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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This past July 4th, we celebrated our country's 250th anniversary of its independence. Some of us are old enough to remember the Bicentennial celebration, which at the time seemed like a bigger deal, but like most things, it seemed bigger as a child.

While in school, I never cared much for History. At the time, it seemed like a lot of memorizing names, dates, and places, and at that age, I wasn't good at remembering things. Forty-four years ago, I married my wife, whose favorite school subject was History, reinforcing the fact that opposites truly do attract.

Two of her favorite historical interests are World War II and cemeteries. A couple of years ago, we visited the beaches of Normandy 80 years after the allied forces stormed them on D-Day. Seeing firsthand the cliffs that the Rangers scaled while being fired upon by the German army was incredible. The gratitude of the French people is evident by how they maintain the American cemetery, where thousands of American servicemen are buried after making the ultimate sacrifice for their freedom. Every American should experience this part of our country's history.

During a European trip to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary, we spent a couple of days in Innsbruck, Austria, who hosted the 1976 Winter Olympics. While traveling up the mountain where the giant ski jump was, we could see a very old, large, walled cemetery of interest at the edge of the city. My wife wanted to visit the cemetery later that day. We found a "hop-on, hop-off" city tour bus that had a stop close to the cemetery to take us there. We were expecting to find graves with tombstones having dates hundreds of years old, but to our surprise most were buried in this or the previous century! We asked our tour guide how that could be. She said, unlike cemeteries in America that are maintained by tax dollars, theirs are paid for by the relatives of the deceased, and when the families cease paying the annual rental fee, the remains are removed and the plot is rented to the next occupant. She wasn't sure what was done with the exhumed remains. For the past 45 years, our company has "opened graves" at a couple of local township cemeteries, and I can't imagine doing this European practice.

We all have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the world. Make the most of it and you might go down in history!

"It had long come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." - Leonardo Da Vinci

Jon Seevers

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A = absent		P = present		C = cancelled meeting		
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Unless changed by the Board during the year, the ILICA business meetings are scheduled as follows:

Sept. 12, 2026 - Regular Meeting of the Board:

Virtual & IP - ILICA Office, Galva

Nov. 7, 2026 - Regular Meeting of the Board:

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Exact location, meeting times & other details will be published in the ILICA News and sent to members via mail and/or email.



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USDA CLARIFIES WETLAND DETERMINATIONS TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY TO FARMERS



CHAMPAIGN, July 30, 2026 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is putting farmers first and supporting government accountability by providing clear guidance around wetland determinations, which helps inform agricultural producers' decisions for their operations. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) published an interim final rule that ensures most determinations made since 1990 are considered certified, and producers can rely on the determinations to work farmland.

"We want to empower farmers, ranchers and landowners to do what they do best – farm the land," said NRCS Chief Colton L. Buckley. "Farmers' direct relationship with the land makes them uniquely qualified to guide its stewardship, and we took action to provide regulatory certainty in order to make operational decisions."

Producers rely on certified wetland determinations when making decisions about their agricultural operations, which impacts USDA program eligibility such as farm loans, conservation assistance, crop insurance and commodity programs.

Through this interim final rule, NRCS addressed inconsistencies in how wetland determinations have been certified and issued in the past. It aligns USDA policy with statutory requirements, protects producer reliance interests, and reduces unnecessary administrative burden by preventing the reinterpretation or replacement of previously certified determinations unless the producer asks for a review.

Specifically, the interim final rule ensures all wetland determinations issued after Nov. 28, 1990, are certified if:

1. the producer was notified of the determination; and
2. the producer was given appeal rights at the time.

Farmers can rely on the decision to install drainage, clear land, and conduct other land alternations without risking USDA program eligibility so long as the determination shows the area is not a wetland in accordance with the Wetland Conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985.

For more than 90 years, NRCS has helped farmers, ranchers and forestland owners make investments in their operations

and local communities to improve the quality of our air, water, soil, and wildlife habitat. NRCS uses the latest science and technology to help keep working lands working, boost agricultural economies, and increase the competitiveness of American agriculture. NRCS provides one-on-one, technical advice and financial assistance and works with producers to help them reach their goals through voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs. For more information, visit nrcs.usda.gov.

More Information

To learn more about NRCS programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also apply for NRCS programs, manage conservation plans and contracts, and view and print conservation maps by logging into their [farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov) account. If you don't have an account, sign up today: <https://www.farmers.gov/account>.

