

I have been a resident of Lake County for 68 years. My wife moved to a farm in Mettawa in 1970. My brother and I started our first tree nursery in 1980. Our Libertyville landscape company, which landscape is considered an agriculture specialty business, has operated since 1972.

I've been serving on the Lake County Farmland Bureau since 1990. In addition to the Farmland Bureau, I also served on Libertyville Township's Open Space Committee in the 1990s. In the 2000's, I served on an ad hoc committee for Conserve Lake County.

Additionally, I served as treasurer and was an active adult leader in Boy Scout Troop 72 in Libertyville where my three sons achieved the rank of eagle.

I think the County is doing the right thing having Farm Bureau members on its Farmland Assessment Committee. It helps get the rather unusual assessment information to farmers.