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### **SPEAKERS DISCUSS WATER QUALITY ISSUES**

As residents of Northeast Iowa, we take pride in our scenic limestone bluffs, winding rivers, and cool springs that are characteristic of the region. However, we often overlook how land and water come together to create our ground water system. Northeast Iowa RC&D, Inc. is sponsoring two speakers in the coming weeks to discuss this unique system.

Donna Rasmussen, Water Plan Coordinator for the Fillmore County Soil & Water Conservation District, will speak on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Decorah Public Library. Her presentation will be held from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and will feature a discussion of karst mapping in Fillmore County. She will discuss techniques used to trace surface water that enters sinkholes and disappearing streams, and will show how that water contributes to various springs in the region.

Terry Lee will be the featured speaker on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the library. Lee, Water Coordinator for Olmsted County, will discuss the "Decorah Edge" and how development in this unique geographic area has impacted the City of Rochester. The Decorah Edge, named for its presence around the city of Decorah, extends from north of Rochester, Minnesota, south to Dubuque, Iowa. This land area features wetlands that naturally filter the groundwater that supply drinking water for the region's cities and farms.

The Northeast Iowa RC&D is sponsoring these upcoming events in support of the Upper Iowa River Watershed Project. If you would like more information about these events or the Upper Iowa River Watershed Project, please call (563) 864-7112.

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