Source: Adapted from USDA NRCS article -

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/land/wetlands/news/usda-clarifies-wetland-determinations-to-provide-certainty>

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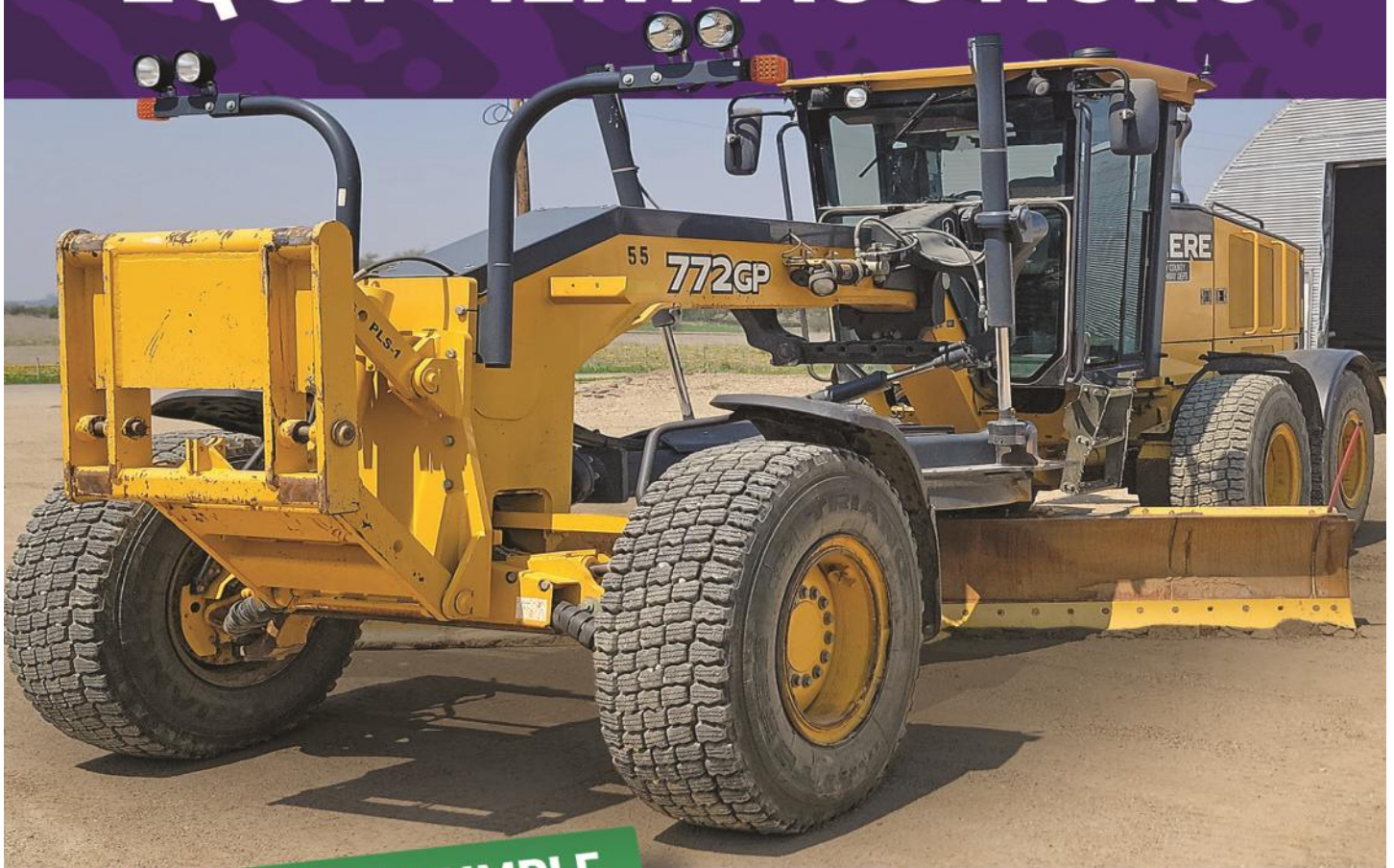
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ILICA Ladies' Page



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month! Our goal throughout the month is to increase awareness of the disease and stress the importance of mammograms as the best tool to screen for breast cancer, the second most common type of cancer among women. Approximately one in eight women in the United States will get breast cancer during their lifetime and each year, more than 40,000 women die from breast cancer.

