

Conservation Profile

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At this time the USDA Service Center which houses the Farm Service Agency, The Natural Resources Conservation District and the **Shawnee County Conservation District** is open to the public! However; we still encourage appointments, due to staffing availabilities. Thank you!

Army Worms??

A year ago, Army Worms damaged or killed some or all of the bromegrass in fields and lawns. There was a time it was pondered how much permanent damage there was. In some cases, it was clear the bromegrass was dead and the fields were replanted last Fall.

As time passed it became more and more clear which stands of bromegrass was not coming back. Either a cover crop of spring oats was planted for a planned Fall seeding of bromegrass or some tried to do a Spring seeding of bromegrass with mixed results. What to do now?

Fall is generally the best time to plant bromegrass. In fact, in this area, August 15 to September 15 is best. The best method to seeding is:

Conduct a soil test on your fields or lawns. A discount can be available through the District's cost-share funds.

Contact the K-State Research & Extension Service for more information.

Apply the recommended nutrients and lime according to soil test results. This is the food the bromegrass needs to thrive.

Consider if you have a weedy field to use a Glyphosate based herbicide to kill back the competing vegetation.

No-till the bromegrass seed into the field. The Shawnee County Conservation District has a no-till drill for rent.

Learn about it at: www.sccdistrct.com under "Equipment." The drill will no-till and typically apply twelve and a half pounds of seed per acre. Not as much seed is needed when it is drilled compared to scatter and cover.

Winter will freeze out competing weeds and by Spring there should have a good stand of grass. Top dress the grass with nutrients per soil test recommendations. Go light on the grazing or hay the field for the first year.



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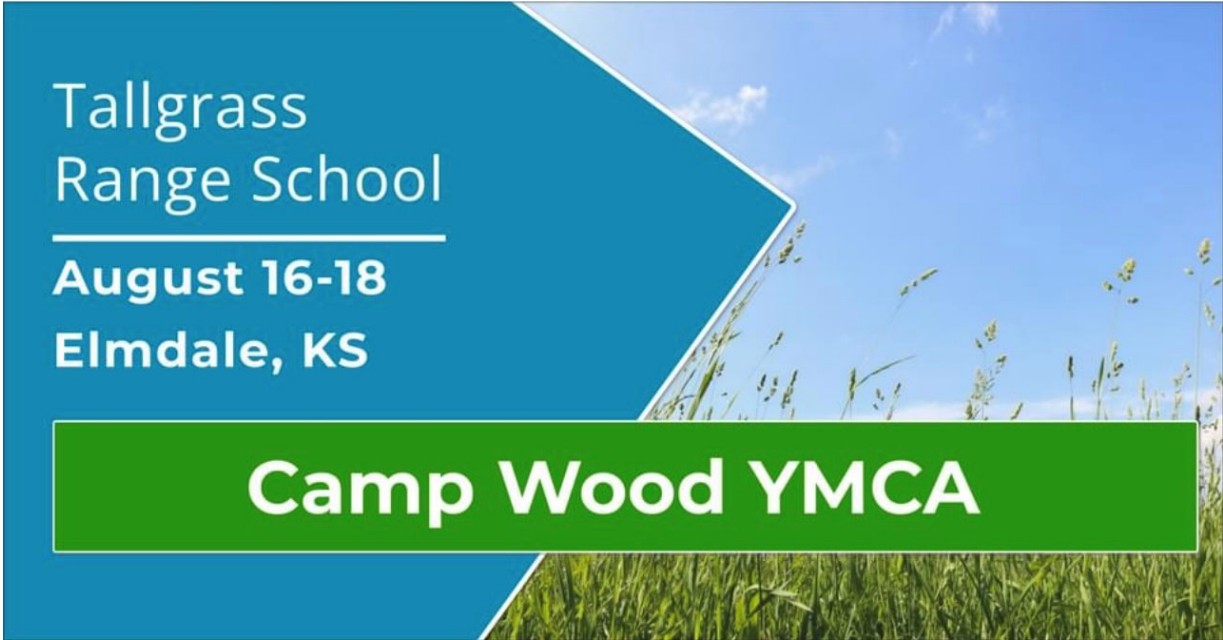
GOOD LAND STEWARDS WANTED!

