

Fairfield

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Biggest Achievement of 2022



Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) continues working with the youth in the county.

One of our most popular activities is sending youth to Camp Wildwood each summer. Camp Wildwood is a natural resource learning camp. Activities are filled with teaching and learning about natural resources and how to take care of them for future generations.

FSWCD also hosts an Annual Photo Contest. Requirements include the pictures be of farm life, flowers and trees, animals (no zoo animals), and/or landscapes. This contest teaches the students to appreciate our natural resources and instills an appreciation for wildlife.

FSWCD also Adopted-A-Highway which has been successful.

Other Notable Accomplishment

Students at Richard Winn Academy and students at the Fairfield Career Center planted a tree on their school grounds in recognition of Arbor Day.



Conservation by the Numbers

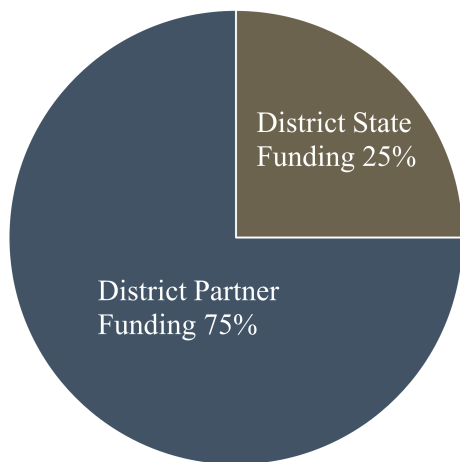
- More than 200 acres planted through rentals of the District's Tye No-Till Drill
- Assisted with implementation of almost \$400,000 for conservation practices in Fairfield County
- 3,500 acres in Fairfield County enrolled in conservation programs

2023 District Plans

- Offer a scholarship for a graduating senior planning to major in an agriculture related field with the increase in state appropriated funds
- Work with our newly elected officials on conservation and environmental projects
- Sponsor more Camp Wildwood campers, support SC Envirothon, host Annual Photo Contest, and work with a local school to build an outdoor classroom

South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts - 2022 Impact

State FY23 Conservation District Funding



For every \$1 of state appropriated funds to Conservation Districts, \$3 on average is leveraged to implement conservation programs in South Carolina.

Conservation Districts assist with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Farm Bill Programs which brought more than **\$55 million** to South Carolina's private lands for conservation implementation in federal FY22.

More than 72,000 students were reached by conservation district youth oriented programs such as school gardening, seed libraries, SC Envirothon, Arbor Day and Earth Day events, stormwater education, scholarships, and conservation related contests, etc.

More than 1.3 million adults were educated on conservation topics including Farm Bill Programs, pollinator promotion, stormwater mitigation, invasive species control, prescribed fire, water quality and conservation, habitat restoration, land easements, etc.

More than 44,000 acres statewide were impacted by conservation rental equipment available through conservation districts (no-till drills, prescribed fire equipment, hog traps, etc.).

SC Envirothon State Champions took **17th place** overall at the 2022 international NCF-Envirothon Competition competing against teams from the US, Canada, and China.

Programs involving land easements, habitat restoration, invasive species removal, water conservation, watershed improvement, litter removal, and conservation education are just a handful of the vast conservation topics implemented statewide by Conservation Districts.