

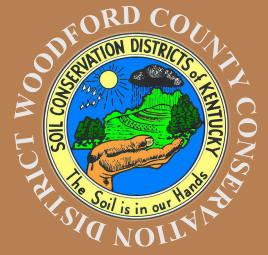
Woodford County Conservation District



2026 Annual Report



Introduction



The 2025-2026 fiscal year brought a lot of change to the Woodford County Conservation District - most notably a change in operational management. This transition has presented both challenges and opportunities, and we are just at the beginning stages of embracing the many opportunities that lie ahead of us. Adjustments are being made to improve operational and fiscal efficiency while continuing to deliver all of the many services that your Conservation District has provided in the past. We are eager to continue developing new conservation education/training opportunities and sources of external funding to further augment Woodford County's conservation efforts.

We look forward to working with you in 2027!

-Nat Colten, District Operations Manager

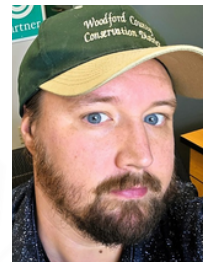
The Woodford County Conservation District is a subdivision of state government, funded by local tax dollars, and is governed by a board of seven locally elected Board Supervisors.

It exists to help land managers solve natural resource problems, set priorities for conservation work and coordinate federal, state and local resources to stimulate implementation.

