



70 Years of Conservation EST. January 14, 1942

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2011 Activity Report

District Services

- Planted 60.3 acres of trees on farmsteads, field windbreaks, or wildlife cover for 31 landowners
- Laid 94695.6 feet of fabric
- Cultivated 31.2 acres utilizing weed badgers, disc and diggers for 8 landowners
- Provided a mowing service to landowners for between tree row weed control 34.4 acre for 12 land owners
- Leased out the John Deere no-till drill for 1353.10 acres for seeding grass, wheat, oats, alfalfa, and soybeans with 26 producers
- District offered hand plant trees for sale. Including sale of large trees as service for residents
- Sold 789 non conservation size trees and over 4000 conservation handplants
- Offered perennials and grasses to customers
- Handplanted trees within existing tree belts for landowners.
- Provided hand auger rental
- Leased out weedrollers to landowners to assist in controlling weeds in tree rows, farmsteads, and yards.
- Offered tree protector tubes to protect trees from deer and rabbits. Offered Plantskydd replent to protect trees from deer and rabbits
- Offered tree straps and weed mats
- Provided use of John Deere No-till drill for Webster FFA educational farm



Education/Youth Activities

- Updated website at <http://daycd.org>
- Updated website at <http://neglwatersheds.org>
- Sponsored a booth at the Day County Winter Farm Show — Provided stream table demonstration to participants.
- Held an Arbor Day Essay contest for 5th and 6th graders in Day County receiving 45 essays. Participating schools were visited and cash awards given to winners, this year's county winner was Heidi Schneider of the Webster 6th grade.
- Celebrated Arbor Day by visiting 4th graders in 4 area schools. Craig Brown, District Forester and Cindy Zenk, District Manager showed video "Its Arbor Day Charlie Brown" and talked to students about Arbor Day. Every student and teacher was given a free Black Hills Spruce.
- Promoted Arbor Day poster contest and Recognized Miranda Warns 1st place—Waubay and Levi Stern--Webster winners at Arbor Day presentation. Each student participating received pizza certificate.
- Assisted in Webster 2nd grade Earth Day by planting trees in city cemetery and donated the 100 trees planted at the cemetery



- Celebrated Earth day at Enemy Swim Day School with Sammy Soil Saver and Wendy Water
- Distributed materials to Day County churches and schools for observance of Stewardship Week
- Presented at 123 to the Refuge 215 students attended
- Promote and support youth education programs such as Conservation Speech contest and Conservation Photography Contest.
- Sponsored Soil Painting activity at local school
- Presented at the local high school class on water quality
- Sponsored Healthy Waters Healthy People Workshop
- Sponsored 9 participants to Rangeland and Soils Days in Lemmon
- Promoted SD Range Camp to area schools and youth
- Promoted the Karst Memorial Scholarship program.
- Presented at Eco Ed Day at Fort Sisseton to 50 students
- Sponsored local Resource Conservation Speech Contest
- Supported a \$100 Youth Conservation Scholarship offered to Day County senior high school student involved in conservation on the land. District Scholarship was given to eight winners in 2011. Samantha Hommel, Rebecca Gaikowski, Alison Gaikowski, Mike Tiggelaar, Christine Fosheim, Mecarte Sichmeller, Kelli Sichmeller, and Lexy Johnson.



- Judged Enemy Swim Science Fair
- Promoted SD Wildlife Federation Youth Camp and Range Camp
- Supported SD Ag in the Classroom
- Promoted and supported NESD Land and Range Contest. District employees organized, setup and supervised the contest, 12 area schools with 268 students in attendance in 2011.



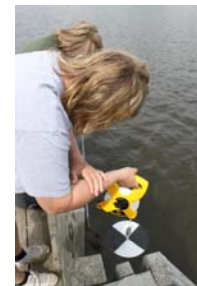
- Promoted and presented at Lakes Are Cool Program
- Presented at the Brookings Water Festival to 1002 students
- Presented and sponsored at the Northern Prairie Water Festival on September 22—650 students
- Presented at Camp Chance at Joy Ranch near Watertown to 150 students
- Presented Stream and Lake Water Quality workshop at Enemy Swim Lake and Custer
- Distributed quarterly informational newsletter to over 1300 owners and operators and over 100 electronically
- Provide informational bulletin board in entryway of building for producers
- Provided informational articles to area newspapers
- Updated Backyard Demonstration plot and Native Plant and Arboretum
- Sponsor/host Cover Crop Tour on July 6th in Cooperation with SDSU and SD Wheatgrowers



- Sponsored CCSP demonstration project
- Member Eastern SD Soil and Water Research Farm

Conservation Projects/Programs

- Northeast Grazing and Water Development Grant sponsoring district (NEGWD grant is a Joint agreement with FWS, GFP, Roberts, Clark, Codington, Grant, and Marshall Conservation Districts) This project has completed contracts with 57 producers in northeast SD promoting stock water development and wetland creations. With in the 57 contracts; 15,638.40 acres have grazing management plans protecting 15,041.30 upland acres and 597.10 wetland acres . Funding of the \$462,485.47 has been cooperatively financed by the producers, SD GFP, Conservation Commission grant, FWS, and NAWCA funds.
- Winter Cereal Initiative (Joint Agreement with Ducks Unlimited, Landowners in Sargent, Ransom, Marshall and Day Counties, Soil Conservation Districts in 4 counties, NRCS in North and South Dakota, Extension Service in North and South Dakota, North Dakota Wetland Trust, Environmental Protection Agency-Non point Source Pollution Program)
- Prairie Coteau Conservation Grant Project (Joint agreement with South Dakota Department of Ag, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry, Ducks Unlimited, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Grant, Codington, Deuel and Roberts Counties).
- Met with the Marshall and Roberts Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Pierpont Town board, Clear Lake Betterment Association, Greater Pickerel Lake Association, Pickerel Lake Sanitary Sewer District, and Enemy Swim Sanitary Sewer District to report on the Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project. Project acquired funding through 2014.
- 319 I & E Grant for Pickerel Tributary Study
- Shoreline/Streambank Restoration 1315 ft. two projects
- Feedlot Relocation—Relocate building, 833ft. new pipeline 1 new fountain, 1 rural water hook up 9111 ft new fence, 144ft windbreak
- Conservation Reserve Program 3304.1 acres
- Riparian Area Management 92.3 acres
- Mapping for Wetland Reserve Program for 6 producers
- Water Quality testing and monitoring
- Lake Level Monitoring---Bitter Lake, Blue Dog Lake, Enemy Swim Lake, Pickerel Lake, Rush Lake, and Waubay Lake



Miscellaneous District Activities

- Promote and organized the Coteau Area Legislative Dinner held in October where elected officials attend from 12 county area
- Help to financially support through dues the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts, SDACD Auxiliary, SDACD Employees Association
- Donated to NACD through Stewardship program and national dues
- Promoted Local workgroup meeting in Day County
- 11 County Area Workgroup Meeting organized by Day Co. CD
- Continue to donate to SDACD Endowment Fund---Recognized for reaching milestone in donations at SDACD
- Supervisors and employees attend training workshops and area and state association meetings throughout the year