2026 Fall Newsletter

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Bowman-Slope SCD Update

The Bowman-Slope Soil Conservation Districts have been preparing for the fall and winter to begin! There has been some cost-share that has wrapped up, so the staff has been out looking at those projects!

We have started taking in tree orders, so if you are wanting to order trees, make sure to get those in before November 1st, so you can be guaranteed the stock that you are wanting!

The Bowman-Slope SCD has also hosted the 2026 Conservation Daze with the 6th graders from Bowman, Scranton, and Rhame!



Upcoming Deadlines and Events

November 1st -Tree Order Deadline

Reminder, if interested in NRCS cost assistance for conservation projects, please contact or stop by the office. Technical assistance on conservation practices is always available. Application deadlines for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is in the middle of September, and middle of January for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

Are You Interested in Planting Trees?

We no longer have cost-share available for the spring of 2027, but you can still plant trees if you want to! If you are interested come in and we can work together to make a plan! The sooner the better, so we can make sure to have everything ready for the spring! We hope to see you in our tree shed soon!

Congratulations to our 2026 Conservation Achievement Winner

Robb and Barbi Narum



All About Trees

What you should be doing to care for your trees right now?

- Rake and Mulch Leaves
- Prune young trees for future development
- Install deer and rodent protection
- Remove tree water bags
- Amend mulch
- Avoid salt damage with ice melting products

SCD Services

No-Till Drill Rental
Light Harrow Rental
Tree Planting Services
Tree Grow Tubes
Weed Barrier Fabric
Plantskydd
Livestock Drinking Water Testing

Contact the Bowman-Slope SCD on questions of any of the listed services that we can provide to you!

SCD Contact

Phone: 701-523-8733
Website: bowmanslopescd.com



319 Bowman-Haley Watershed Project

The Bowman-Slope SCD will again be sampling on the Bowman-Haley Reservoir and it's tributaries! But this time, it will be for the new 319 Bowman-Haley Watershed Project! This project has a goal of reversing the amount of nutrients that are being deposited into the lake! This will be done through the process of Best Management Practices!

There are already a few contracts in place to start some of these practices, and we are continuing to work on getting other contracts put in place!

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Bowman Slope
Soil Conservation District

Tree Order 2026-2027

Conservation Grade Trees

12”-18” $2.25 Per Tree

Trees can be ordered individually or in bundles of 25

We will invoice amount due in December. All payments due January 1st

Ability to fill orders depends on availability of nurseries.

# of Trees	Tree Species
	Almond, Russian
	Ash, Green
	Buffaloberry
	Caragana
	Cedar, Eastern Red
	Cherry, Nanking
	Cherry, Sand
	Chokecherry, Black
	Chokecherry, Common
	Chokecherry, Schubert
	Cottonwood, Cottonless
	Cottonwood, Native
	Crabapple, Common
	Currant, Golden
	Dogwood, Redosier
	Elm
	Juneberry
	Juniper, Rocky Mountain
	Lilac, Common
	Maple, Amur
	Oak, Bur
	Pine, Ponderosa
	Plum, Native
	Russian Olive
	Spruce, Black Hills
	Spruce, Colorado Blue
	Willow, Golden
	Total number of trees ordered

For office use only

	Handplants
	Potted
	Large Stock /Special Requests

The SCD also has available for purchase:

Weed Barrier Fabric

(1.00 per foot for 15’ wide fabric)

(.35 per foot for 6’ wide fabric),

Grow Tubes ($4.00 each)

Thank you for supporting your local soil conservation district!

Potted Available

Potted (1 Gallon) $18 Each

# of Trees	Tree Species
	Aspen
	Black Hills Spruce
	CO. Blue Spruce
	Eastern Red Cedar
	Ponderosa Pine
	Rocky Mt. Juniper
	Total Potted Trees

Special Requests

Species/ Large Stock	

Required Information

Name:
Address:
Phone#

Please note: Due to the perishable nature of live plants, variability in planting conditions and care by the customer BSSCD has NO guarantee for survival or growth of any species. We do our best to provide you with quality stock from the time we receive it until the time you pick it up. There will be no refund for cancellations after January 1st.

Please contact us if you have any questions!
SCD Tree Shed Phone: (701) 523-8733

Please Mail Orders to:

1608 Old Airport Tr
Bowman, ND 58623

Orders Due November 1st, 2026

(orders can be submitted after November 1st, but for availability of species from the nurseries the sooner they are submitted the better!)

Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive, destructive insect that kills ash trees – those in the genus *Fraxinus* – throughout North America. It was first discovered in the U.S. in 2002 near Detroit, Michigan, where it had been for 5-10 years before it was finally discovered.

EAB was found in North Dakota in August 2024, at a rest stop in a rural area eight miles north of Edgeley (LaMoure County). It has been slowly spreading across nearby shelterbelts since the initial find. The insect was next found in Fargo in January 2026. While the initial infestation in Fargo was confined to a few blocks in downtown, it will likely spread quickly as insect populations slowly build. In August 2026, EAB was also found in Bismarck by city forestry staff while they were removing declining Ash trees.

It's difficult to identify infested trees based only on external symptoms. The symptoms that EAB causes can be attributed to a number of other insects or diseases that affect ash trees in our area. Adults are recognized as metallic, wood-boring beetles (Family Buprestidae) by their short saw-toothed antennae, blunt head and elongate yet compact body with metallic coloration. As the larvae grows inside the trunk and burrow, they will leave a D-shaped exit whole in the tree.

The vast majority of damage comes from feeding by the larvae in the phloem tissue, just under the bark. EAB larval galleries also can extend into the sapwood. This feeding behavior damages the vascular system of the tree, blocking water and nutrient transport. Visible symptoms of damage are dieback of the tree crown and excessive sprouting along the main stem of the tree. However, these symptoms are unlikely to be seen during the first year of infestation. Instead, dieback probably will be observed only in trees that have been infested for three years or longer.

There are several insecticide treatments that are available for EAB. However, treatments are effective only for individual trees, not for entire forests. Additionally, treatments can be expensive and must be continued throughout the life of the tree, or as long as a local infestation persists – 10 to 20 years. Tree owners must balance the costs of treatments, the long-term benefits of those individual trees, with the costs of removal and replacement trees, and the benefits that the new trees will provide. We don't recommend treating trees unless EAB has been found within 15 miles of your location. On its own, EAB spreads about a half-mile per year, with a maximum of 10 miles.











Information and Pictures Provided by the North Dakota State University

"Soil erosion is as old as agriculture. It began when the first heavy rain struck the first furrow turned by a crude implement of tillage in the hands or prehistoric man. It has been going on ever since, wherever man's culture of the earth has bared the soil to rain and wind."

-Hugh H. Bennett and W.C. Lowdermilk, circa 1930's

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