


**HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-052**

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Hardin County Soil and Water Conservation District's Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget as presented to Fiscal Court.

ADOPTED, by the Hardin County Fiscal Court in its regular meeting on 14 April 2015.


Harry L. Berry
Hardin County Judge/Executive

ATTEST:


Debbie Donnelly
Hardin County Clerk

**HARDIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

OBJECTIVES

1. WATER QUALITY

- A. Provide local Water Quality Planning Guide to assist with water quality plans.
- B. Administer state cost share program on water quality.
- C. Support and encourage the Cooperative Extension Service Rinse & Return Program for pesticide containers.
- D. Promote the use of grass filter strips around streams and sinkholes to protect surface and ground water.
- E. Promote recycling in the community by supporting local recycling projects. Encourage demand for recyclable items. Promote and support tire amnesty programs when offered.
- F. Work in conjunction with water districts on well-head protection project.
- G. Promote the protection of surface and groundwater used for public consumption.
- H. Promote state chemical amnesty program.
- I. Sponsor local cost share program which will improve agricultural water quality in Hardin County.

2. LAND USE

- A. Administer special agricultural districts and encourage more formation. Distribute packets of information on how to set up agricultural districts.
- B. Work with units of local government and planning commissions on land use and erosion control.
- C. Continue to support and have representation on the Agriculture Policy Committee to work on land use issues exploring the possibility of development rights.
- D. Provide PACE applications.
- E. Promote high-density development located within urban circles that are fully accessible to utilities. Encourage development of green zones within those high density development areas.
- F. Promote use of local conservation park and recreation areas through community conservation program.

3. CROPLAND

- A. Participate with other agencies to encourage use of more no-till agriculture practices and reduction of fall plowing and other means of promoting conservation compliance such as participating in the Hardin County Farm City.
- B. Review and approve, as appropriate, plans for conservation compliance and CRP land. Assist with implementation of the current Farm Bill, including new conservation practices.
- C. Promote and educate farmers on use of innovative soil conservation equipment.
- D. Work with Cooperative Extension Service to help educate Hardin County farmers on best management practices.
- E. Promote and provide information to landowners on Soil Quality practices including cover crops for reducing erosion and building organic matter.
- F. Promote and inform landowners on the use of cover crops, especially cover crop cocktails.

4. CRITICAL EROSION PROBLEMS

- A. Identify areas in county with critical erosion problems. Identify ownership and encourage all landusers to cooperate with district in solving land use and erosion problems.
- B. Work with landowners to stabilize eroding stream banks.
- C. Work with local cities to help them develop best management practices for urban construction; work through planning commissions. Make available Best Management Practices for Construction Manual.
- D. Provide local cost share to landowners which will address critical erosion problems.

5. WOODLAND/WILDLIFE

- A. Promote the use of Division of Forestry for timber stand improvement practices, timber management plans and marketing.
- B. Provide free tree seedlings to landowners by instituting a give away at the office this spring.
- C. Encourage tree and shrub planting in critical areas and conservation reserve acreage.
- D. Recognize individual(s) who demonstrate effective woodland management with Al Sturdivant Forest Stewardship Award.
- E. Recognize individual(s) who demonstrate effective wildlife management with Embry Lay Wildlife Stewardship Award.
- F. Encourage proper planning to incorporate wildlife habitat in subdivisions, working in conjunction with local builders.
- G. Promote wildlife observation by installing a bird blind at Saunder Springs Nature Preserve through the community conservation program.

6. YOUTH

- A. Distribute information to schools on conservation and wise use of all renewable resources and recycling.
- B. Sponsor writing and art contests as means of furthering the environmental education efforts of all local schools.
- C. Assist with Soil Judging, 4-H, FFA and Ag Issues Team with recognition at Awards Banquet. Maintain and encourage use of library of educational resources available for loan; includes EnviroScape. Provide elementary school libraries with conservation education materials.
- D. Provide information to scouts for conservation merit badges. Make Conservation District available to scout district day camp.
- E. Provide recognition through local media and awards banquet for winning youth participating in the district art and writing contests, soil judging contests, and ag issues team.
- F. Sponsor youth of Hardin County in conservation-type camps.
- G. Work with Hardin County Schools in helping them develop an environmental curriculum as outlined in their strategic plan. Co-sponsor with local extension personnel and Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom Teacher Workshop. Encourage use of Food, Land, and People materials. Participate in Farm Safety Day with 4-H.
- H. Recognize outstanding young person with W. H. Harrison Junior Conservation Award.
- I. Promote KACD Auxiliary Scholarship of \$1000.00; provide \$10,000.00 in scholarships to local applicants.
- J. Sponsor local 4-H completion show.
- K. Sponsor seasonal high tunnels at schools.
- L. Sponsor and support Envirothon teams at area schools.

7. INFORMATION AND PROMOTION

- A. Use of radio, newspaper articles, and advertising to inform all segments of the population of the benefits of conservation of our natural resources. Develop and advertise web site through NACD.
- B. Use direct day care center contact and materials to promote annual Soil Stewardship Week.

