

Summer 2026



WOODFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Woodford Way

Celebrating 80 years...

The Woodford County Conservation District celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. That certainly pre-dates most people reading this! We do not take the past for granted, nor the change that has occurred since 1946, and your Conservation District looks forward to another 80 years of service to the wealth of natural resources that make Woodford County what it is.

Every county in Kentucky has a Conservation District, established in response to the Dust Bowl and, to some extent, the Great Depression of the 1930s. Your Woodford County Conservation District has, for 80 years, sought to promote and protect the conservative management of natural resources through outreach and education and by coordinating local, state and federal resources to strengthen locally-led conservation priorities. Leadership comes in many forms. Though Conservation Districts in Kentucky are subdivisions of state government in statute, we are funded through County tax dollars and governed by a board of seven elected Supervisors. Our Board of Supervisors has long been made up of dedicated conservationists, whose example is one of the most impactful forms of leadership there is. Throughout the rest of this year, we will be highlighting individuals in this community whose work and service mostly goes unnoticed, but whose impact on this idyllic bluegrass landscape will undoubtedly last another 80 years.

Have you registered for the 60th annual Woodford County Farm Tour?

Call or email the
Cooperative Extension Office
before Monday the 27th!
(859)-873-4601

60TH ANNUAL WOODFORD COUNTY FARM TOUR

MONDAY, JULY 27TH, 2026
8 AM-1 PM

FREE EVENT
HUFFMAN PAVILION AT FALLING SPRINGS
BUS TRANSPORTATION TO THE FARMS

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED
BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE JAMES KAY &
AUSTIN WINGATE, WOODFORD CO. FARM BUREAU INSURANCE



ECKERT'S ORCHARD



WOODFORD COUNTY
FARM TOUR



SYCAMORE FARM

• COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE
• FRUIT PRODUCTION
• AGRI-TOURISM

INDIVIDUAL
REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED:
(859) 873-4601

• CONVENTIONAL TOBACCO PRODUCTION
• SOYBEAN PRODUCTION
• GRAIN CROP ROTATION
• CONSERVATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



WOODFORD
COUNTY
FARM
BUREAU



PLEASE NOTE: TRANSPORTATION FOR THIS EVENT IS BY SCHOOL BUS ONLY



Disabilities accommodated
with prior notification.



Woodford County Community Conservation Education Grant

Apply if you are a Woodford County:

- ✓ Community Leader
 - ✓ Organizer
 - ✓ Resident
- and committed to conservation education!

Applications
accepted on a
continuous basis and
approved monthly

Awards up to
\$500
for projects or initiatives that provide
direct conservation benefit or further
community education

APPLY NOW!

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Woodford County
Conservation District
woodfordcd@gmail.com
859-873-4941 (EXT 3)



Woodford County Conservation Teacher Donation

Apply with your project if you want to :

- ✓ Enhance your STEM curriculum
- ✓ Instill environmental stewardship in students
- ✓ encourage hands-on learning

Applications
accepted on a
continuous basis and
approved monthly

Awards up to:
\$500
for project supplies, plant material, and
other project-related expenses

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Federal & State Programs

If you are interested in applying for state or federal cost-share, now is the time to schedule site. **Applications for both programs should be submitted by late September.**

Reach out to our office or visit the website for more information:

woodfordcd.com/cost-share

Farmland Protection

Be on the lookout for an informational meeting in late August-early September focused on farmland protection. If you are interested in farmland protection and rural land use/land use change, please reach out to our office to stay in the loop as we work toward addressing the need for more information and resources. In the mean time, see our website at woodfordcd.com/protection.



Featured Program

You are invited to the Young Conservationist Council



Dinner, Community, Conservation

Are you between the ages of 14 and 29?
Be part of the conservation conversation!



RSVP Here!



Wednesday, July 29th, 2026 at 5:30pm
661 Shannon Run Rd. Versailles, KY, 40383



AG WATER QUALITY

The Agriculture Water Quality Act requires landowners with 10 or more acres that are being used for agriculture or silviculture operations to develop and implement an ag. water quality plan (AWQP). It is the sole responsibility of each landowner to develop, implement, and revise their plan.

The AWQP is made up of best management practices (BMPs) that cover 6 different areas: silviculture, pesticides and fertilizers, farmstead, crops, livestock, and streams and other waters. The Woodford County Conservation District can assist with planning and implementation via technical assistance and cost-share funding programs. **An up-to-date AWQP is required to receive funding through cost-share programs in Kentucky.**

For more information, see the University of Kentucky's Ag. Water Quality Act website or contact the Conservation District Office.



**Applications
now accepted
year-round
approved
monthly**

Rock Gateway Program NOW OPEN



WOODFORD COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**New cost-sharing
structure!**

**1st yr: free
2nd yr: 75% covered
3rd yr: 50% covered
4th yr: 25% covered**

Upcoming Dates of Note

- July 27: Woodford County Farm Tour
- July 29: Young Conservationist Council gathering
- Aug 1: KYSU Small Farm Grant application deadline
- Aug 17: UKY Extension Gardener's Workshop Series
- Aug-Sept: *best time to seed pastures in KY*
- Sept 7: Offices closed for Labor Day
- Sept 12: Versailles Twilight Festival
- Sept 14: Cover Crop Program opens
- Oct 1: State Cost-Share application deadline
- Oct 1: KYSU Small Farm Grant application deadline

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