



Walsh County Three Rivers
Soil Conservation District
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Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District Annual Report 2023

The Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District is now entering its 86th year of serving the county as a leader in soil health, water quality, grazing systems, wildlife habitat restoration, and public education and outreach. In partnership with NRCS, FSA, and the NDSU Walsh County Extension office, we promote conservation and regenerative farm practices and provide on-the-ground and outreach services, including grass cover crop, seeding, tree planting, soil testing, water sampling, and educational programming in partnership with area schools and organizations. We are located at the Tree Shed Office at 13351 Highway 17 in Park River, and we look forward to serving the county for the next 86 years!

SCD Activity for 2023:

Retail Trees Sold: 9,656 trees

Trees Machine Planted: 3,892 trees for 18 landowners

Technical Assistance Partnership with North Dakota Forest Service:

- 3 Windbreak Renovation Initiative (WRI) Site Visits and Reports
- 3 WRI Grant Applications
- 1 Completed WRI Inspection
- 1 WRI Reimbursement Package

Grass Planting:

- Grass planted for 13 producers
- Grass Planted: 546 acres

Water Monitoring Visits:

- 12 Lake visits
- 77 Stream visits
- Bi-weekly Harmful Algae Bloom visits

Education and Outreach Events:

- Soil Health Tour
- Arbor walks in Grafton and Park River
- Eco Ed
- Farmers Markets in Grafton and Park River
- Walsh County Fair
- Arbor day tree giveaway in local schools

Grants Awarded:

- 319 Park River Watershed grant
- General Mills strip till grant
- North Dakota Natural Resources trust for \$10,000
- North Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Trust for \$2,750

NRCS Conservation Activity for 2023:

- Conservation Cover: 9,861 acres
- Cover Crop: 8,799 acres
- Filter Strip: 96 acres
- Forage Harvest Management: 1,046 acres
- Nutrient Management: 7,799 acres
- Pasture and Hay Planting: 127 acres
- Pest Management Conservation System 5,607 acres
- Residue and Tillage Management, No Till: 10,761 acres
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- Salinity and Sodic Soil Management: 47 acres
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation: 4 acres
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management: 690 acres
- Wetland Restoration: 39 acres \
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management: 44 acres
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation: 2,853 feet
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation: 4, 301 feet

FSA—Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- 254 plans completed for enrollment/reenrollment
- 169 status reviews completed on CRP contracts

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