

Who We Are

Mission

Our mission is to conserve and enhance soil, water, and natural resources through education, technical assistance, and strong partnerships with the community.

Background

Since its establishment in 1950, the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District (SCSWCD) has served as a trusted local resource for conservation planning, technical assistance, and outreach. We partner with federal, state, and local agencies to deliver programs that reduce soil erosion, protect water quality, improve farmland, and support sustainable agriculture across our county.

Board

SCSWCD is governed by a Board of Supervisors, made up of appointed and elected local community members dedicated to protecting Sullivan County's natural resources and supporting its agricultural heritage.

L to R: Dwight King, Chairman, Zane Vanover, Secretary - Treasurer, Maggie Malone, Member, Chris Widener, Vice-Chairman, and Forrest Ramsey, Member



Best Management Practices

We help landowners plan and implement practices that protect natural resources and improve farm productivity, including:

- Cover crops
- Exclusion fencing
- Filter strips
- Grade stabilization structures
- Grassed waterways
- Heavy-use areas
- Prescribed grazing systems
- Stream buffers
- Water and sediment control basins
- Watering facilities

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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District





In FY 2025, the SCSWCD delivered over \$555,000 in direct benefits to landowners, residents, and farming operations through conservation programs and partnerships.

Our Services

Technical Assistance

Support for conservation planning, soil testing, mapping, and implementation of best management practices tailored to local needs.

Cost-Share Programs

Assistance through NRCS, TDA, and NASDA to help implement conservation practices that improve soil health, water quality, and farm productivity.

Conservation Education & Outreach

We engage students and the community through conservation education, scholarships, classroom programs, contests, workshops, and events.

Our Partners



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NRCS offers voluntary programs that provide landowners with financial and technical assistance to help manage natural resources in a sustainable way. Through programs like EQIP, CSP, and High Tunnels, NRCS supports conservation planning and the implementation of practices that improve soil health, protect water quality, enhance wildlife habitat, and promote sustainable agriculture.

Robbie Miles - District Conservationist



Department of
Agriculture

The Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund (ARCF) offers cost-share assistance to Tennessee farmers for implementing conservation practices that protect soil and water. Through this partnership, we help farmers strengthen their operations while safeguarding the natural resources that sustain our farms and community.



Through the Farmer-to-Farmer Conservation Program, supported by the NASDA Foundation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, we work with producers to adopt practices that improve water quality, build soil health, and enhance environmental stewardship across the Gulf of America Watershed.



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