

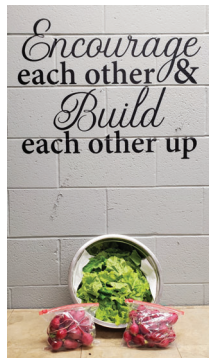
York

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Biggest Achievement of 2022

Our biggest achievement of 2022 was growth. York Soil and Water Conservation District (YSWCD) has worked on networking and developing relationships with local organizations that are focused on similar goals. We have been involved in more schools, summer camps, and outreach events than the previous year. YSWCD was also involved with a local Earth Day event, Ag + Art Tour, and promoting Stormwater outreach and education.

We are thankful for the challenges that the previous years have given us, because they remind us to look forward. As we all continue to face challenges directly, we look forward to the growth of our Conservation District and all Conservation Districts.



Garden vegetables grown at a local school that participated in our Garden Series Program.



We presented the Enviroscape at Earth Day 2022 held at the York County Material Recovery Facility.

Other Notable Accomplishments



YSWCD presented the Enviroscape weekly for the 2nd year at Curtin Farms in Clover for their "Down on the Farm" Summer Camp.



Bethelwoods (a local summer camp) asked YSWCD to come weekly and present the Enviroscape to campers.

Conservation by the Numbers

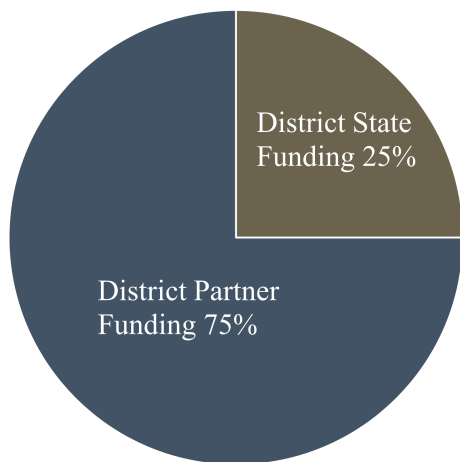
- 2,425 acres in York County enrolled in CSP which builds on existing conservation efforts while strengthening operations
- 517 acres in York County enrolled in EQIP which provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers and non-industrial forest managers to address natural resource concerns

2023 District Plans

- Grow Stormwater Program within York County
- Collaborate with local 4-H
- Develop more programs for school outreach
- Use additional state appropriated funds to start a local seed library

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.