Signs and Symptoms of Breast Cancer

Different people have different symptoms of breast cancer, while some do not have any signs or symptoms at all. It is important to know how your breasts normally look and feel to be able to recognize any changes that may occur. While knowing what to look for is important, regular mammograms and clinical breast exams are crucial, as these tests can help detect breast cancer before symptoms show.

Signs of breast cancer may include:

- Lump in the breast or underarm (armpit)
- Swelling or thickening of all or part of the breast
- Dimpling or skin irritation of breast skin
- Redness, scaliness or thickening of the nipple or breast skin
- Nipple discharge (other than breast milk)
- Any change in the size or shape of the breast
- Pain in any area of the breast

Get Screened

A mammogram is a low-dose x-ray picture of the breast. Early detection of breast cancer can improve a woman's chance of survival and mammograms are the best tool to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. Women should ask their healthcare provider if and when a mammogram is right for them.

How Can I Lower My Risk?

There are many factors that can influence your breast cancer risk such as family history and getting older. There is no sure way to prevent breast cancer, but lifestyle changes can help lower your risk of breast cancer such as:

- Keep a healthy weight and exercise regularly.
- Choose not to drink alcohol, or drink alcohol in moderation.
- If you are taking hormone replacement therapy or birth control pills, ask your doctor about the risks.
- Breastfeed your children, if possible.
- If you have a family history of breast cancer, be sure to talk to your doctor about ways to lower your risk.

Learn more about breast cancer, its symptoms, risk factors, mammograms, diagnosis, and treatment for breast cancer: <https://www.cdc.gov/breast-cancer/>

Pink Ribbon Guide

A pink ribbon symbolizes breast cancer awareness. The FDA Office of Women's Health launched the **Pink Ribbon Sunday Mammography Awareness Program** in 1998 to educate women about early detection of breast cancer through mammography. Pink Ribbon Sunday originally targeted African American and Hispanic churches. Over the years, the program's outreach has expanded to connect with as many women as possible. Pink Ribbon events help educate women about the importance of mammograms and encourage them to take charge of their breast health by getting regular mammography screenings. We are pleased to share our updated mammography resource, Pink Ribbon Guide: Mammography Matters: <https://www.fda.gov/media/157056/download?attachment>



Take Action

This month and every month, there are many ways you can join the fight to save lives against breast cancer. Many women do not get their recommended mammography screenings due to fear, time, lack of knowledge about mammograms or concerns about cost. The Pink Ribbon Guide shares ways you can help make a difference including distributing reliable health information, providing emotional support and connecting women to local resources. In the guide, you will find:

- Basic facts about mammography
- Information on how to host an in-person or virtual event
- A customizable flyer and postcard to promote your event
- Resources on mammography and breast cancer

Search for a certified mammography facility in your area: <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfMQSA/mqsa.cfm>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers free or low-cost mammograms. Find out if you qualify: <https://www.cdc.gov/breast-cervical-cancer-screening/>

Additional Resources

Check out these resources from our office and federal partners:

- Mammography: What You Need to Know: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/mammography-what-you-need-know>
- Get Other FDA Publications for Women: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/womens-health-topics/free-publications-women>
- For Women Homepage: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/womens-health>
- NCI Breast Cancer: <https://www.cancer.gov/types/breast>
- National Cancer Institute: <https://www.cancer.gov/>

For resources and materials on other women's health topics, visit www.fda.gov/womens.

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MYLiDAR: A PRACTICAL QGIS PLUGIN FOR EXTRACTING BARE-EARTH ELEVATION DATA FROM LiDAR POINT CLOUDS

By Richard Cooke

The drainage industry increasingly relies on high-quality elevation data, and LiDAR has become the backbone of modern drainage design and analysis. In the Midwest, statewide LiDAR coverage is now standard. In Illinois, digital terrain model/digital elevation model (DTM/DEM) datasets can be downloaded from the Illinois Geospatial Data Clearinghouse (<https://clearinghouse.isgs.illinois.edu/data/elevation/illinois-height-modernization-ilhmp>). These county-level DEM files are comprehensive, but they are also massive. The dataset for even the smallest county shown in Figure 1 exceeds 31 GB, making storage, transfer, and processing cumbersome for routine drainage work.

