Illinois should fill gaps left by a US Supreme Court decision that leaves many wetlands in Illinois unprotected.

Wetlands improve water quality, provide important flood control, protect our groundwater, and preserve endangered habitats.

The U.S. Supreme Court rolled back U.S. Clean Water Act protections for many wetlands and waters, including freshwater wetlands we rely on for flood control and habitat along major rivers.

Illinois lacks a comprehensive program to protect our wetlands that are no longer federally protected.

Illinois has already lost around 90% of its wetland acreage.

Nearly 75% of US voters in 2023 rated “pollution of rivers, lakes, and streams” as their top conservation issue.

Regardless of their political affiliation, hunters and anglers nationwide strongly favor (92%) restoring Clean Water Act protections for wetlands and streams.

SB3669/HB5386 creates a state program that protects critically important wetlands.