

Bowman-Slope Soil Conservation District

2021 Annual Report



District Happenings...

The Bowman-Slope SCD's mission is to educate and assist the public of the Bowman-Slope SCD with natural resources conservation. 2021 brought our community, lands and natural resources extreme drought conditions and we commend our citizens for their continued conservation efforts and perseverance. The need for conservation practices and management is emphasized in drought conditions and we appreciate the opportunity to continue to work with land managers to deliver our mission through conservation programs, education, and technical service. Stop by the SCD Office at the Tree Shed on the Bowman County Fair Grounds anytime to visit us and to learn more about all things conservation! Keep reading to see more about the SCD's activities and programs in 2021...



Tree Care Award

The 2021 Tree Care Award winner was Jerry Palczewski of Scranton, ND. Jerry's passion for wildlife and conservation is very evident in the success of his multiple tree plantings. Thank you, Jerry, for your dedication to planting and caring for your trees and your partnership in conservation.



ND Natural Resources Trust & ND Energy Programs

The SCD helped deliver conservation programs such as The North Dakota Natural Resources Trust Bakken Development Working Lands Program and Grazing Resiliency Program to establish conservation projects on the land within Bowman and Slope counties. The SCD is also sponsoring a grant project through The ND Energy Program to convert water pumping sources to solar power in an effort to conserve energy.



Little Missouri River Tributaries 319 Watershed Project

This 319 project is in its fifth year of providing cost share to producers to install Best Management Practices (BMP's) to improve the overall health of the watershed. These BMP's are designed to improve soil health which in turn improves infiltration rates and reduces erosion activity. This reduces pollutants reaching the Little Missouri River. The 2021 BMP's included water developments, cross fencing, cover crops and a harden water crossing.





2021 Bowman-Slope SCD Youth Education Outreach

- For the first time this year we met with Rhame and Bowman 2nd graders to teach them about all the life in the soil! They ventured through our soil tunnel, and we read "The Soil Quilt" to spur discussion on all soil does. The students even went home with their own copy of the book!
- Yearly we do a tour of the SCD Tree Shed for Bowman 4th Graders to learn about pollinators, flowers, tree species and how we plant trees. The 4th graders love to help us add new trees and perennials to our tree shed landscape as well as plant pollinator gardens!
- Area 6th Graders joined us at Bowman-Haley Dam for the annual Conservation Daze. This is one of our favorite events where students are outdoors in nature's classroom learning about all things conservation! Speakers that day were from NDSU, BSSCD, NRCS and The Black Hills Raptors Center. The raptors always steal the show!
- This year we also added to our education outreach by meeting with the Bowman preschoolers and worked to teach them where our food comes from. We even got to help them to start their very own grass seed people! This was such a fun project we are looking forward to doing again. We also were able to donate two garden planters for the preschoolers to continue learning about plants with for years to come!

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Soil Tunnel ready for the students to explore at Bowman Elementary

Bowman-Slope SCD & NRCS 2021 Programs and Services

- NRCS had 92 CSP & EQIP contracts covering 17,567 acres
- Youth Range Camp Scholarship
- Two Student Scholarships totaling \$1,500.00
- Student and Community Education & Outreach
- Livestock Water Quality Testing
- Bowman-Haley Dam and Tributaries Water Sampling
- Engineering Services
- ND Outdoor Heritage Fund Tree Planting and Grazing System Cost-Share Programs
- Conservation Tree Plantings
- RCPP Tree Planting Cost-Share
- Tree Sales as well as help in diagnosing tree problems, tree species recommendations and tree species identification
- Natural Resources Policy Plan Implementation
- No-Till Drill Rental Service
- 319 Watershed Project
- Conservation practice implementation through programs such as The Bakken Development for Working Lands Program and Grazing Resiliency Program
- ND Energy Fund Solar Well Cost-Share
- Soil stewardship week with area churches

We appreciate your support of The Bowman-Slope SCD; We are your local government entity here to serve the people and natural resources of Bowman & Slope Counties!