

Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District Enters the New Year Focused on Stewardship and Service

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As the new year begins, the **Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District** is reaffirming its long-standing commitment to protecting the soil and water resources that sustain Walsh County's land, livelihoods, and communities. With nearly a century of conservation leadership behind it, the district is looking ahead with a renewed focus on stewardship, education, and practical solutions for local landowners. As we play a central role in addressing the conservation challenges facing Walsh County.

Wind erosion, heavy rainfall events, and changing weather conditions continue to put pressure on valuable topsoil and increase runoff into rivers, ditches, and wetlands. We emphasize that protecting soil health is essential not only for agricultural productivity, but also for maintaining clean water and resilient landscapes across the county.

Throughout the new year, the district will continue to promote and support conservation practices that have been proven effective in local conditions. These include reduced and no-till farming, cover crops, grassed waterways, buffer strips, tree planting, and wetland preservation. Together, these practices help reduce erosion, improve water infiltration, and limit sediment and nutrients from entering the waterways that flow through the region.

Education and outreach will continue to be a priority in the year ahead. The district plans to host meetings, workshops, and outreach events focused on soil health, water management, and conservation planning. We stress that conservation is a shared responsibility and that residents throughout Walsh County—whether they farm, live in town, or own rural property—can play a role in protecting natural resources.

As the new year enters, the Walsh County Three Rivers Soil Conservation District remains focused on its core mission: to conserve, protect, and enhance the soil and water resources of Walsh County through leadership, education, and partnerships. The District is committed to working with landowners, producers, and the community to promote responsible stewardship, support sustainable agricultural practices, and ensure healthy land and clean water for present and future generations.