



2009 HIGHLIGHTS KENT SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Our Mission

The Kent Soil Conservation District serves a primarily rural agricultural region. Grain and vegetable operations, dairy farms, poultry farms and nurseries comprise the agricultural makeup of the area. Bordered on three sides by water and boasting 70 miles of tidal shoreline, the district is involved heavily in protecting the county’s water resources. District staff work with landowners and farmers to develop Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans (SCWQPs) outlining best management practices (BMPs) needed to maintain agricultural production and minimize downstream water quality problems. Structural BMPs installed by the district include grade stabilization structures, cropland terraces and animal waste storage structures. Non-structural practices used to control erosion and manage nutrients include crop rotation, residue management and the planting of winter cover crops to tie-up excess nutrients.

Staffing	County	State	Federal	Grant	Needs
District Manager	.5	.5			
District Conservationist			1		
Soil Conservationist			1		
Soil Conservationist Technician			1		
Agricultural Planner		2		1	1
Agricultural Technician		1			
Soil Conservation Engineer Technician		1			
Sediment Control Planner & Reviewer	1				
Civil Engineer			1		
Secretarial/Support Staff	.5	.5			
Administrative Assistant	1				

2009 Accomplishments

Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans (SCWQPs)—Developed 19 comprehensive SCWQPs to help farmers protect natural resources on 1,266 acres of farmland. Updated 66 additional plans covering 13,718 acres.

Erosion and Sediment Control—Reviewed 58 erosion and sediment control plans for construction projects to protect 320 acres of land. Reviewed and approved 54 stormwater management plans to protect 34 acres.

Cover Crop Program—Provided technical assistance to 109 farmers who planted 19,797 acres of traditional cover crops and 60 farmers who planted 7,550 acres of commodity cover crops during the 2009 planting season.

Current Staff and Operating Budgets		
	Staff	Operating
Federal	\$ 331,334	\$ 49,700
State	178,661	26,843
County (agricultural)	157,398	23,260
Grants	43,013	1,635
Total	\$ 710,406	\$ 101,438



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