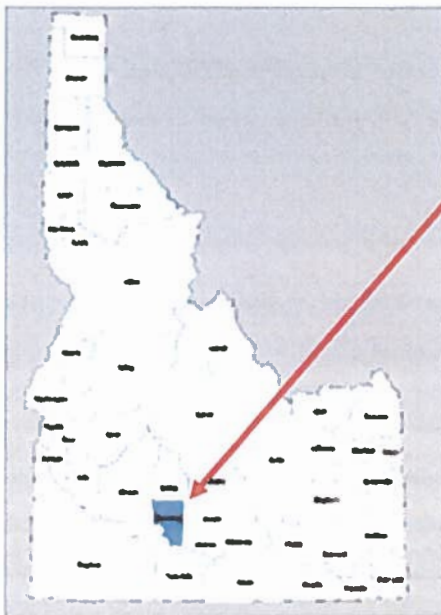


# GOODING



## DISTRICT PRIORITIES

1. Source Water Depletion
2. Soil Quality Limitations
3. Degraded Plant Condition
4. Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss
5. Livestock Production
6. Pest Pressure
7. Air Quality
8. Insufficient Energy Use

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*SWCD Board Meetings:*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m.

## 2023 Revenue:

State Funding	\$26,048.89
County General Services	\$6,000.00
Community Garden	\$12,134.27
Fabric Mulch	\$1,499.00
Little City of Rocks	\$1,200.00
No-Till Drill	\$23,022.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 69,904.87</b>

**Soil Conservation District**  
 Continued maintenance from Supervisors and volunteers to keep the Community Garden Growing!



The Gooding Soil Conservation District never stops giving back to the community. We had many supervisors step up this year with their time and own equipment to help us out with water leaks, signage, mowing and weed issues.

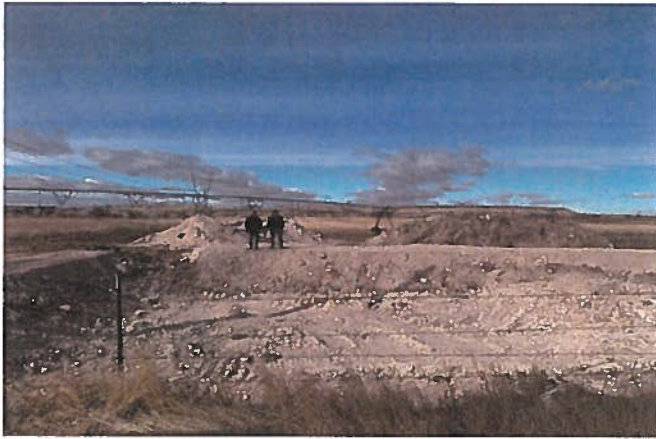
Sustainability isn't easy!

Last year we were able to raise 100 tree seedlings in gallon containers that were sold for a profit in the spring. We also had a Mother Day and Memorial Day flower plant sale to try and help raise funds to continue with a garden.

Every year we continue to write grants. This year we were able to get a sizable grant from St. Lukes CHIF program, other grants came from Pioneer Federal, Lunaria Botanical Garden, Idaho Credit Union and Glanbia help keep our DREAM alive.

It really takes a VILLAGE and a TEAM effort to keep the garden growing. We need to thank so many volunteers from the Walker Center, Idaho Deaf and Blind, Charter School, Day Care, Church groups and more.

# WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA)



Before pictured Bill Lillibridge Engineer ISWCC and coordinator Dustin Diaz.

The Gooding SCD applied for and received funding from the Idaho Soil and Water Commission for construction of two ponds that would allow for sediment collection of North Side Canal water from irrigation ponds that flow onto the farm. Currently water flows over the canyon edge with no sediments collected. Sediments collected may include ag soil, weeds plus filter out any extra fertilizer and chemicals.

Retained water would contribute to bird and wildlife habitat by providing drinking water and shelter with growing trees and vegetation.



After sediment ponds



Meetings held with the Gooding SCD, Wood River SWCD, local Landowner's and SoilTech Founder and CEO Ehsan Soltan to inform and educate.

