



Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District

**Annual Report
Calendar Year 2025**

District Overview

The Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District continued its mission to promote the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources throughout Walsh County. The District worked with landowners, producers, schools, and partner agencies to provide conservation services, education, and technical assistance.

Tree Program

The District tree program remained an important service in 2025.

- **6,001 trees sold**
- **12 tree plantings completed**
 - **25,165 feet** of trees machine planted
 - **245 trees** hand planted
- **16,956 feet** of weed barrier (fabric) installed

Tree plantings provided wind protection, erosion control, snow management, and wildlife habitat throughout the county.

Grass Seeding Program

The District grass seeding program also remains an important service in 2025.

- **18 grass seeding clients**
- **559.73 acres seeded**

Grass seeding projects helped stabilize soil, reduce erosion, and improve water quality.

319 Watershed Program

The District samples specific spots on The Park River and Homme Dam

- **20 individual lake samples taken**
- **480 individual stream samples taken**

The lake is sampled for Nutrients Complete and Chlorophyll-a, while the stream samples are sampled for Nutrients Complete, Total Suspended Solids, and E.Coli Bacteria

We also sample for Harmful Algae Blooms when detected or reported.

Education and Outreach

The District participated in and hosted several education and outreach activities during the year, including:

- Eco Ed
- Water Festival
- Arbor Walks
- Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony
- Walsh County Fair
- Annual Soil Health Tour
- Five soil health talk meetings
- Prescribed burn training

The District also distributed **over 300 trees** to first-grade students in Walsh County schools as part of its conservation education efforts.

Communications

The District wrapped up the podcast ***Common Ground: A Prairie Podcast***, which focused on conservation topics relevant to Walsh County and the surrounding area.

Training and Meetings

District staff and supervisors attended trainings and meetings held in **Bismarck, Minot, Devils Lake, and Fessenden**, and participated in multiple webinars throughout the year to stay current on conservation practices and program requirements.

Cooperation

The District continued to work with NRCS, NDSSCC, NDSU Extensions, NDDEQ, NDFS, NDRW, Walsh County area schools, and other local and state partners.

Summary

The Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District had a productive year in 2025, providing conservation services, education, and outreach to the residents of Walsh County.