

# Horry

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Biggest Achievement of 2023

One goal in 2023 for the Horry Soil and Water Conservation District was to closeout out the Little Pee Dee Phase II 319 Grant. This grant assisted 136 landowners with one being an agricultural application. In early February, the district closed the Little Pee Dee Phase II 319 Grant having assisted with 51 sewer tie ons and 84 septic tanks/field lines totaling over \$358,110 in cost share.

The Horry County Water Quality Improvement 319 Grant, a three year grant, continued into 2023. This project combined the Little Pee Dee Phase II, Loris, and Crabtree grant proposal areas. The project focused on diverse homeowners in the western part of the county that were in need of septic repairs. This project encompassed 134 septic systems and 22 sewer tie on for a total of 156 systems being completed totaling \$438,497 in cost share. The need was so great that the grant was finished in one year!

The 319 grants were sponsored by SCDHEC and funded by the EPA. The water quality in Horry County is better thanks to the district's partnership with SCDHEC.

### Other Notable Accomplishment



The district has a no-till available to Horry County farmers to plant oats, wheat, rye, and soybeans that are used as a cover crop in CSP contracts.

The use of the no-till drill allows small to medium sized farmers access to a piece of machinery that they may not have the funds to purchase. Overall, 4,428 acres of cover crop were planted in 2023 using the district's no-till grain drill.



### Conservation by the Numbers

- Over 5,200 students learned about conservation and stormwater through District Essay Contest
- Assisted with implementation of more than \$1.6 million for EQIP conservation practices that will impact almost 6,000 acres and \$530,000 for CSP conservation contracts that will impact 5,769 acres in Horry County

### 2024 District Plans

- Secure a NACD Grant to fund a technician
- Assist SCDHEC with 319 Grants
- Sponsor 2 SC Envirothon teams and attend Swampfest and Baby Animal Day
- Host Horry Watershed Directors and Stormwater Annual Meeting