- C. Distribute informative brochure to the public on the conservation data for Hardin County; Target small acreage landowners and small farmers. Promote Water Quality Plans which are required by any landowner with more than ten acres.
- D. Work with Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Cooperative Extension Service to promote and develop lease agreements for landowners that incorporate needed conservation measures. Educate landlords or land sellers who finance the sale, on the need to protect the land with conservation practices.
- E. Develop and use the display board of the Hardin County Conservation District in settings such as the Hardin County Farm-City Day, and in financial institutions.
- F. Through news media and the mail, inform all farm owners of available assistance through the District and NRCS offices.
- G. Provide recognition at awards banquet for Master Conservationist and those who make outstanding contributions to conservation.
- H. Provide recognition for farm managers, businesses, and other individuals who are practicing good conservation measures through the Friend of Conservation Award.
- J. Present Environmental Teacher(s) of the Year Awards at Annual Awards Banquet.
- K. Provide education/resource packets to each new teacher in local school systems.
- L. Promote backyard conservation to urban landowners.
- M. Distribute conservation materials to the local public library.

8. LEGISLATION

- A. Be aware of current and pending conservation legislation and contact appropriate legislators in regard to promoting conservation. Support NACD, KACD, and Farm Bureau legislative efforts. Keep in contact with local legislators to gain support for our efforts.

9. PASTURE/LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

- A. Encourage stream bank seeding practices in areas where livestock are fed next to streams.
- B. Promote the use of heavy use areas by local cost share that utilize filter fabric and crushed stone.
- C. Improve pasture quality by encouraging the development of rotational grazing and paddocks.
- D. Encourage farmers to install animal waste systems. Help educate them of the environmental problems caused by improper storage and spreading of animal wastes.
- E. Encourage use of no-till drills in pastureland.

- F. Keep up to date on latest conservation equipment for possible purchase.
- G. Improve the quality and quantity of pasture land by cost share assistance for pasture seedings through the State Cost Share program.
- H. Provide transportation for landowners to view demonstrations.
- I. Provide local cost share to improve pasture/livestock management.

10. DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT

- A. Regular monthly meeting to be held 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.; to be announced in local newspaper.
- B. Supervisor/advisor/employee attendance at Area 3, State, Southeast Region, and National Conventions.
- C. Participate in supervisor/advisor/employee leadership training.

COMMITTEE:

Education:	Filburn, Harrington, Meredith, and Taylor
Finance:	Harrington, Cundiff, and Wade
Land Use:	Harrington, Smith, Hill and Wade
Youth:	Filburn, Taylor, Harrington, and Ogden
Information/Publicity:	Harrington, Morris, Book, and Thomas
Legislative:	Harrington, Thomas, and Wade

**Hardin County Conservation District
2015-2016 Proposed Budget**

Estimated Balance Forward July 1, 2015 **\$50,000.00**

Receipts

1. Fiscal Court		\$74,000.00	
A. General Fund	\$0.00		
B. Millage Tax	<u>\$74,000.00</u>		
2. Interest Earned on District Accounts		\$50.00	
3. Other Funds		<u>\$3,300.00</u>	
A. Advertisers	\$1,300.00		
B. Funds from City of Elizabethtown	\$2,000.00		
Total Receipts			<u>\$77,350.00</u>
Total Available			<u><u>\$127,350.00</u></u>

Expenditures

1. Employee Expenses			
A. District Administrative Secretary	\$26,000.00	\$41,400.00	
B. Social Security	\$1,700.00		
C. Workman's Compensation	\$400.00		
D. Unemployment Insurance	\$300.00		
E. Medicare	\$400.00		
F. Retirement (District Share)	\$5,000.00		
G. Secretary Mileage and Training	\$3,000.00		
H. Secretary Insurance	<u>\$4,600.00</u>		
2. Office Operations		\$6,668.00	
A. Supplies	\$700.00		
B. Office Equipment and Maintenance	\$700.00		
C. Postage	\$500.00		
D. Bonds	\$365.00		
E. Storage	\$550.00		
F. Rent	\$1,853.00		
G. Technology	\$1,400.00		
H. Liability Insurance	<u>\$600.00</u>		

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3. Education and Promotion		\$39,600.00
A. Soil Stewardship	\$500.00	
B. Educator Workshop	\$2,000.00	
C. Displays/Brochures/Promotion.	\$1,000.00	
D. Essay and Poster Contest	\$1,000.00	
E. Awards Banquet	\$2,500.00	
F. Trees and Bags	\$1,500.00	
G. Field Days/Tours/Demonstrations	\$5,000.00	
H. Educational Materials	\$1,700.00	
I. Annual Report	\$1,500.00	
J. Camps	\$1,200.00	
K. 4-H	\$1,000.00	
M. Soil Judging	\$200.00	
N. Scholarship	\$10,000.00	
O. Outdoor Classroom + High Tunnel	\$8,000.00	
P. Community Conservation	\$2,000.00	
Q. Envirothon	\$500.00	
4. Supervisors Expenses		\$19,300.00
A. Regular Per Diem	\$9,000.00	
B. Special Per Diem	\$4,000.00	
C. Social Security	\$850.00	
D. Medicare	\$200.00	
F. Meeting Expenses	\$ 250.00	
E. Travel & Conferences	\$5,000.00	
5. Miscellaneous		\$1,825.00
A. KACD Dues	\$250.00	
B. NACD Dues	\$775.00	
C. Gift and Donations	\$800.00	
6. Dead Animal Removal		\$7,500.00
7. Local Cost Share		\$10,000.00
Total Expenditures		\$126,293.00
Expected Balance on June 30, 2016		\$1,057.00
Total Expenditures and Balance Forward		\$0.00