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District Priorities

1. Maintain District Operations
2. Promote Sustainable Agriculture and Soil Health
3. Urban/Rural Interface
4. Protect Water Quality and Quantity
5. Provide Community Information, Education and Outreach
6. Agricultural Land Preservation

FY 2024 Revenue

State Funding	\$ 64,500
County Funding	\$ 60,000
DA Davidson (Inv. Funds)	\$ 27,041
WQPA Funding – New York Canal	\$ 15,000
Treasure Valley Pollinator Project	\$ 21,755
Harvest & Hearth	\$ 13,763
No-Till Drill Rental	\$ 1,920
Avimor Easement Management	\$ 5,000
Other Programs	\$ 899
TOTAL	\$ 209,878

Soil Education and Outreach

The Ada SWCD Soil Education and Outreach Coordinator position is grant-funded in partnership with Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS). The Soil Education and Outreach Coordinator is responsible for outreach to schools in Ada County to provide soil health education to classrooms at no cost, as well as coordinating soil presentations for community outreach events with partner organizations such as Idaho Botanical Garden, the MK Nature Center, homeowners' associations, and local nurseries. **This year, the Soil Education and Outreach Coordinator visited 39 different schools and has reached over 3,600 students in 136 classrooms, as well as 640 adults at 4 community outreach events.**



Environmental Field Education (EFE) Field Trip Program

Ada Soil & Water Conservation District is a key partner with the Boise School District in their Environmental Field Experience (EFE) field trip program for 6th grade students in the district. This field trip experience provides hands-on lessons that include science and environmental components. Ada SWCD coordinated with Boise School District teachers and partners Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC) and Peaceful Belly to host **five EFE days which reached over 180 students**. This year's EFE days included three hands-on workshop stations. Ada SWCD Soil Health Education Coordinator presented a Soil Health station, IRRC presented a Rangeland Education station and Peaceful Belly presented a Garden Exploration and Art station.



Treasure Valley Pollinator Project

The Treasure Valley Pollinator Project is a community-wide effort to increase pollinator habitat - right in our own back yards and community. Each year, the Ada SWCD chooses pollinators of focus - in 2024 it was **The Birds and the Bumblebees**. In addition to creating specialty flower mixes and shrub bundles that go into people's yards, schools, parks and farms, we also offer a variety of free educational opportunities about our highlighted pollinators throughout the year and 400 copies of our informational Zine were created and distributed.



This year marked the 4th Annual Treasure Valley Pollinator Project. **In total, there were over 250 participants, with 22,000 plants and 1,800 shrubs distributed into the community, including over 200 flower mix flats (6,400 plants) donated to schools for pollinator gardens.**

Water Wise Workshops

in March 2024, in addition to our other Outreach and Education Programs, Ada SWCD launched Water Wise Workshops in March 2024, in partnership with the Boise Watershed and the City of Boise. These workshops focused on water-wise gardening and landscaping. Topics included The Power of Individual Conservation, Navigating Boise's Water Supply and Stormwater Solutions, Rainwater Catchment, Tree Selection, Soil Health through Biology, Making Better Use of our Water, Landscape Design for Pollinators and Water Conscience Gardening. **Workshops were held weekly for eight weeks and reached over 800 participants.**

Harvest and Hearth Conference

Ada SWCD hosted the 4th Annual Harvest and Hearth conference in February. This conference provides a full day of urban agricultural education and connection between producers, partners and resources. This conservation-focused conference includes panels and presentations on livestock, crop production, farmstead management, business, and our connection with the community and ecosystem around us. **This conference targets urban agriculture in Idaho and attracted over 125 participants**, including local producers and conservation partners. Harvest and Hearth also featured three hands-on workshops and included a keynote address by Douglas Tallamy, author of *Nature's Best Hope*.



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Ada Soil & Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2024

DUE :

December 20, 2024

CERTIFICATION

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 shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature



Printed Name

12/20/2024

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: