

Roger Watwood Announces Retirement



After 18 years with JULIE as the Southern Illinois Damage Prevention Manager, **Roger Watwood** has announced that he will be retiring effective January 29, 2027.

Prior to joining JULIE in 2008, Roger worked for the City of Marshall and previously served on JULIE's Board of Directors. While Roger's focus has been on southern Illinois, he has been instrumental in updating the [Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act](#) and supporting damage prevention across the state. Roger's depth of knowledge on the locate process and his ability to clearly explain the responsibilities of all stakeholders has made him an industry leader. A natural connector, Roger has built relationships with excavating professionals while also taking great pride in educating the next generation about safe digging through Progressive Ag Safety Days and community outreach activities.

JULIE is grateful to Roger for his tremendous contributions to the damage prevention industry and congratulates him on his upcoming retirement.