

# Newberry

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Biggest Achievement of 2022



Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District hosted the 1st Keep Newberry Beautiful Summer Fair August 25-28, 2022 with support from Newberry County, City of Newberry, Clinton Newberry Gas Authority, T Mobile and others. This is the first fair in more than 20 years in Newberry County. We saw more than 10,000 visitors in four days. Fifteen quality amusement rides, fun games, fair food, nine food trucks, more than 30 retail and community booths. There was a stage with a DJ during the day and live local bands played throughout those hot summer nights. The Historical Society opened their museum to view relics from our past. Admission was free to the public. Proceeds from the fair fund beautification projects, mini grants, and scholarships for students attending secondary schools.

### Other Notable Accomplishment

Hosted the 8th Annual Camp Conservation. A week-long summer day camp with 37 children in attendance. Programs teach our youth about our resources and how to protect them. Fishing, forestry, logging, enviroscape, water games, vermicomposting, wild animals including snakes, alligators, and a huge vulture. Plus, a tour of the water treatment facility in Newberry.



### Conservation by the Numbers

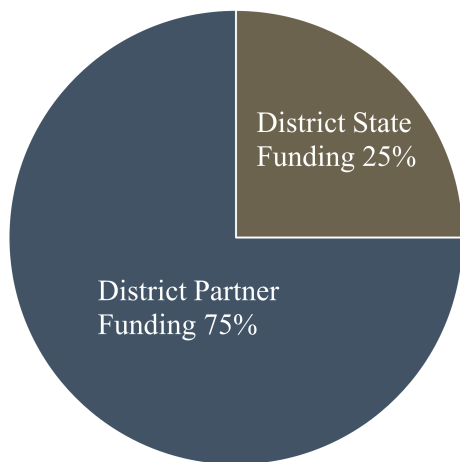
- Assisted with implementation of more than \$4 million for conservation practices in Newberry County
- More than 140 soil samples tested for local landowners
- 950 students impacted with conservation programs
- 44 miles of roadway cleaned with 202 bags of trash removed which equals 3,030 lbs of litter!

### 2023 District Plans

- Host 2nd Keep Newberry Beautiful Summer Fair to include an agriculture component, 9th Annual Camp Conservation, Annual Legislative Breakfast, and Movie Night on the Farm
- Use additional state appropriated funds to continue scholarship, education, and litter prevention and cleanup programs
- Complete 3rd year of Feral Swine Pilot Program

# 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.