Do you know a good steward of the land that is deserving of recognition?

The District is accepting nominations for awards in the following categories:

Buffer, Energy Conservation, Grassland Management, Outstanding Young Conservationist, Soil Conservation, Water Conservation, Water Quality and/or Quantity,

Wildlife Habitat and Windbreak. The tour on land in Shawnee County is coming up soon. **Please contact us with name and locations of nominees.**



Tallgrass
Range School

August 16-18
Elmdale, KS

Camp Wood YMCA

2022 Adult Range School-Contact the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition for more details



KANSAS
Climate Smart Initiative

KANSAS FARMERS,

The Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) is the recipient of a grant in partnership with ADM and others that will support implementation of cover crops on 100,000+ acres across Kansas. Farmers that are new OR are veterans to using cover crops in their operation are eligible for this assistance of \$10 per acre.

Are you ready to enhance soil health, reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases, improve water resources, support wildlife, and receive economic benefits? Contact your local conservation district office for more information about this new opportunity!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Improve long-term profitability through reduced input costs & higher yields.




Wetlands & Streams
Tour and Symposium

AUGUST 18 & 19
ABE & JAKES
LAWRENCE, KS
www.kaws.org

Tour area wetland and stream projects and learn about the importance to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands and streams through habitat and recreation projects.

AUG 18 TOUR & AUG 19 SYMPOSIUM
POST EVENT FUNDRAISER: FRIDAY EVENING
LIVE MUSIC-RAFFLE-DINER-DRINKS
BENEFITING LOCAL PROJECTS



SAVE THE DATE

KAWS
KANSAS ALLIANCE FOR WETLANDS & STREAMS

SPONSOR THE EVENT

Annual Cost-Share Sign-up Continues

The Shawnee County Conservation District is continues taking FY-2023 Water Resources and Non-Point Source (NPS) state cost-share applications. Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted. Once applications are received, they will be prioritized within a group based on a point system designed solely for water quality. Approval will be made at the following board meeting assuming technical assistance is available to meet this deadline. Projects already started or completed are **not** eligible for funding.

The cost-share for practices funded at a portion of county average costs up to the project limit which varies upon the type of project. Funding will not exceed landowner actual cost. Some areas of the county are designated as high priority.

Please call (785) 338-9946 for more details on Cost-Share programs and application details. All practices must be properly maintained for a minimum of ten years. *Funding provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture/Division of Conservation through appropriations from the Kansas Water Fund.*

Cost-Share information and applications can also be found on our website at www.sccdistrict.com
Look under the "Financial Assistance" tab



FY-2023 NPS Cost-Share Practices

Abandoned Water-Well Plugging
(Complete) Failing On-Site Waste Water Systems
Livestock Waste Systems
Nutrient Management
Riparian Protection
Unpermitted Dump Site Remediation

FY-2023 Water Resources

Cost-Share Practices

Erosion and Sediment Control
Pasture and Rangeland Management
Riparian Practices
Terraces
Grassed Waterways
Ponds
Qualified Restorations

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CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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8:00—4:30 M-F
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The Conservation District Board meetings are held the first Monday of every month and are open to the public. Please call for time and place.

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All programs and services of the SCCD are available without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status or disability.



A Journey into Water Education

9:30 a.m.-2:05 p.m.

Break for Lunch

20 minutes Station Rotations



The Topeka Water Festival!!!

4th Grade Educational Day!

September 22, 2022

Garfield Park, Topeka

Area Teachers:

Register your Class!

If you'd like to showcase your agency at this event by being a sponsor or volunteering an activity— please contact us!

ATTENTION:

An additional Conservation Educational Event for 4th Graders!!!

The theme to the left is for our annual poster contest.

If you or your class would like to submit entries, please contact us for contest information.

The deadline will be

September 16th!

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