more information about projects may stop in any time Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

About Blackhawk Hills

Blackhawk Hills is a not-for-profit corporation based in Rock Falls, IL, that serves Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside counties in northwest Illinois. Services include community planning, development assistance, natural resources conservation and protection support, and grant writing and administration. Blackhawk Hills is sponsored by local county boards and Soil and Water Conservation Districts and is overseen by an 18-member council, consisting of three representatives from each of the six counties.

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