The Clearinghouse also provides smaller LiDAR point-cloud (LAS) files. Each LAS tile covers a 2000 ft × 2000 ft area, making them far easier to download, manage, and store (Figure 2). However, these tiles contain more than just ground points. Buildings, vegetation, and unclassified returns are common

(Figure 3), and drainage applications require clean bare-earth elevations. Extracting those ground points efficiently is essential.

A recently developed QGIS plugin, MyLiDAR, offers a practical solution.

A New Tool for Bare-Earth DEM Generation

MyLiDAR, introduced in a peer-reviewed article from the Universidad de Extremadura and published in *Earth Science Informatics* (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12145-026-02126-6>), provides a streamlined workflow for converting LAS tiles into drainage-ready DEMs

Beyond bare-earth extraction, the plugin includes tools for:

- Outlier point removal
- Point filtering
- Vegetation classification
- Building identification and counting

Filter list by County or Year:						
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Livingston	2024	Metadata	Tile Index	LAS (713.0 GB)	Download (114.0 GB) Image Service	Download (117.0 GB) Image Service
Bureau	2023	Metadata	Tile Index	LAS (741.0 GB)	Download (140.0 GB) Image Service	Download (101.0 GB) Image Service
Scott	2023	Metadata	Tile Index	LAS (269.0 GB)	Download (31.6 GB) Image Service	Download (32.5 GB) Image Service
Logan	2023	Metadata	Tile Index	LAS (525.0 GB)	Download (73.1 GB) Image Service	Download (74.0 GB) Image Service
Ford	2023	Metadata	Tile Index	LAS (321.0 GB)	Download (56.5 GB) Image Service	Download (57.2 GB) Image Service
Madison	2023	Metadata	Tile Index	LAS (785.0 GB)	Download (80.8 GB) Image Service	Download (85.8 GB) Image Service
Kankakee	2023	Metadata	Tile Index	LAS (478.0 GB)	Download (90.9 GB) Image Service	Download (78.3 GB) Image Service

Figure 1. Example of county-level DTM/DEM files available from the Illinois Geospatial Data Clearinghouse.

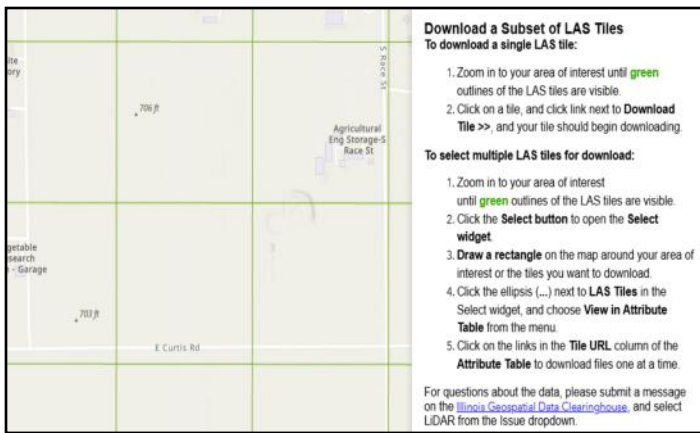


Figure 2. Screen for downloading LAS files from the Illinois Geospatial Data Clearinghouse.

