

West Side

Soil & Water Conservation District

District Operations Accomplishments

- District Administrative Assistant will continue to attend all available training,
- The West Side SWCD will continue to work with the East Side SWCD, local media, and other partners to promote District programs in order to reach the public to encourage participation on community projects, as well as a new web site recently published
- EastSideWestSideswcd.org new web site address
- The District Will continue to provide information on the Natural Resource Camp, Envirothon, Speech Contest, and the Poster Contest, and provide necessary materials and scholarship funds as needed for students to be able to participate and attend these functions.
- The District Employee and Supervisors will attend /or hold public work group meetings and work with staff from the NRCS, FSA, IASCD, and ISWCC.

District Information & Education Programs

- The West Side SWCD used their capacity building funds to provide a full scholarship to the Natural Resource Camp, A media thank you to all who did adopt-a-canal, as well as supplies for the teams, and material for the students to do the poster contest.



Natural Resource Campers fishing for their dinner during the 2013 Camp in Sun Valley

- The Adopt-A-Canal finished with over 25 miles of Canals being cleaned with 38 teams this year.



- District staff participated at the Water Festival at the park with 1750 students from area schools attending and 300 students participated in playing the Conservation Jeopardy game with District Employee and Board Supervisors and employees from FSA. A mobile water festival went to two (2) additional schools so they could participate as well.
- This year West Side SWCD had 150 students from two local schools submit posters for the Poster contest, 4 posters won prize money from the district, with 3 going to the Division VI Meeting for judging.
- The District newsletter is sent out quarterly to over

Future Projects

The West Side SWCD will continue to focus on the requirements outlined in their annual and 5-Year Plan.

The West Side SWCD is here to assist all residents in the West Side SWCD (Western Bonneville and Central Jefferson areas with their soil and water conservation needs and problems, and to make available technical and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

The West Side SWCD is currently looking into a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) pump project to assist landowners in energy use reduction and better water control to ensure better water quality to crops, as well as conversion of hand or wheel line watering to pivot to provide better efficiency.

The West Side SWCD will continue to educate landowners on the importance of planting wind breaks and cover crops to control the blowing soil as well as snow that cause some of the major highways to close and a potential accident that could result in a death.



West Side Supervisor Gary Dixon with his Grandson checking out the growth of cover crop he planted.

West Side SWCD is currently working with the Department of Transportation as well as Bonneville County to address these concerns.

The Adopt-A- Canal is a major project that has continued to grow over the past few years and West Side SWCD will continue to insure that the project grows even more with more media coverage and education to the public on the importance of cleaning the canals to promote better water quality.

West Side Soil Conservation District

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The West Side Soil & Water Conservation District used capacity building funds during the year to hold a Soil Health & Weed day in cooperation with the East Side SWCD. Purchased materials for the adopt-a-canal teams for cleaning

West Side provided a full Scholarship for 1 student to attend the Natural Resource Camp. Poster material was provided to the Templeview Elementary School and American Heritage School 5th & 6th graders so they could participate in the yearly Poster Contest and Additional outreach was provided to the Envirothon.

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PERFORMANCE REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: WEST SIDE SWCD

FOR FISCAL YEAR:

2015

PERIOD:

July 1, 2013 to June 30 2014

DUE :

DECEMBER 21, 2014

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report For the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report and supporting documents shall be Kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

Jim Dixon

Board Supervisor Signature

JIM DIXON, Chairman

Printed Name

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