

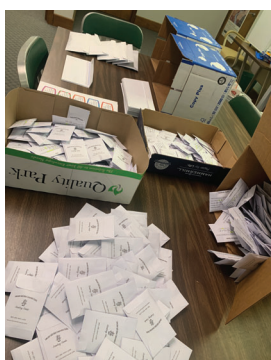
Lancaster

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Biggest Achievement of 2022

2022 has been a very big year for Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District (LSWCD)! The funding we receive from the county and state were critical in our successful year. We appreciate all of the support from our local, state, and federal partners. The increase in state appropriated funds is helping our education program. We are providing more resources to our local FFA/Ag Teachers to support the SC Envirothon Competition. We are creating three training trunks for the teachers/students to use as they prepare for this annual competition. We also increased our contributions to NACD.

During the 2022 SCACD Annual Partnership Awards Program, we had three conservationists from our county receive recognition: Amanda Roberts, District Manager for 15 years of service with Lancaster SWCD; Gayle Posipanko, Conservation Educator of the Year- Secondary Level (7th-12th) Buford High School Ag/FFA teacher; Joe Ghent, Commissioner for 20 years of service with Lancaster SWCD.



District sent out a total of 670 packages through Sowing Seeds Program. Over 3,450 individual packets of seeds were sent to landowners in the spring of 2022.



Cane Creek and Little Lynchies Watershed Board completed maintenance on and SCDHEC and NRCS completed inspections on the five flood control lakes.

Other Notable Accomplishments



Chairman Joe Ghent and District Manager Amanda Roberts attended Conservation Day at the State House.



Lancaster SWCD hosted the SCACD East Piedmont Area Meeting.

Conservation by the Numbers

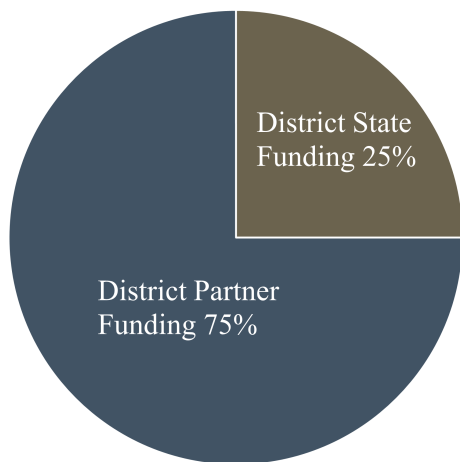
- 1,370 acres enrolled in conservation programs in Lancaster County
- 41 active conservation contracts on 4,717 acres
- 22 new conservation program applications on file for 2023
- Lancaster/Chesterfield Offices had the most EQIP Applications funded in 2022!

2023 District Plans

- Sponsor SC Envirothon teams for high schools and Book of the Month Program for elementary schools
- Award Conservationist and Educator of the Year Awards and a Conservation Education Mini Grant
- Host Arbor Day Event and Conservation Education Contests and Scholarships
- Maintain five flood control lakes

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.