

# McCormick

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Biggest Achievement of 2022

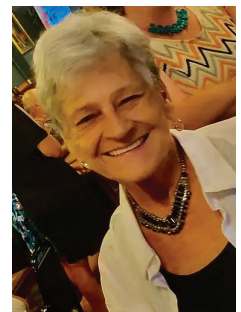


McCormick Soil and Water Conservation District Board Chairman - Mr. Bob Edmonds - presented the Annual Bob Edmonds Conservation Scholarship to outstanding high school students enrolled in the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe. The scholarship supports the rigorous agricultural education program that challenges motivated high school students to develop their interest in agriculture and natural resources. The scholarship's name honors Edmonds for his considerable service on the conservation board since 1980. Mr. Edmonds also contributed to the John de la Howe School Foundation to help offset the travel costs for 22 FFA students to attend the 95th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

In a news release on October 17, 2022, President Tim Keown said, "We are grateful to the McCormick Soil and Water Conservation Board and Mr. Edmonds's dedication to cultivating future leaders in the agricultural industry."

### Other Notable Accomplishment

McCormick Conservation District recognized Phyllis Albert for 22 years of outstanding and meritorious service as District Clerk. She has handled the aesthetics for holding the annual Cedar Hill Field Day, a hands-on exercise sponsored by the district for fourth grade students from 2005 to 2018 and the district-sponsored Annual Community Appreciation Banquet from 2014 to 2019.



### Conservation by the Numbers

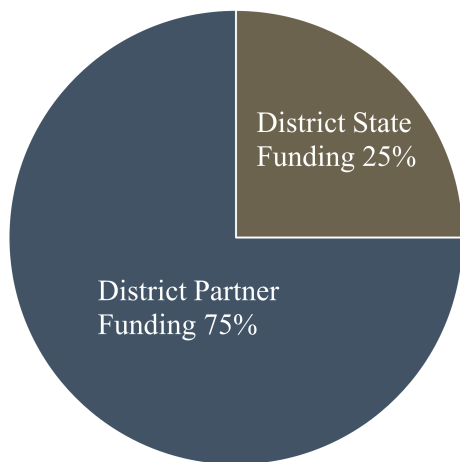
- 150 McCormick residents reached with conservation efforts
- 5,097 acres in McCormick County were enrolled in conservation programs
- Assisted with implementation of more than \$260,000 for conservation practices in McCormick County

### 2023 District Plans

- Award scholarships to the Governor's School of Agriculture
- Sponsor FFA at Governor's School of Agriculture
- Host a Photo Contest for McCormick High School students
- Sponsor SC Envirothon using additional state appropriated funds

# 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.