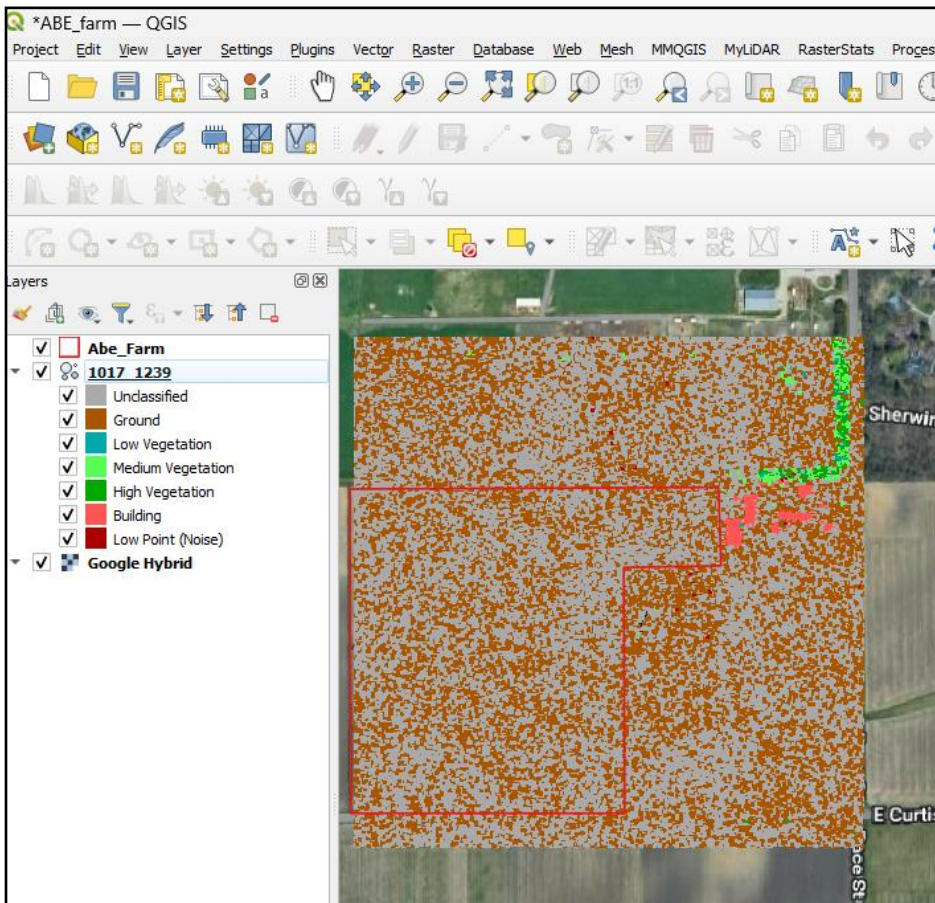


Figure 3. LAS file that covers the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Farm at the University of Illinois.

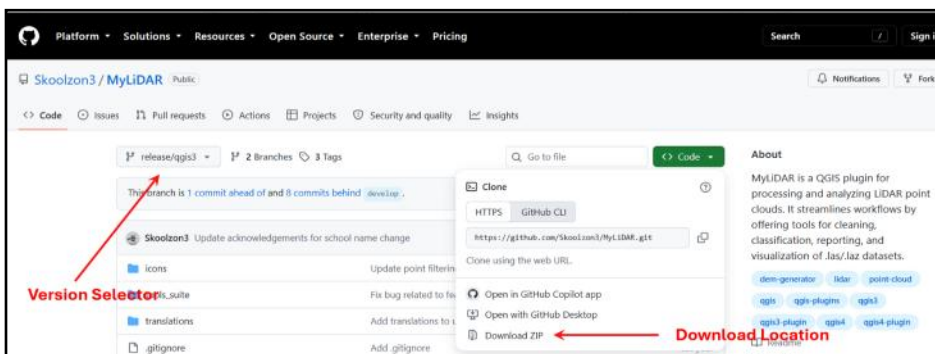


Figure 4. Website for accessing the MyLiDAR plugin.

Although MyLiDAR is not yet available through the official QGIS Plugin Repository, it is publicly accessible on GitHub: <https://github.com/Skoolzon3/MyLiDAR> (Figure 4)

Versions are available for QGIS 3 (3.18 and later) and QGIS 4. Users should download the version that matches their installed QGIS release. The plugin is distributed as a ZIP file and can be installed via:

Plugins → Manage and Install Plugins → Install from ZIP (Figure 5)

Once installed, MyLiDAR appears as a menu option at the top of the QGIS interface.

Generating a Bare-Earth DEM

Selecting **MyLiDAR → Generate Bare Earth DEM** opens the interface shown in Figure 6. The example illustrates a DEM generated from the LAS tile covering the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Farm at the University of Illinois. The DEM was used to generate contours for a section of the field (Figure 6). The DEM also clearly shows the pond, channels, and constructed hill on the site, features developed through an in-kind contribution from ILICA. ILICA support has significantly enhanced our research and Extension capabilities.

A Practical Tool for Drainage Design and Installation.

MyLiDAR fills an important gap for practitioners who need high-resolution elevation data without the burden of downloading and processing county-scale DEMs. By enabling rapid extraction of bare-earth elevations directly from LAS tiles, the plugin makes LiDAR data from the Illinois Geospatial Data Clearinghouse far more accessible for everyday drainage design, and field planning. For drainage professionals seeking a lightweight, flexible, and QGIS-native solution, MyLiDAR is a valuable new tool.