Staff



Nat Colten
Operations Manager



Jared Davenport
Natural Resource Specialist

Board



Michael Duckworth
Chair



Peggy Carter Seal
Vice Chair



Curtis Congleton
Treasurer



Robert Richardson III
Supervisor



Joe Greathouse
Supervisor

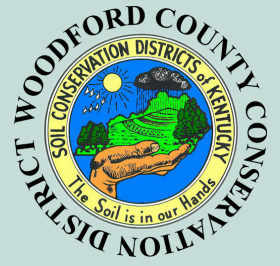


Donald Mitchell
Supervisor

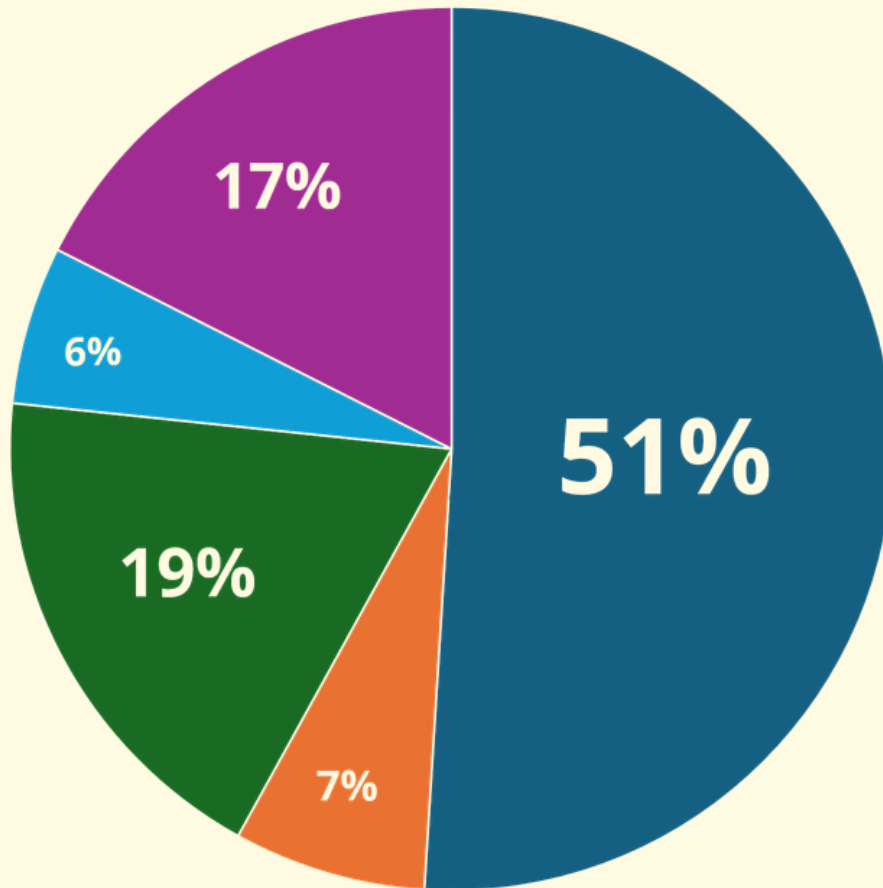


Brad Carmickle
Supervisor

Revenue



■ County ■ State ■ Infrastructure Rental ■ Equipment Rental ■ Other



County General Fund
\$230,132.00

Infrastructure Rental
\$84,056.08

Other
(reimbursements, grants & interest)
\$79,252.23

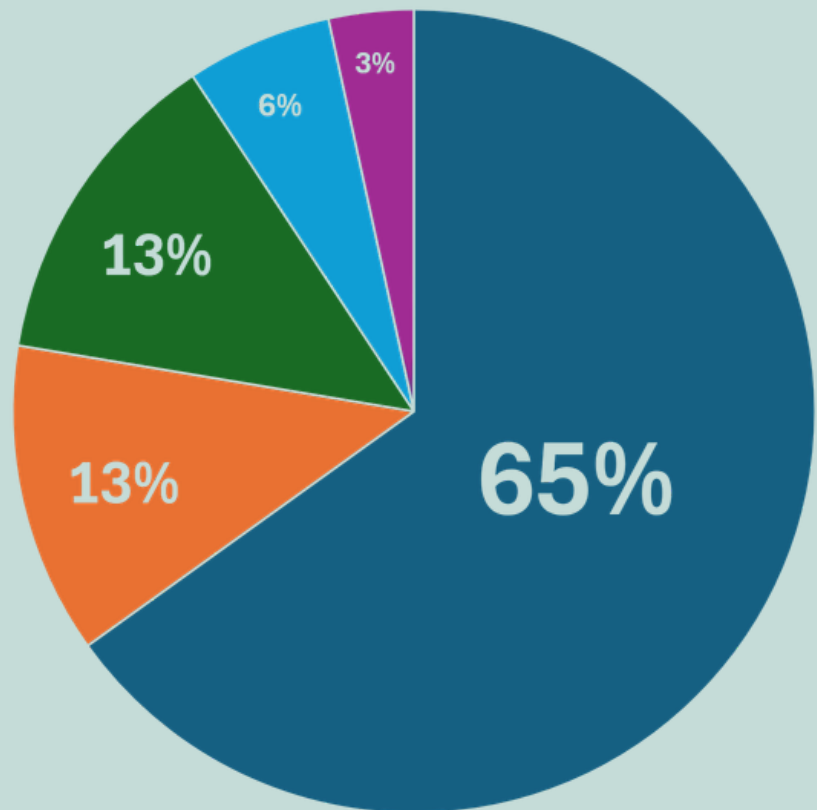
State Aid & Cost Share
\$31,783.23

Equipment Rental
\$26,120.00

Expenses



- Personnel, Operations & Administration
- Capital Outlay
- Local Cost Share
- State Cost Share
- Focused Conservation Projects



