

# MADISON SWCD PERFORMANCE REPORT

## FY-2025

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To take available Technical, Financial and Educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of Soil, Water and related resources. Also, to protect and improve the natural resources in Madison County for landowners to use for generations to come.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:**

County: Madison

Cities: 4

Legislative District(s): 34



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***SWCD Board Meetings: Third Thursday***

### **Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns**

1. Soil Quality
2. Water Quality and Water Resources
3. Vegetative Management
4. Riparian / Wetlands
5. Fish and Wildlife

### **Conservation dollars spent in Madison County in FY-2022**

State Funding	\$ 25,079
County Funding	\$ 6,500
Federal Gov't conservation dollars	\$ 1,215,119
Landowner Contribution	\$ 607,560
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ 20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,878,258</b>

## **Recent Projects**

### **Natural Resource Projects:**

- A \$50,000 Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) was sponsored to replace an eroding headgate structure.
- Soil health practices continue to be stressed to county producers. Funding continues to be addressed by the local working group.
- High tunnel projects continue to be funded by the NRCS that greatly benefits urban farming.
- Reduced tillage practices continue to be applied greatly benefiting county agriculture producers.
- Cover crops were used assisting landowners to reduce wind erosion and improve soil quality and crop sustainability and production.
- The Madison SWCD chairs a local working group (LWG) that consisted of four conservation districts, NRCS and over 30 conservation partners to develop conservation funding priorities.



**Working with producers and landowners to preserve our natural resources remains the district's top priority.**

### Educational Programs



4<sup>th</sup> grade students from Hibbard elementary attended a “birth of a river” conservation field trip sponsored by the Madison SWCD.

- The district sponsored a Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) project to replace inoperative headgate on Sunnysdell canal.
- The district sponsored students from Hibbard and Burton elementary schools to attend a “Birth of River” conservation field trip which educated the students on the importance of water as a natural resource.
- The district works hand in hand with the NRCS to promote Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) projects to address natural resource concerns throughout Madison County.
- The district provides administrative assistance to the NRCS that allows the NRCS to provide more assistance and resources to county producers and ranchers.



4<sup>th</sup> grade students from Burton elementary attended a “birth of a river” conservation field trip sponsored by the Madison SWCD.

### Future Projects

The Madison SWCD continues to focus on the statutory requirements in their annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Water Resources remains the top resource concern. The Madison SWCD will continue to plan and seek funding and assistance from programs such as the Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA), 319 grants, the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and other funding sources to address conservation concerns.

Continued efforts will be made with the assistance of the NRCS to address, educate and promote the conservation practices to maintain our natural resources and to promote sound conservation practices for agriculture.

Our focus will continue to be educate through conservation tours, workshops, local working groups and planning meetings to gain insight from county leaders and residents to formulate our continuing plan of action concerning natural resource conservation.

Funding from various nontraditional sources is needed to retain the current office level. This includes the Resource Conservation and Development council and administrative fees from potential grants.



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE REPORT**  
**CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:**

Madison SWCD

**FOR FISCAL YEAR:**

2025

**PERIOD:**

July 1, 2025 to June 30 2026

**DUE :**

**DECEMBER 20, 2025**

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.



Board Supervisor Signature

JOE JEPPESEN

Printed Name

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**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:**

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