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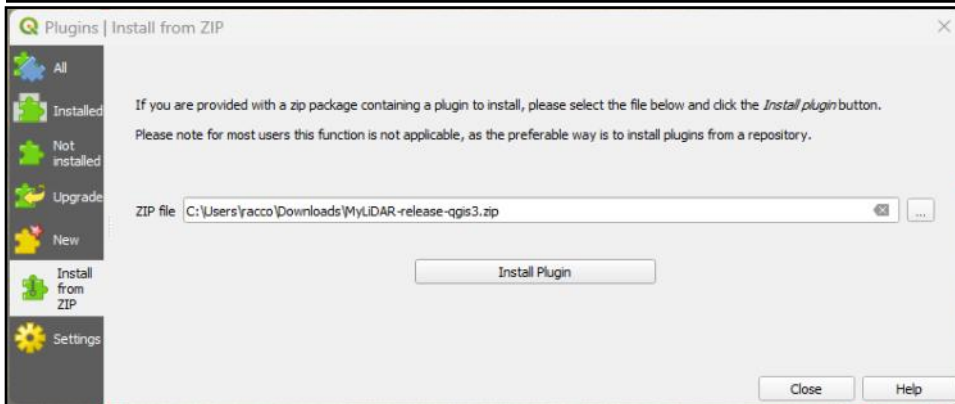


Figure 5. Installing the MyLiDAR plugin in QGIS.

