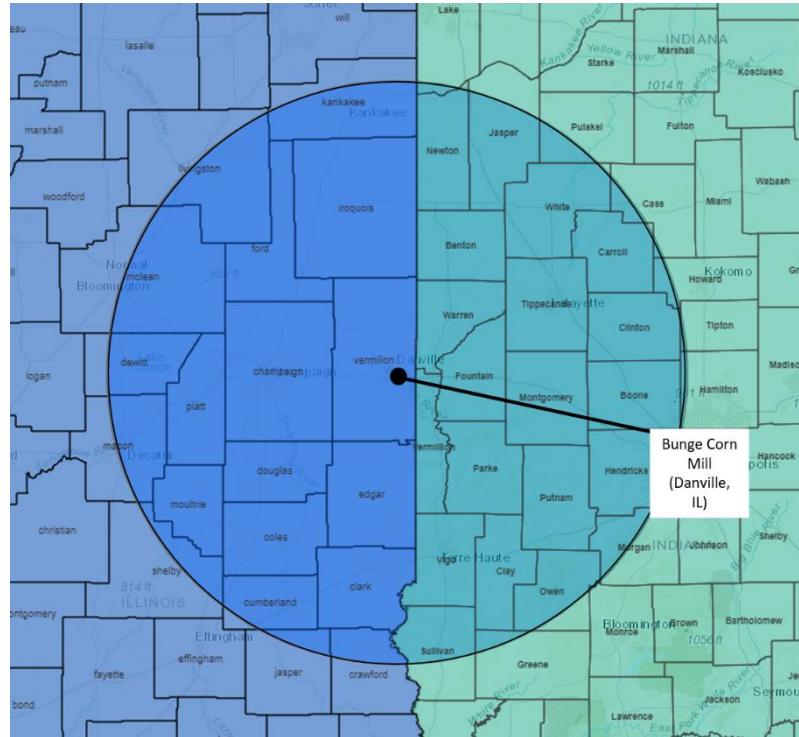


# EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONSERVATION DRAINAGE PARTNERSHIP

## About the Opportunity

With funding support from Kellogg Company, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is working to identify priority locations for edge of field conservation drainage practices in East Central Illinois, particularly in the area within a 75-mile radius of the Bunge Corn Mill in Danville, IL.

TNC seeks to collaborate with individuals who have completed the IL Sustainable Ag Partnership's *Advanced Conservation Drainage Training Program*, drainage district commissioners, and other interested partners to install saturated buffers, controlled drainage, bioreactors, or other conservation drainage practices in 2021. Funds are available to support practice implementation costs for several projects, while also increasing local familiarity and experience with conservation drainage.



## What can the funding support?

- Professional site evaluations, including soil sampling
- Practice design (P.E. stamp required if designed outside of NRCS)
- Materials
- Practice implementation costs (For IL projects, IL LICA contractor preferred)
- Field day or practice demonstration (dependent on landowner interest)
- Out of pocket expenses, especially for practices implemented using state or federal cost share

As part of this collaboration, TNC staff would be available to guide local partners through the planning and design phases, including communications with landowners, coordination among NRCS personnel, engineers, and contractors, and planning and executing the field day/practice demonstration. Please note that all projects must be designed and installed according to NRCS standards and specifications, and that installation must be completed by December 31, 2021 (preferably summer or early fall).

## Next steps

Please reach out to Adrienne Marino ([adrienne.marino@tnc.org](mailto:adrienne.marino@tnc.org)) to discuss potential sites for conservation drainage practice installation.

