

10-Minute Supervisor Trainings

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

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Soil Stewardship

The Soil Stewardship Committee is committed to increasing the awareness of stewardship of the land and all of our natural resources and celebrating that during Soil Stewardship Week which is held from the last Saturday of April to the first Saturday of May each year.

The Committee recommends that districts:

- Review a copy of this report annually in preparation of Soil Stewardship Week.
- Purchase information about the Soil Stewardship topic each year or create their own and distribute information to churches, parks, schools, restaurants, libraries, rotary clubs, chamber of commerce and other interested groups to potentially spread the information to as many citizens as possible.
- Encourage districts to work with surrounding counties, NACD and KACDE to develop new Soil Stewardship information to share or be made available for purchase.
- Establish working relationships and contacts with their local ministerial associations which exist in each county. They should also focus on working with ministers of all religious association to incorporate soil stewardship into their sermons, musical presentations and within their churches.
- Bring the message of soil stewardship to other organizations, such as civic and service clubs, 4-H, FFA, Girl and Boy Scouts and others.
- Incorporate Soil Stewardship into your annual plan of work by hosting a community Soil Stewardship ceremony or luncheon for ministers.
- Recognize local groups for their efforts in promoting.
- Set up local displays at libraries, fairs, businesses, banks, schools or anywhere appropriate.
- Promote Soil Stewardship Week in your community by writing articles in local newspapers and newsletters and utilize local media such as Facebook, local radio or TV and through other partners such as extension and Farm Bureau.
- Encourage multiple counties to pool resources to hire personnel, purchase materials and promote that information on a larger scale.
- Work with all public and private school systems in your community as well as colleges.