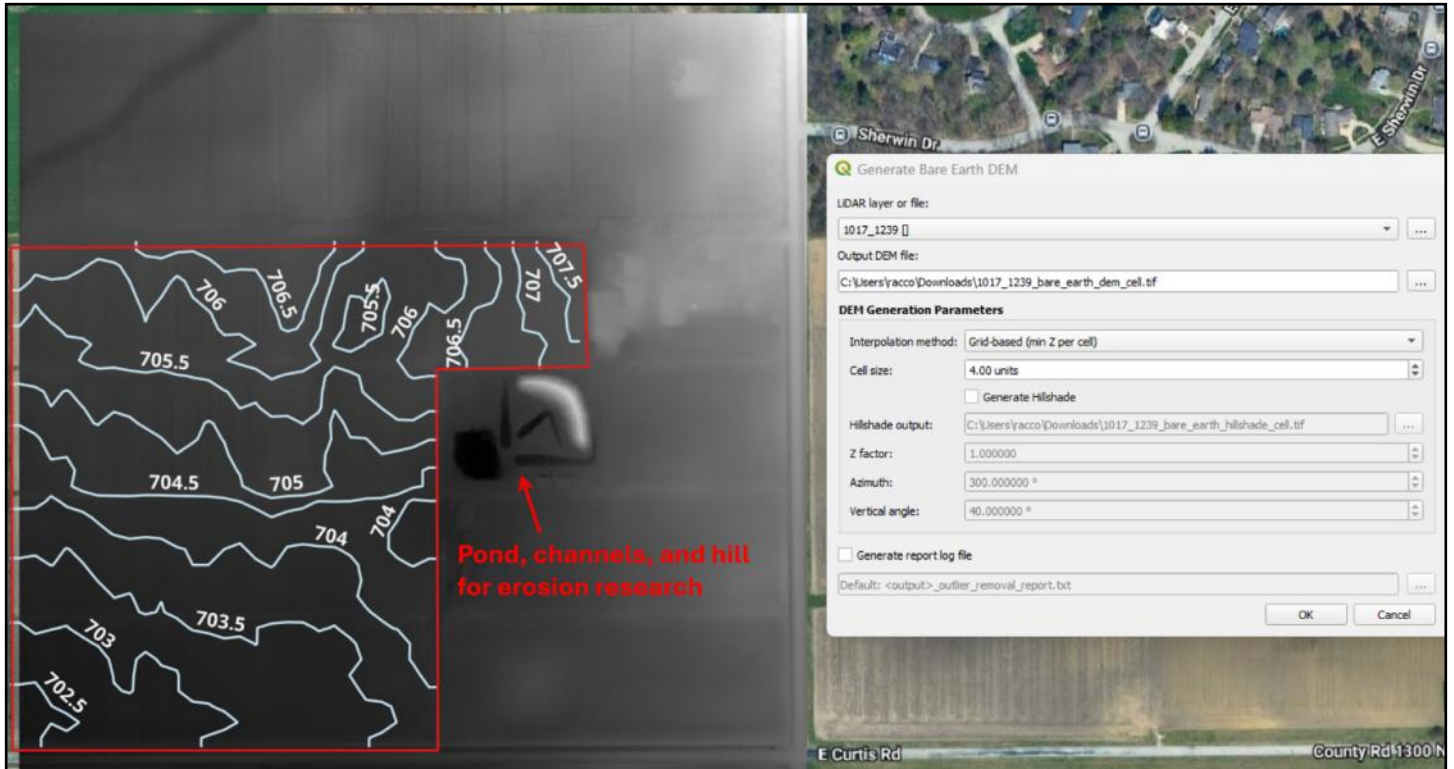


Figure 6. MyLiDAR DEM interface, DEM generated from LAS file shown in Figure 3, and contour lines for a section of the field, generated from the DEM.

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Recognizing that a fair number of contractors, landowners, and producers continue to have a general lack of knowledge regarding Illinois's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (INLRS) and the conservation drainage practices recommended therein, Illinois LICA decided to bring back a drainage workshop series it had hosted in 2024. The single day workshops were held during the summer months at three separate locations across the state (e.g. north, central, south) and provided information about the history and progress of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, the benefits of edge of field practices, how to identify suitable sites for installation, cost share opportunities, wetland jurisdictional and determination information, and research on tile drainage and conservation drainage practices. Two of the three workshops even included field tours of various established conservation drainage practices. With the help of sponsors, partner organizations and agencies supporting the workshops, the trainings were well attended by a mix of contractors, landowners, producers, farm managers, and government agency staff. Overall, agendas were jam-packed with content, and there were ample opportunities to speak with agency and industry professionals to answer any conservation drainage related questions.

ILICA would like to thank our speakers: Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition, US Army Corps of Engineers, University of IL Extension, JULIE, Grade Solutions, Ecosystem Services Exchange, University of Illinois, Illinois EPA, Crop-Tech Consulting, City of Decatur, Precision Conservation Management, and Lowell Gentry.

Our sincere thanks to our sponsors, as well: Marathon Pipe Line, Springfield Plastics, Illinois Association of Drainage Districts, Hickenbottom, Fratco, ADMC, Prinsco, DK Tanks & Pipe, and Highland Community College.

To view more pictures from the event, visit our website: <https://www.ilica.net/workshop-gallery/2026-drainage-water-workshop>



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MEMBERS' PICNIC A HISTORIC EXPERIENCE

Selected for a number of the historical and visitor tour opportunities in the area, Illinois LICA members traveled to Joliet, IL in July for the Annual Members' Picnic, where they ended up spending most of their time in town behind bars... (figuratively speaking, of course!)

Unshackled and under their own free-will, members entered the Old Joliet Prison Historic Site for a one-of-a-kind guided prison tour experience. Traversing the grounds, members learned all about the prison's storied history while entering many buildings housing the communal showers, cafeteria, workforce development, cell blocks, and solitary confinement. Being physically present in such spaces while the tour guide shared first-hand accounts from former prisoners about the life behind the walls and bars was a fascinating, albeit eerie, experience.

Originally built to replace Illinois's first state penitentiary in Alton, which had become notorious for poor conditions, the Joliet Prison began operating in 1858, becoming severely overcrowded and unsanitary itself within decades. Despite opening a new facility, Stateville Penitentiary, in 1926 with the intention of replacing the Old Joliet Prison, it remained in use until 2002 when it closed for budget reasons.

After closing, the abandoned prison suffered vandalism, arson, and deterioration before the City of Joliet gained control of the property in 2017 and partnered with the Joliet Area Historical Museum to preserve it. Today, the Old Joliet Prison

Preservation Coalition has stabilized and restored the site through volunteer work, donations, and fundraising. The historic prison is now open to visitors, serving as an important reminder of Joliet's history and the broader history of crime, punishment, and prison reform in Illinois.

After the tour, members tunneled out and escaped the prison (joking here again of course...although the prison does have a tunnel system below the grounds that was used by guards to quickly access areas of the prison in times of need, such as during altercations - it has now been flooded to prevent use) to make their way down the street to the Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, once the second largest steel mill site in the US, for a catered lunch and a brief members' meeting.

