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CONSTRUCTION SITE EROSION WORKSHOP PLANNED FOR MARCH 12 IN STORM LAKE

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STORM LAKE – Area builders, contractors, developers, engineers, and erosion and sediment control professionals are invited to a March 12 workshop in Storm Lake to prepare for the spring construction season.

The Buena Vista Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), along with the City of Storm Lake and other northwest Iowa SWCDs, are sponsoring the workshop on construction site erosion and sediment control. The workshop runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the King's Pointe Resort, located on the waterfront in Storm Lake, Iowa.

"Water quality and soil erosion are key topics in Iowa," said Kimberly Proctor, Buena Vista SWCD and Storm Lake watershed coordinator. "Erosion and sediment control measures taken on construction sites protect our soils from erosion, and reduce the amount of sediment we send into the street, down storm drains and eventually into our lakes, rivers and streams."

Featured workshop presenter Jennifer Hildebrand, with more than 17 years experience in the erosion and sediment industry, will speak on stormwater and construction. Her specialties include compliance issues, inspection programs, program design and site plan reviews. Hildebrand has made it her goal to educate and inform the public and private sector markets regarding erosion control principles and proper installation techniques.

Tom Roos, an environmental specialist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Spencer field office, will also speak on stormwater permitting in Iowa. Roos focuses on helping Iowans understand stormwater and wastewater permits, including helping individuals and businesses determine when to apply for permits and meet requirements.

In addition to speakers, the workshop will feature vendor product presentations of real products to use on location for erosion and sediment control.

"Each construction site is in a watershed, each site has the potential to impair the water quality of its receiving waters," Proctor said. "This workshop is striving to educate contractors, developers and engineers what their impact is on natural resources and water quality."

The City of Storm Lake is hosting the event. Registration for the workshop is \$25 per person. The government rate for the program is \$15. For more information, contact Kim Proctor at Buena Vista SWCD at (712) 732-3096 or at kimberly.proctor@ia.nacdnet.net. Registration materials are also available at www.slwaterquality.com.

Reducing erosion from construction sites is one of the goals of the Storm Lake Water Quality Project, which educates and informs landowners, operators and residents of the Storm Lake watershed to use conservation for improving the water quality of Storm Lake. The Storm Lake Water Quality Project is a partnership between the Buena Vista Soil and Water Conservation District, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

NOTE TO EDITORS: See page 2 for workshop agenda

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Agenda

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration/Vendor Displays
- 8:30 – 10:00 “Seeing ‘Stormwater’ with Construction Eyes” – *Jennifer Hildebrand, Weis Builders*
- 10:00 – 10:30 BREAK/ Vendor Displays
- 10:30 – 12:00 “Building a Municipal Program that Works” – *Jennifer Hildebrand*
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch & Learn –
Tom Roos, Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources
Vendor Displays
- 1:00 – 3:30 Exhibitor/Vendor Showcase featuring 30 minute afternoon sessions on:
- Mud Mats from Brock White
 - BIOSSTAR™CH from Hild & Associates
 - Pam – 12 from EnCap

These and other vendors will also exhibit throughout the day.