

Ada Soil & Water Conservation District



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District Priorities

1. Maintain District Operations
2. Promote Regenerative Agriculture/Urban Agriculture
3. Urban/Rural Interface & Habitat
4. Water Quality & Water Resource Conservation
5. Provide Community Information, Education & Outreach
6. Farmland Preservation

FY 2025 Revenue

State Funding	\$ 64,500
County Funding	\$ 70,000
Investment Income	\$ 43,285
Federal Grant Revenue	\$ 111,915
Treasure Valley Pollinator Project	\$ 7,943
Harvest & Hearth	\$ 13,732
No-Till Drill Rental	\$ 2,695
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<u>Other Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 10,374</u>
TOTAL	\$ 329,444

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 28 different schools and has reached over 3,900 students in 83 classrooms, as well as 928 adults at 15 community outreach events.**

Environmental Field Experience (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. These field trip experiences were held at Dedication Point and provided hands-on lessons that include science and environmental components. Ada SWCD coordinated with Boise School District and partners Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC) and Birds of Prey NCA to **host six EFE days which reached over 180 students.** This year's EFE days included three hands-on workshop stations: Soil Health (taught by Crystal Davidson, ASWCD Soil Health Educator), Rangeland Education and Public Lands/Birds of Prey.



Living on the Land

Ada SWCD partnered with University of Idaho Extension to bring back the Living on the Land workshop. This 12-week course is designed for new and potential small acreage landowners. This unique series has been helping small acreage owners in Idaho make the most of their properties for over 20 years. In these workshops participants explore topics essential for successful and sustainable land stewardship including water rights, soil fertility, water quality, pasture management, animal husbandry, and much more. This workshop **sold out (24 participants) and will continue to be offered to the community.**



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. In 2025 **Native Specialist Bees** were highlighted. 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. This year marked the 5th Annual Treasure Valley Pollinator Project. **In total, there were over 100 participants, with over 2,000 plants and 2,100 shrubs distributed into the community, including flower mixes donated to schools for pollinator gardens.**

Water-Wise Workshops

This year Ada SWCD continued the Water-Wise Workshop program. in partnership with the Boise Watershed and the City of Boise. These workshops focused on water-wise gardening and landscaping. Topics included Backyard Conservation, Treasure Valley Water Sustainability, Water Rights, Soil Health, Rainwater Catchment, Plant Selection, and Water Conscious Landscape Design. **Workshops were held weekly for eight weeks and reached over 130 participants.**

Harvest and Hearth Conference

Ada SWCD hosted the 5th Annual Harvest and Hearth conference in February. This conference provided a full day of urban agricultural education and connection between producers, partners and resources. This conservation-focused conference includes panels and presentations on topics including nutrient dense crops, high tunnels, cut flower farming, a farmer-to-farmer listening session focused on organic agriculture and featured a keynote address by Dan Kittredge, founder of The Bionutrient Food Association. **This conference highlights urban agriculture in Idaho and attracted over 100 participants.**

No-Till Drill

No-till farming reduces erosion, energy use and particulate emissions, increases soil quality organic matter content, and plant available moisture. It can also provide habitat for beneficial insects and wildlife and improve soil biological activity and diversity. Increased soil diversity has been shown to reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides, improving farm profitability.

In 2025, Ada SWCD leased our no-till drill to **eight producers and it was used on over 140 acres** in the Treasure Valley. Ada SWCD also **hosted a no-till drill field day** to showcase the benefits to producers.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Ada Soil & Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2025

DUE :

December 20, 2025

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

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