

FOSTER COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2025 SUPERVISORS, ADVISORS, & STAFF

SCD Chairman	Robert T House
SCD Vice Chairman	Curtiss Klein
SCD Supervisor	Cody Montgomery
SCD Supervisor	Karl Hoppe
SCD Supervisor	Samuel Partlow
NRCS District Conservationist	Kayla Feiring Bjork
NRCS Soil Conservationist	Zachary Compson
NRCS Soil Conservationist	Kelly Satrom
NRCS Conservation Unit Supervisor	Paul DuBourt
Foster County Extension Agent	Jeff Gale
SCD Manager	Dionn Schaaf
SCD Technician	Easton Brown
SCD Education Coordinator	Jill Vigesaa



Grade school students
planted vegetable pots

2025 Foster County SCD Highlights

January

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf and Feiring Bjork
2025 Plan-of-Work and final Budget approved
Public meeting for Climate Smart Ag Alliance pilot project
Year 2 application period for CSA Alliance begins
Loan for Chevy 2500 pickup paid off
Carrington Tree Board meeting
2025 NDASCD dues paid

February

2024 Annual Report published in Independent and on website
CSA Alliance Year 2 applications completed
Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf and Feiring Bjork

March

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
David and Sue Swanson selected as Foster County 2025 Conservation Achievement Award recipients
NDCDEA annual meeting held in Fargo
Schaaf attends Stop the Bleed training in New Rockford
Women's Ag Day held featuring Jesse Veeder
Classroom vegetable pots done with Carrington pre-K and 3rd grades; supplies delivered to Midkota Elementary

April

Stewardship Week presentation to Ministerial Association; materials provided to local churches and schools as requested
Carrington Tree Board meeting
Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf

May

Radio segment on KDAK – Feiring Bjork
Carrington Arbor Day and first grade tree planting; first grade tree seedlings and Arbor Day materials provided to Carrington and Midkota grade schools
Handplant tree order pickup day
Maintenance on pollinator garden and updated handouts
District begins machine planting trees and shrubs, hand planting replacement trees, and early grass seeding
Breakout Box conservation education program by Vigesaa completed 142 programs during the school year reaching 3060 students across ND

June

Memorial tree for Brett Lyman planted at Carrington City Park
SCD tree planting crew assists with Carrington Boulevard Tree program and replants at NDSU CREC Arboretum
Excess conservation grade tree and shrub sale held after tree planting completed



Jesse Veeder at Women's Ag Day

Weed barrier application and tree shelter installation begins
 Employee handbook completed and approved
 Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
 2024 financial reports submitted to State Auditor’s office; 2023 report review received
 Next biennium Technical Assistance Program agreement signed with ND Forest Service
 SCD booth at Foster County Fair
 Programs with soil tunnel presented at Carrington Library Summer Reading Program

July

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
 Spring planting and installation completed
 2026 tree order and conservation planning begins
 NDASCD Area I meeting in Fessenden
 Presentation at NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center field day
 Schaaf attends Urban Conservation and Outreach Workshop in Valley City
 CSA Alliance Year 2 contracts and Year 1 exit surveys completed

August

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf and Feiring Bjork
 Applications submitted to 2026 ND Outdoor Heritage Fund Tree Planting Initiative
 Tree survival and variance success checks begin
 CRP status reviews completed
 Hoppe attends national CSA Alliance meeting
 Installation of saline management site signs and linked education webpage

September

Midkota and Carrington sixth grade students attend Eco Ed Day at Juanita Lake Park
 Draft 2026 budget and mill levy request submitted following budget hearing
 Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
 Schaaf attends Conservation Planner II training in Minnewauken
 Rain barrel workshop held

October

SCD office (nonfederal) remains open during federal shutdown
 Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
 First 2026 tree orders submitted to nurseries
 New computer purchased
 Maintenance and repairs done on buildings and lots

November

Annual conservation book donations delivered to Carrington and Midkota Grade Schools and Carrington City Library
 2026 NACD dues paid
 Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf and Hoppe
 Repairs and winter maintenance of SCD equipment begin
 East garage doors on both tree buildings replaced
 Feiring Bjork and Compson move to other NRCS positions

December

NDASCD annual state meeting held in Bismarck
 Brown elected to NDCDEA Board of Directors
 Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf and Ezra Aberle (NDSU Extension)
 Hoppe and Partlow re-appointed as SCD Supervisors for 2026
 SCD Booth at CREC’s Central Dakota Ag Day

2025 SCD Field Activities and Services

- 66,778 linear feet of trees machine planted (10,588 trees)
- 1,412 trees hand planted
- 68,748 linear feet of weed barrier fabric installed
- 80 tree tubes installed
- 1 tree site seeded with between-row grass mix
- 1 day rental of box drill



Arbor Day - First Grade tree planting



David and Sue Swanson
 2025 Conservation Achievement Award



Conservation books donated to libraries

2025 Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture Pilot Project

Practice:	Applied:
Conservation Crop Rotation (328)	1313 acres
Cover Crop (340)	636 acres
Feed Management (592)	160 animal units
Nutrient Management (590)	1086 acres
Prescribed Grazing (528)	417 animal units
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329)	150 acres
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345)	2658 acres

Eco Ed Day activities



2025 NRCS Programs - Applied Conservation

1 CSP contract for 1315 acres 10 EQIP contracts for 5026 acres

Practice:	Applied:
Conservation Crop Rotation (328)	2,915 acres
Cover Crop (340)	10,204 acres
Fence (382)	14,330 feet
Forage Harvest Management (511)	2 acres
Mulching (484)	15.3 acres
Nutrient Management (590)	61,897 acres
Pasture/Hay Planting (512)	25 acres
Pest Management Conservation System (595)	58,377 acres
Pipeline (516)	2,400 feet
Prescribed Grazing (528)	9,030 acres
Pumping Plant (533)	1 unit
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345)	31,377 acres
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329)	15,812 acres
Tree/shrub Site Preparation (490)	14.9 acres
Watering Facility (614)	5 units
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment & Renovation (380)	41,280 feet

