

# Bamberg

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Biggest Achievement of 2022

The Bamberg District provides administrative support for NRCS conservation programs that assist farmers and landowners with the completion of conservation practices.

In 2022, more than \$1.4 million was obligated for contracts through two conservation programs, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

During the past 5 years, conservation program contracts have obligated \$5,834,306 to help farmers and landowners partially cover the cost of completing the conservation practices that were planned for 38,234 acres.



Water troughs provide clean drinking water for livestock and are a critical part of a well-managed grazing system.



A crushed stone pad installed around the trough on top of the geotextile filter fabric provided by the Bamberg District eliminates mud and standing water.

### Other Notable Accomplishments



The district works to provide pollinator blends or grass seed for anyone seeking them for pleasure or completing contracts for NRCS.

### Conservation by the Numbers

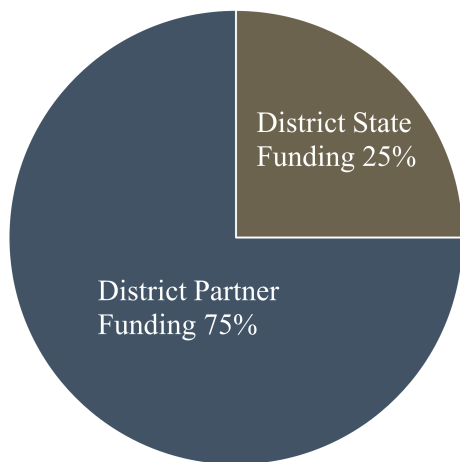
- Assisted with implementation of more than \$1.4 million for conservation practices in Bamberg County

### 2023 District Plans

- Use increase in state appropriated funds to organize a storm drain art contest in the county

# 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.**

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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.