

# Greenwood

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Biggest Achievement of 2023

Greenwood Soil and Water Conservation District decided to host a series of meetings for the landowners in Greenwood and surrounding counties. The series was entitled "Planning the Future of Your Farm". The district's goal was to help landowners plan for the future of their property by giving them valuable information on the options available. This topic is not often discussed in detail without seeking out a professional.

The first meeting of the series was held on April 20, 2023. It was very informative and received significant positive feedback. Through partnerships with Clemson Extension and Upper Savannah Land Trust, the first meeting included speakers who explained options for managing the future of farm, crop, and timber land. The district also collected information on what attendees were most interested in learning in order to improve future meetings in the series.



### Other Notable Accomplishment



Greenwood Soil and Water Conservation District purchased a new excavator. Landowners in Greenwood County were in need of a better option when completing EQIP contracts as well as other conservation projects on their property. The district is providing the equipment as well as an operator so that landowners can complete their projects in a timely and effective manner. The district looks forward to serving the community and working towards implementing more conservation practices in Greenwood County.

### Conservation by the Numbers

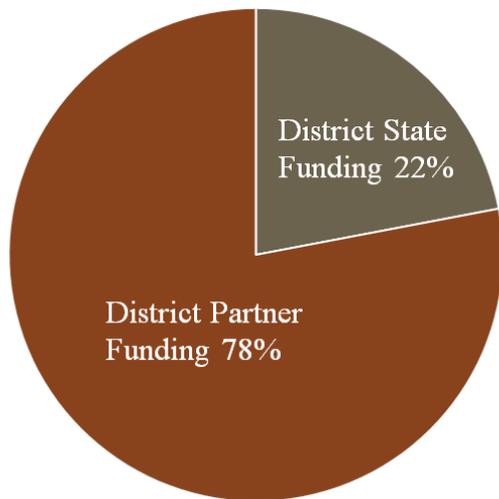
- 300 acres planted with the district's no-till drill
- 639 feral hogs trapped through district trapping program
- More than 6,725 acres enrolled in conservation programs

### 2024 District Plans

- Continue "Planning the Future of Your Farm" series
- Host at least 2 field days for landowners
- Become more involved with local FFA projects

# South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts - 2023 Impact

## State FY24 Conservation District Funding



**For every \$1 of state appropriated funds to Conservation Districts, \$3.40 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 FY23.

**More than 190,000 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 2 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 10,000 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 from Spartanburg Day School represented South Carolina at the 2023 international NCF-Envirothon Competition competing against teams from the US, Canada, Singapore 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.