



10-Minute Supervisor Trainings

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

In our continuing series of looking at the past, present and future of conservation, now it is time to look at what you as supervisors have done to promote conservation in Kentucky

During the 2012 Fiscal Year, great strides were made in the various programs that the conservation districts administer.

Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share:

- 1,474 applications were received
- \$6.5 million dollars were approved 855 approved practices.
- Over the 17 year program, over \$129 million dollars were approved for 14,187 practices.
- Over \$345 million dollars has been requested over the years of the program.
- State Cost Share has been used as match funding for various programs including
 - 319 Non-point Source Pollution Program through KY Division of Water
 - Mississippi River Basin Initiative from NRCS
 - Green River Conservation Reserve Enhance Program

Equipment and Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program:

- In 2012, 5 equipment loans were approved for \$396,867.64
- Over the 64 year history of the program, 2340 loans have been made for \$64 million dollars.

Agricultural Districts

- 19,173.76 acres were added during 2012, bringing the grand total of 463,094.76 acres of farmland are protected under the program belonging to 3,707 landowners.

Direct Aid

- Direct Aid provides \$975,000 to conservation districts. For 2012, that covered 131 district employees salaries and 50 district offices



Environmental Grants

- 53 dead animal removal grants for \$265,000.
- Total paid to conservation districts, many in conjunction with fiscal court, for dead animal removal, white goods clean-up, metal collections, and local cost shares \$587,622.

Other Major Accomplishments through Conservation Districts:

- In many agreements held with partnering agencies, a number of new positions were hired.
 - 2 Fish and Wildlife and NRCS 50/50 positions in Hopkins and Hardin Counties
 - 1 Nature Conservancy and NRCS funded position in Graves County
 - 3 NRCS and Conservation District 50/50 positions to be shared in Lyon and Caldwell, Ballard and Carlisle and Lincoln Counties
 - 1 Mississippi River Basin Initiative position in Graves County
- The 2011 Jim Claypool Art and Conservation Writing Contest had a total of 42,924 art entries from 98 counties and 17,189 writing entries from 89 counties were completed in the contest across the state.
- DNR and Division of Conservation participated with DEP in signing ceremony on the Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Project allow with Indiana and Ohio. This agreement put in place a plan for interstate trading for nutrients. Division of Conservation will be leading the conservation aspect of this project and working with five to six Northern Kentucky Conservation Districts to enroll local agriculture producers to implement Best Management Practices targeting the reduction of nutrients from their farming operation.

These are just a few examples of how Kentucky is still succeeding in conservation. Without the work of 847 conservation district supervisors, numerous district employees, conservancy district board members, NRCS personnel and various volunteers, this work couldn't be completed. With everyone working together, 2013 can be just as successful.

DISCUSSION

1. What are your districts major accomplishments during 2012?
2. Are there new programs that your district plans to implement in 2013?