

Allendale

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Biggest Achievement of 2022

In January 2021, Allendale Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) entered into an agreement with USDA for Seasonal High Tunnel Technical Assistance for three years. The agreement includes high tunnel installations in all counties in South Carolina.

During 2022, there were eight high tunnels completed throughout South Carolina from Charleston to Gaffney. High tunnels help farmers and landowners grow vegetables all year long as they plant directly into the soil inside the high tunnel. Some growers have been able to harvest three crops of peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, and other vegetables during one year.

During the various programs offered by Allendale SWCD during 2022, we reached approximately 54 adults and 23 children.



Initial steps of high tunnel installation in Awendaw, SC. Setting posts and framework.



Completed high tunnel in Awendaw, SC.

Other Notable Accomplishments



Allendale SWCD continued to partner with Allendale County Clemson Extension for "Coffee with Clemson" programs in the Agriculture Building.



Participated in America Recycles Day in November by placing displays in the county Agriculture Building and the county library.

Conservation by the Numbers

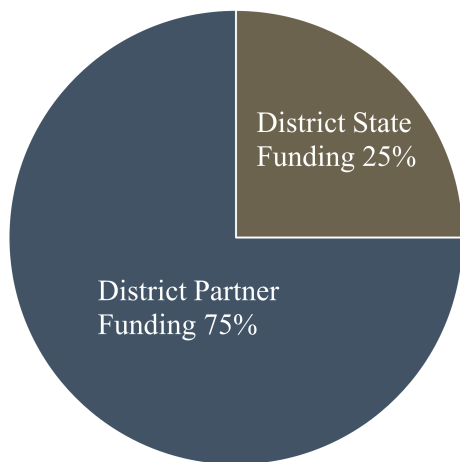
- Assisted with implementation of more than \$2.1 million for conservation practices in Allendale County
- 15,605 acres in Allendale County were enrolled in conservation programs
- 20 new landowners contracted to put conservation on the ground and 75 applications received for CTA
- Assisted 61 landowners with active EQIP and CSP contracts

2023 District Plans

- Continue with Seasonal High Tunnel Technical Assistance
- Use additional state appropriated funds to meet staffing requirements and create educational programs
- Sponsor "Coffee with Clemson" and celebrate America Recycles Day

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.