

FOSTER COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Pollinator garden in bloom in August.

2022 Supervisors, Advisors, & Staff

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

2022 Foster County SCD Highlights

January

Radio segment on KDAK - Schaaf
Hoppe and Partlow re-appointed as SCD Supervisors
2022 Plan-of-Work and Budget approved
GPS and Autosteer purchased for tree planting tractor
NDASCD dues paid

February

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
Repairs to office and to field equipment continued
2021 annual report published
Wedde Farms selected as Foster County 2022 Conservation Achievement Award recipient
Arboretum meeting with CREC personnel

March

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf and Gale
Presentation at Carrington Garden Club
NDCDEA Tree meeting
Applications submitted to 2023 ND Outdoor Heritage Fund SCD Tree Planting Initiative
Carrington Tree Board meeting
Planning of drip irrigation for trees added as a service

April

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
Foster County State’s Attorney Kara Brinster attended Board meeting to discuss bid processes
SCD Stewardship Week materials provided to local churches and schools as requested
Vegetable pot supplies delivered to Midkota Elementary
Special board meeting to open bids on equipment for sale
Two Carrington Tree Board meetings



SCD Board members Curt Klein and Cody Montgomery help Carrington first graders plant a tree at the city park.

May

Radio segment on KDAK – Hoppe
Tree site staking began
Carrington Arbor Day and first grade tree planting
First grade tree seedlings and Arbor Day materials delivered to Midkota Elementary
Arbor Day presentation and materials for Kensal 1st graders
District sponsored Midkota Envirothon team
Handplant tree order pickup day
Field crew orientation/training
Maintenance on pollinator garden
District began machine planting trees and shrubs and hand planting replacement trees
Project TREES completed 205 programs (in-school and online) during the school year reaching 11,283 students across ND

June

Radio segment on KDAK – Feiring Bjork
Plant/maintain root view boxes
Weed barrier application and tree shelter installation began
Excess conservation grade tree and shrub sale held after tree planting season
SCD booth at Foster County Fair
Water cycle programs presented at Carrington Library Summer Reading Program

July

Radio segment on KDAK – DuBourt
Tree site mowing and water system installation services began
Carrington Tree Board meeting
SCD tree planting crew assisted with Carrington Boulevard Tree program
Project TREES received new three-year grant
2023 tree order and conservation planning began
District policy reviewed and updated
SCD staff attended CREC Field Day

August

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
Draft 2023 budget and mill levy request submitted
Meeting with CREC staff about Arboretum
Schaaf and Brown attended NRCS Conservation Planning Course in Mandan
Board requested state Fire Marshall inspection of SCD office building
CRP status reviews completed
Midkota and Carrington sixth grade students attended Eco Ed Day at Juanita Lake

September

First tree orders submitted to nurseries
Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
Tree survival surveys began
Brown presented display at NRCS ND All-personnel meeting

October

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
Fall cover crop planting and between-tree-row fall grass seeding completed
Rain barrel workshop held
Area I SCDs meeting (online)
Annual conservation library book donations delivered to Carrington and Midkota Grade Schools

November

Radio segment on KDAK – Schaaf
Klein re-elected to SCD Board
Dormant grass seeding completed
Women's Ag Day committee began meeting to plan 2023 event
NDASCD annual state meeting held in Bismarck

December

Radio segment on KDAK – Gale
Hoppe and Partlow appointed as Supervisors for 2023
House, Schaaf, and Brown attended Conservation Leadership Academies at CREC



NRCS Soil Conservationist Kelly Satrom teaching kids to determine soil textures during Eco Ed Day.



SCD Technician Easton Brown showing examples of aquatic insects during Eco Ed Day.



Eco Ed Day students try out a hand-cranked corn sheller with Foster County Agent Jeff Gale.

2022 SCD Field Activities and Services

- 105,406 linear feet of trees machine planted (12,528 trees)
- 1,970 trees hand planted
- 105,076 linear feet of weed barrier fabric installed
- 4,294 feet of drip irrigation installed on trees
 - 3 tree sites seeded with between-row grass mix
 - 4 field sites planted by drill service (39 acres)
 - 6 days rental of no-till drill (212 acres)
 - 1 day rental of box drill (5 acres)
- 6 tree row sites mowed



2022 NRCS Programs - Applied Conservation

55 CSP contracts \$3,023,529 in payments for 96,456 acres
 24 EQIP contracts \$856,714 in payments for 15,438 acres

Practice:

- Brush Management (314)
- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Fence (382)
- Forage Harvest Management (511)
- Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315)
- Livestock Pipeline (516)
- Nutrient Management (590)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Pest Management Conservation System (595)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Pumping Plant (533)
- Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345)
- Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Watering Facility (614)
- Water Well (642)
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment & Renovation (380)

Applied:

- 50 acres
- 37,989 acres
- 10,500 acres
- 29,994 feet
- 78 acres
- 16 acres
- 5,652 feet
- 51,196 acres
- 130 acres
- 50,980 acres
- 12,524 acres
- 9 units
- 8,360 acres
- 13,793 acres
- 4 acres
- 9 units
- 4 units
- 79,892 feet