



**Keeping roads safe, spending responsibly
and preserving the health of the
DuPage River this winter.**

**Lower DuPage River
Watershed Coalition**

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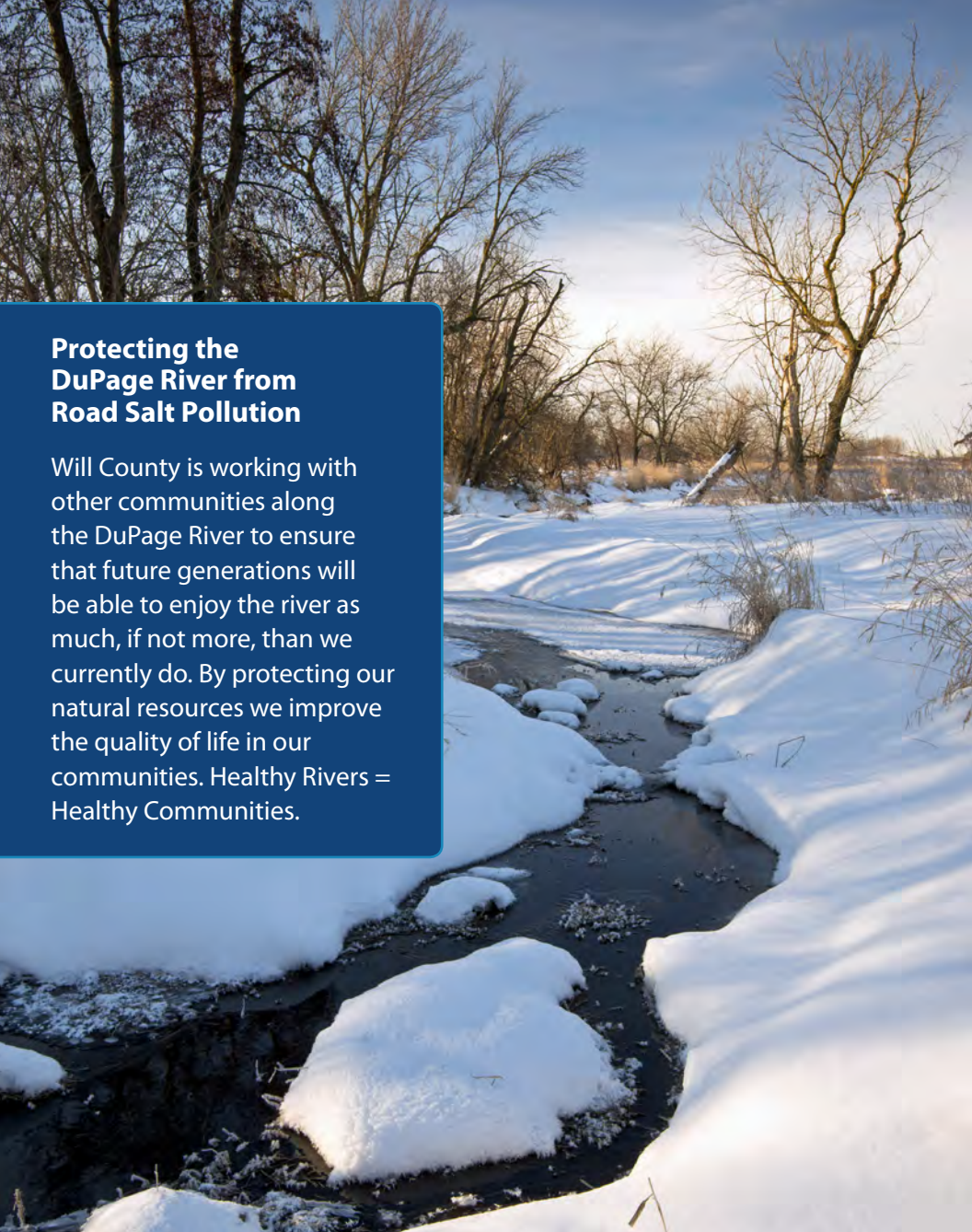
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Midwest winters can be tough on our roads and commuters. Road salt is used to keep our roads safe, but the cost of using too much salt goes beyond the pavement.



Excess road salt damages vehicles and infrastructure, harms our pets and plants and degrades our rivers and wetlands. Will County is using best winter practices to keep you safe while using less salt.



Protecting the DuPage River from Road Salt Pollution

Will County is working with other communities along the DuPage River to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the river as much, if not more, than we currently do. By protecting our natural resources we improve the quality of life in our communities. Healthy Rivers = Healthy Communities.

SALT SMART AT HOME to protect the DuPage River

Using the right amount of salt could make a big difference for our local waterways—and our pocketbooks. Using the right amount of salt keeps you safe, saves money and protects our river. Join Will County and reduce the amount of salt used on your driveways and sidewalks.

There is such a thing as too much salt!

SALT SMART. SAVE MORE. Here are five tips for salting smart this winter:



- 1. Shovel first.** Clear all snow from driveway and sidewalks before it turns to ice. Salt should only be used after the snow is removed and only in areas needed for safety.



- 2. Size up.** More salt does not mean more melting. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt should be enough for a 20-ft driveway or about 10 sidewalk squares.



- 3. Spread.** Distribute salt evenly, not in clumps.



- 4. Sweep.** If you see leftover salt on the ground after the ice melts, then you've used too much! Sweep up leftover salt to keep it out of our rivers and streams.



- 5. Switch.** Rock salt stops working if the temperature is below 15 degrees. When temperatures drop that low, switch to sand for traction or choose a different deicer formulated for colder temperatures.



OUR COMMITMENT:

We will strive to use the best technology and practices within our means to keep roads and sidewalks safe all winter long. Smart salt use will ensure Will County uses tax dollars responsibly and keeps our precious water resources healthy for generations to come.

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