The Gooding SCD and Wood River SWCD would like to combine efforts to help inform landowners of new technology available to them. The project would help provide Soiltech sensors to landowners, so they are able to make real time informed decisions about their current watering situations. Within the past few years, the main conservation practice has been converting from surface irrigation to sprinkler irrigation. As there is less of a need for sprinkler conversions the sensors could combine these technologies to further improve water management practices.

Soil Moisture Probe buried





The Gooding SCD would like to welcome to the Gooding Field Office, Idaho Cheatgrass Coordinator, Lacey Clarke.

She joins NRCS Team Lead, Michael Potucek and Soil Conservationist, Katie Dennis.



Left Lacey Clarke, Katie Dennis and Michael Potucek

Below you see 184 pumpkins weighing 1285lbs. picked for the Fall Festival and Pollinator Festival for the Wood River SWCD.



## GOODING BUG CREW

The Gooding County Bug Crew attended a board meeting to say thank you for their contribution and to also report on the monitoring and releasing they did this summer. It was a great group of students that really loved what they were doing. One senior and 3 that will be returning.



The Gooding SCD, Manager- Dacia Yoder and gardeners put together the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Festival. It was a huge success!



# Locally Led Meeting

The Local Working Group met Thursday, September 7th at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

This year the attendance was down but still had some great discussion and decisions made on the NRCS EQIP priorities and ranking as well as the IRA SPECIAL EQIP program. The meeting included Gooding, Camas and Lincoln Counties as they are TEAM 10.



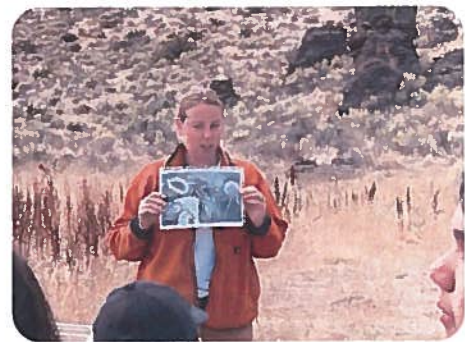
Goodign SCD Chairwomen, Kay Hults opened the meeting. NRCS Team Lead, Michael Potucek, ran the meeting



Representatives from BLM, Big Wood Canal Co. Idaho Fish and Game, Tri County Weeds and so much more

# Little City of Rocks Outdoor Workshop

We are the luckiest district to have the best presenters in the Magic Valley helping us put on our Little City of the Rocks Workshop. The district entertained 300 5th grade students from Gooding, Bliss, Hagerman, North Valley Academy, Wendell, and Camas. They learned all about Geology, Archeology, Wildlife, Soils, Fire Prevention and Hydrology. Thank you to the wonderful teachers and administration who allow the kiddos to continue to come and participate in this great outdoor adventure. We are super proud of this event!





# Gooding Soil Conservation District

## EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS:



### 2023 Speech Contest

The Gooding SCD had a pretty good turnout for this year's speech contest. Information was sent out to all of Gooding County FFA students and this year many showed up. This year's winner was Kendal Crawford who received \$100 and the opportunity to speak again at the Division IV level. Riley Ward - 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$50

Poster Presentations were given to local schools by Barbara Messick, Administrative Assistant & Michael Potucek, Natural Resource Conservation Service Team Lead

The topic this year was:  
"One Water"

We talked about the importance of water and just how far a drop of water can go. Talked about the water cycle and why it's our precious natural resource and how to conserve it. We also planted pumpkins for the Community Garden and the many activities planned in October.

"ONE WATER"



Students from Clover Club Academy joined us for a day of picking weeds but for fun painting rocks like pollinators.



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# ARBOR DAY



The Gooding SCD held their annual Arbor Day Celebration. It was a wonderful turn out as we entertained the new Mayor of Gooding, City employees, County Commissioners, the Manager of the Garden, Wood River RC&D representative, North Valley Academy 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and more. Gerry Bates, Community Forester from Idaho Falls, presented the city with a banner in honor of being a Tree City USA. We also planted many Rocky Mountain tree seedlings with the North Valley Academy, to sustain our garden.



# COMMUNITY GARDEN



Early Flower Plants potted for a Memorial Day Sale! Fairy Garden Workshop below, everyone having a great time.



Vegetables picked and weighed every day to give us some supporting data that what we do is a benefit.