Our sincere thanks to our sponsors Frasco, Prins Insurance, Grinnell Mutual, and JULIE. To view pictures from the event, visit our website: <https://www.ilica.net/picnics-gallery>

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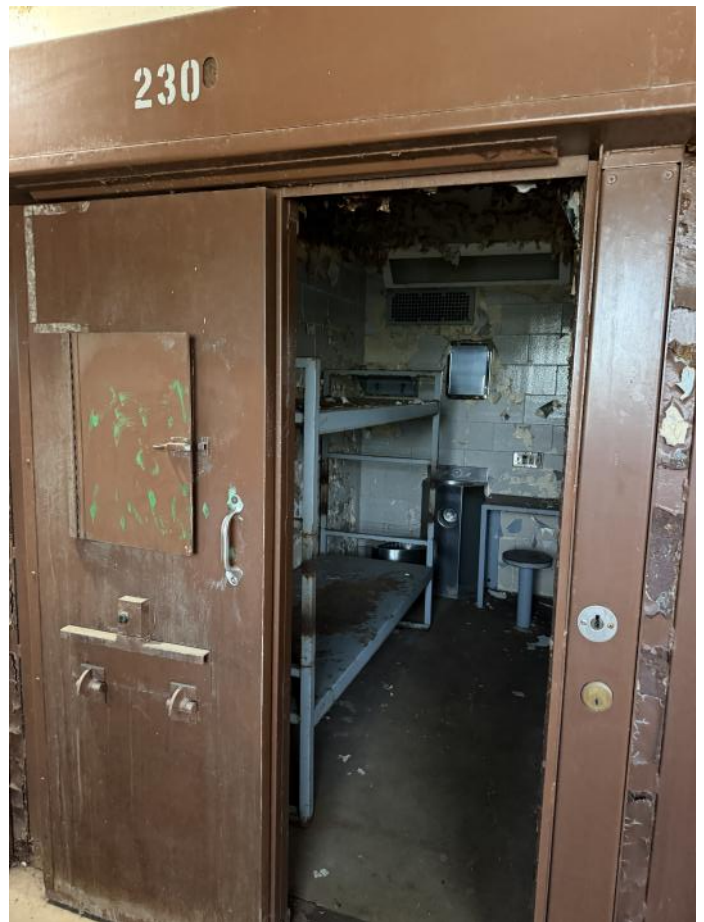
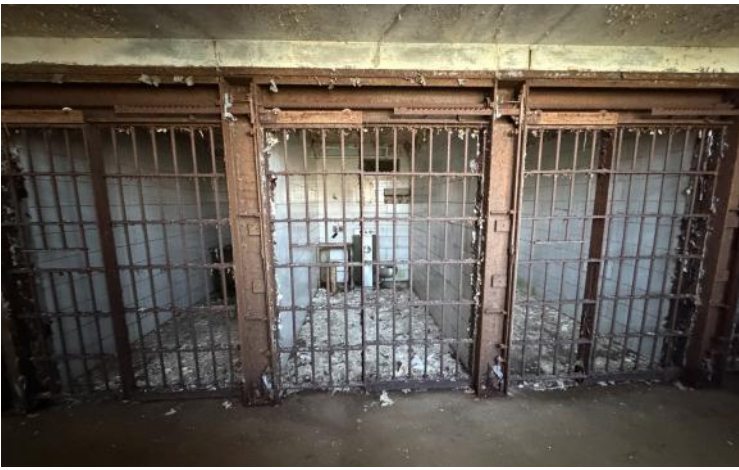
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REGISTRATION

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Sept. 2, 2026

12 - 1 pm

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Board of Directors Meeting (hybrid)

Sept. 12, 2026

Galva, IL

Committee Meetings: 8 am - 12 pm

Board Meeting: 1 pm

In-person:

ILICA Office: 112 Exchange St., Ste. 2, Galva, IL 61434

Virtual:

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Area 3 Trap Shoot & Golf Outing

Sept. 18, 2026

Kewanee, IL

Izaak Walton Trap - Skeet Grounds: 9:00 am

Baker Golf Course: 12:00 pm

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Virtual Septic Training

Sept. 24, 2026

8 - 11:30 am

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Oct. 29, 2026

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- Do not use ice on the burn, as it could cause even more damage.
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- Do not break blisters, as they make the victim susceptible to infection.
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- Hold the burned area under cool running water for at least five minutes or until pain subsides. Alternatively, submerge the area in cool water. Cooling the area reduces swelling.
- Loosely wrap the burn with a dry, sterile gauze bandage to protect and keep air off the burned skin. Do not tighten the bandage—you should avoid putting pressure on burned skin.
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