

# Anderson

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Biggest Achievement of 2025

Anderson Soil and Water Conservation District's (district) biggest achievement was hosting their streambank repair workshop! This was made possible through grant funding by the Anderson Water Council in relation to the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Spill. The workshop was free to attend and open to any district employee or commissioner. There were five districts represented from across the state in addition to support from the City of Anderson Utilities Department and STEC Equipment Inc.

The streambank pictured below is located in a residential area and receives stormwater runoff from the community. Over several years, the streambank had become incised. Through this workshop the district was able to repair the stream, which has many environmental benefits in itself. Furthermore, the district was also able to share the process of applying for grant funding geared towards streambank repair workshops so that other districts can apply a similar approach in their own counties.



### Conservation by the Numbers

- 12,021 acres of land enhanced through conservation programs with \$7,422,778 for conservation practices
- Impacted 4,777 people through 71 programs and over 17,500 seed packets checked out from the Seed Library
- Over 80,000 views through over 600 social media posts and monthly E-newsletters

### Other Notable Accomplishments



The district is excited to begin their journey as a Green Steps Mentor in Anderson County! Three schools are already working on projects, including stream monitoring, recycling, and composting. Pictured above is the SC Arbor Day tree planting at Riverside Middle School, where 80 middle school agricultural students helped plant three native trees and learned about the benefits of these species.

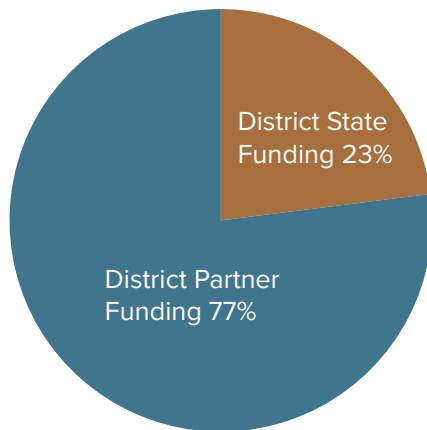
### 2026 District Plans

- Grow program partnerships in the county and summer youth programming
- Increase connections with public schools and home school co-ops
- Grow District Affiliate Membership Program to help support district programs

# South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts

# 2025 Impact

## State FY26 Conservation District Funding



**For every \$1 of state appropriated funds to Conservation Districts, \$3.33 on average is leveraged to implement conservation programs in South Carolina.**

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Conservation Districts assist with United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) Farm Bill Programs, which brought more than **\$51.7 million** to South Carolina's private lands for conservation implementation, impacting nearly **206,090 South Carolina acres** in federal FY25.

**More than 31,000 students** were reached by conservation district youth-oriented programs such as school gardening, seed libraries, SC Envirothon, Arbor Day and Earth Day events, stormwater education, scholarships, and conservation related contests, etc.

**More than 300,000 adults** were educated on conservation topics including Farm Bill Programs, pollinator promotion, stormwater mitigation, invasive species control, prescribed fire, water quality and conservation, habitat restoration, land easements, etc.

**More than 11,600 acres** statewide were impacted by conservation rental equipment and programs available through conservation districts (no-till drills, prescribed fire equipment, hog traps, etc.).

SC Envirothon State Champions from Spartanburg High School represented South Carolina at the 2025 international NCF-Envirothon Competition in Alberta, Canada competing against teams from the US, Canada, China, and Singapore.

Programs involving land easements, habitat restoration, invasive species removal, water conservation, watershed improvement, litter removal, and conservation education are just a handful of the vast conservation topics implemented statewide by South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts.