

Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District

Annual Plan of Work

Fiscal Year: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

I. District Objectives for the Fiscal Year

For the fiscal year identified above, the Walsh County Three Rivers SCD establishes the following objectives:

1. Provide conservation education and technical assistance to landowners and operators.
 2. Encourage voluntary implementation of soil and water conservation practices.
 3. Support water quality improvement.
 4. Promote soil health systems that reduce erosion and improve productivity.
 5. Maintain fiscal responsibility, and compliance with state requirements.
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II. Priority Resource Concerns

Based on local needs and input from cooperating agencies, the District has identified the following priority resource concerns:

- Wind and water erosion on cropland
 - Excess surface water and drainage challenges
 - Sediment and nutrient transport to surface waters
 - Soil health degradation due to excessive tillage
 - Watershed management issues
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III. Planned Activities and Services

A. Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance

- Work cooperatively with NRCS to assist landowners with conservation planning.
- Promote and support implementation of conservation practices including but not limited to:
 - Conservation tillage and no-till
 - Cover crops

- Grassed waterways
 - Field windbreaks and shelterbelts
 - Buffer and filter strips
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B. Water Management, Flood Control, and Watersheds

- Participate in watershed and drainage discussions affecting Walsh County.
 - Coordinate with the **North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality**, and county officials as needed.
 - Encourage conservation practices that reduce runoff and improve water infiltration.
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C. Education and Information

- Provide conservation information to landowners, producers, and the public.
 - Support and facilitate conservation education activities, workshops, and field demonstrations when feasible.
 - Participate in outreach efforts during conservation events or community meetings.
 - Promote conservation awareness through newsletters, social media, or other district communication methods.
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D. Interagency Cooperation

The District will continue cooperation with the following entities:

- North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee
 - NDSU Extension
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - North Dakota Department of Water Resources
 - North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
 - North Dakota Department of Agriculture
 - Walsh County Commission
 - Other conservation districts and agencies as appropriate
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IV. District Operations and Administration

To remain in compliance the District will:

- Hold regular monthly board meetings with posted notices and recorded minutes.
 - Maintain accurate financial records using approved accounting practices.
 - Prepare and submit an annual budget and required financial reports.
 - Submit an Annual Report and Annual Plan of Work.
 - Maintain current bylaws, policies, and board member terms.
 - Ensure supervisors complete required training opportunities when available.
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V. Evaluation and Reporting

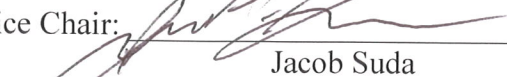
- Review progress toward stated objectives at regular board meetings.
 - Evaluate participation in conservation programs and effectiveness of activities.
 - Make adjustments to district priorities as needed based on funding, landowner interest, and resource concerns.
 - Prepare and submit an Annual Report summarizing district activities and accomplishments.
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VI. Approval and Adoption

This Annual Plan of Work was reviewed and adopted by the Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 15th day of January, 2026.

Board Chair: 
Joel Hylden

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