Personnel, Operations & Administration
\$230,132.00

Local Cost Share
\$57,414.18

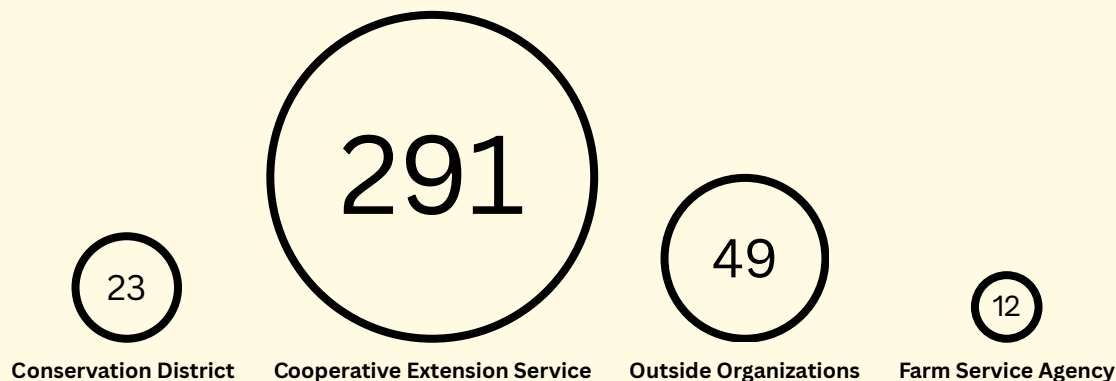
Capital Outlay
\$54,957.76

State Cost Share
\$25,783.23

Focused Conservation Projects
\$14,998.54

The Agriculture Resource Building

361 events in FY2026



Your local partner in natural resource conservation



Programs funded with County tax dollars had county-wide impact in FY2026.

Partnerships expanded our capacity to implement conservation efforts.

- \$2,235,688.35 in EQIP & CSP contracts
- \$25,783.23 in state cost share funding
- \$7,500 in grant money from Kentucky State University and the KY Office of Ag. Policy



1,100+ acres of cover crops planted

640 acres protected by the creation of 3 new agricultural districts

3,800+ trees given away

900+ acres grid sampled

556 soil tests

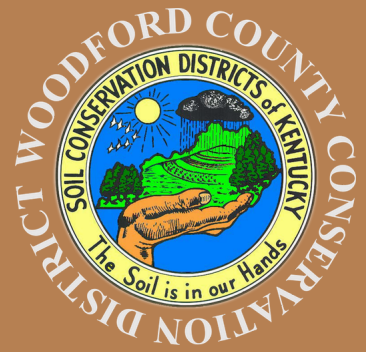
92 dead livestock properly disposed of

52 monarch waystations

21 Backyard Conservation Projects completed

19 rocked gateways

Education & Outreach



- Equipment rental and operator training continues to fund efforts like the annual scholarship program, which provides \$6,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- The annual Conservation Art & Writing Contest engaged hundreds of Woodford County students from 6 different schools by providing an opportunity to use art to communicate understanding of conservation. The Spring Fling Awards welcomed around 120 students and family members to celebrate their creative work.
- District staff coordinated and helped facilitate 11 community education events that ranged from teaching high school students how to use a shovel to teaching landowners how to responsibly use prescribed fire.

50+ technical assistance site visits in FY2026!



2026 scholarship recipients, Samuel Taylor & Eugenio Langdoc, at the Woodford County High School awards night with District Operations Manager Nat Colten and Board Vice Chair Peggy Carter Seal

\$1,361.29 in conservation education funding awarded to:

1. Walter Bradley Park
2. Midway University
3. Versailles Montessori
4. Southside Elementary



Community sponsorships:

- Woodford County Farmer's Market
\$4,500
- Woodford County Food Pantry
\$4,000
- Senior Citizens Program
\$861.63
- 4-H Camp Scholarship Fund
\$800

Looking Ahead



The Woodford County Conservation District is committed to sustaining existing efforts while also looking forward to future opportunities and partnerships. Outreach will be expanded in fiscal year 2027 through bimonthly columns in the Woodford Sun and participation in events like the annual Twilight Festival. The District also has plans to partner with the City of Versailles to begin implementation of the Glens Creek Watershed Plan with funding from the Kentucky Division of Water. Long range planning will begin this winter, and internal policies and procedures are being developed to improve fiscal and operational reliability. The District's updated plan of work and current long range plan can be viewed on our website via the link provided below.



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Contact Us



Thank you to the Woodford County Fiscal Court for their continued investment in conservation! Constructive feedback and collaboration are always welcome. The Woodford County Conservation District looks forward to hearing from you.

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about what the Conservation District has to offer? Reach out to our dedicated staff to schedule a site visit or explore our network of resources.



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