

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1947 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, and conserve soil, water and related natural resources within the District’s boundaries. The SWCD has been instrumental in helping farmers design and incorporate sprinkler irrigation into their farm plans.

Mission (or Function):

- Support high quality and effective projects that engage private landowners in the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and natural resources on their lands.
- Encourage a complete ecosystem approach that uses sustainable, economic and feasible practices to all land users.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- “Bees, Butterflies and Bounty” Community Garden. Using innovative gardening ideas in small plots to demonstrate conservation techniques, plots were planted with vegetables that were shared in our community, along with a pollinator garden that utilized a micro-irrigation system.
- Conducted a 75 hour Ecology course for 20 students at the Franklin County High School.
- Hosted an annual 5th grade conservation poster contest for 220 students of the Preston and West Side School Districts
- Assisted Division V with their respective educational endeavors in return for their assistance with the Water Fair.
- Present an 8th grade Water Fair to two school Districts that consists of 9 stations pertaining to all things related to Natural Resources
- Provided an adult educational workshop on soil health

Future Plans and Projects:

- Collaboration with the Franklin County High School through a 21st Century Grant to provide an after school program that will give the students opportunities and life skills that they would not normally have.
- Investigating and implementing an alliance of Irrigation Reservoir entities and other water related Board members in Franklin County to investigate local concerns of excessive erosion, invasive species, and unapproved encroachment on reservoir shorelines.
- Franklin County is considered an un-attainment area for excessive pm 2.5. We will implement a grant from EPA that will replace agriculture tractors and school buses and upgrade irrigation pumps.



Bees, Butterflies and Bounty

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 41,402
County Funding	\$ 20,457
City Funding	\$ 2,000
Programs & Contracts	\$ 316,290
Sales & Services	\$ 11,044
Other local entities	\$ 12,722
Federal Grants	\$ 53,960
Total	\$ 457,875

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District Documents

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