

RICHLAND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2026 ANNUAL WORK PLAN & LONG RANGE GOALS

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Long Range Goal

- To have an informed public that understands the importance of resource conservation and the role of Soil Conservation Districts to the community.

ACTIVITY	SCHEDULED
1. Attend Area, State, Regional and National Meeting	Jan – Dec
2. Report Timely Information to News Media & Co. Agent	Jan – Dec
3. Periodically Write a Column for the Newspaper	Jan – Dec
4. Make Presentations at Schools as Requested	Jan – Dec
5. Provide Leadership for Locally Led Conservation	Jan – Dec
6. Communicate with Legislators about Conservation Funding when needed	Jan – Dec
7. Publish a Semi-Annual Newsletter	Jan – Dec
8. Continue to Work with Producers in the Antelope Creek Watershed and the Wild Rice Corridor	Jan – Dec
9. Continue to Work with the Red River Retention Initiative Committee for Flood Control	Jan – Dec
10. Publish 2025 Annual Report	March
11. Sponsor “TREES” Lyceums at Elementary Schools	April
12. Co-Sponsor with Wilkin SWCD Education Workshop	April
13. Provide and Deliver Stewardship Materials Schools	April
14. Offer Services of No-Till Grass Drill, Planting Trees, Fabric, and Rototilling	Spring/Fall
15. Participate in the Conservation Achievement Program	June - Nov
16. Sponsor a Participant at Range Camp	June
17. Sponsor 4-H Member(s) at Conservation (Farm Safety) Camp	June– Nov
18. Sponsorship of 4-H Achievement Days	August
19. Sponsor an Education Leader at Project WET Camp	August
20. Sponsor an Eco-Ed Conservation Tour	September
21. Maintain Website	Jan – Dec
22. Keep Facebook Page Updated	Jan – Dec
23. Sponsor NDSCS Student(s) at Soil Health Meeting	Jan - Dec
24. Work with Tri Counties on RCPP Application	Jan – Dec
25. Support NDSCS – Kosel Family Land Lab	Jan – Dec
26. Sponsor Conservation Photography Contest- Pollinators and Pollinator Friendly Plants	Jan - Nov

SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATIONLong Range Goal

- To reduce erosion on agricultural lands through further education and assistance.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE SCHEDULED</u>
1. Seek Beginning Farm Operators as District Cooperators	Jan. – Dec.
2. Continue the Evaluation of Richland County's Soil & Water Resources.	Jan. – Dec.
3. Develop Economic Advantages Information for Conservation Plans.	Jan. – Dec.
4. Work with County Commissioners and Water Resource Board to Inform Farmers of the Importance of Leaving Filter Strips/Buffers on Drainage Ditches.	Jan. – Dec.
5. Provide Information to Producers on Advantages of Conservation/No-Till Farming – Strip Tilling	Jan. – Dec.
6. Promote Cover Crops.	Jan. – Dec.
7. Promote Windbreak Tree Plantings	Jan. – Dec.
8. Promote Waterway/Stream Bank Erosion Tree Plantings.	Jan. – Dec.

LAND USELong Range Goal

- To make the best possible use of land so that it will retain its production capabilities for the future.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE SCHEDULED</u>
1. Participate in Land Management Planning with Emphasis on use of the Soil Survey.	Jan. – Dec.
2. Promote use of Web Soil Survey	Jan. – Dec.
3. Participate in Crop & Range Yield Data Collection	Jan. – Dec.

WATER MANAGEMENTLong Range Goal

- To promote water management that provides for improved flood control on agricultural land.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE SCHEDULED</u>
1. Make Technical Assistance Available to the Water Management District on the Critical Area Treatment	Jan. – Dec.
2. Provide Assistance for Richland Co. Watersheds.	Jan. – Dec.

WATER QUALITYLong Range Goal

- To improve water quality to meet state standards.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE SCHEDULED</u>
1. Continue Well Sealing Program	Jan. – Dec.
2. Assist with Ag Waste Systems	Jan. – Dec.
3. Assist with Non-Point Source Pollution Projects and Studies to be Conducted.	Jan. – Dec.
4. Work with the Water Board on Funding a Non-Source Point Pollution Project.	Jan. – Dec.
5. Antelope Creek and Wild Rice River Water Sampling	Jan. – Dec.
6. Continue 319 Project	Jan. – Dec.
7. Assist with Replacing Septic Systems through 319 Program.	Jan. – Dec.
8. Promote and Assist Clean/Safe Water Supply for Livestock	Jan. – Dec.

WILDLIFE HABITATLong Range Goal

- To improve current acreage devoted to wildlife and to increase acres of wildlife habitat.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE SCHEDULED</u>
1. Assist Producers with EQIP, CRP, WRE & CSP Contracts.	Jan. – Dec.
2. Promote, Plan and Install Wildlife Tree Plantings.	Jan. – Dec.
3. Promote, Plan and Install Wetland Restoration.	Jan. – Dec.
4. Promote Wildlife Food Plots.	Jan. – Dec.
5. Promote Pollinator Habitat Plots.	Jan. – Dec.
6. Promote Services of No-Till Grass Drill.	Jan. – Dec.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIONLong Range Goal

- To manage Richland SCD operations for maximum efficiency with available resources and in keeping with agreements of memorandums of understanding.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE SCHEDULED</u>
1. Assist Cooperators with Planning Consistent with the current farm bill.	Jan. – Dec.
2. Review Memorandums of Understanding	January
3. Set Planning Priorities	September
4. Develop Annual Work Plan	January
5. Update District Long Range Plan	January
6. Review SCD Staff and Supervisor Duties	December
7. Review District Job Descriptions	December
8. Have an Annual Audit of District Books	May - June
9. Review District Policy Book	December
10. Inventory Equipment	December
11. SCD Board Meets on 2 nd Tuesday of Each Month with Special Meetings as needed.	Jan. – Dec.
12. Work with Water Resource Board and Others to Keep Informed of Long- and Short-Term Resource Needs.	Jan. – Dec.
13. Keep Informed and Work with Legislators Regarding Funding for Conservation.	Jan. – Dec.