

Winter 2025-2026



WOODFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Woodford Way

Happy New Year!

2025 In Review

\$1 million+ in new NRCS contracts

\$45,000+ in new State Soil & Water Conservation contracts

5,700+ trees distributed

1,100 acres of cover crops

500+ soil samples tested

300+ students from 6 schools entered annual Art & Writing Contest

100+ livestock carcasses properly disposed of

32 monarch waystations

17 rocked gateways

7 Backyard Conservation projects

Thanks to our partners!

TEAM KENTUCKY[®]
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

USDA NRCS
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service



Cooperative Extension Service

USDA Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Disabilities accommodated
with prior notification.



Local Programs On The Horizon

- **Backyard Conservation Program:** applications open January 30th
- **Rocked Gateway Program:** applications February 2 - March 31
- **Monarch Waystation Program:** applications March 23 - April 17
- **Grid/Zone Soil Sampling Program:** year round
- **Dead Animal Removal Program:** year round
- **Free Soil Testing:** year round

Federal & State Programs

Step 1: Setup farm records with the Farm Service Agency located in the Ag. Resource Building at 180 Beasley Rd. Versailles, KY if you have not already.

Step 2: Submit a request for technical assistance to the WCCD in order to schedule an NRCS site visit. This can be done on our website via the Contact page, by email to woodfordcd@gmail.com, or by coming in to the office in person.

Step 3: Explore available programs and practices that address site-specific natural resource concerns with NRCS staff and submit applications as appropriate.

Conservation Educator Funding



Community Conservation Grant

DEADLINE: March 20, 2026

The Woodford County Conservation District provides a Community Conservation Education grant to further extracurricular conservation and conservation education initiatives in Woodford County. The maximum award amount is \$500. For more information and to download the application, visit our website at woodfordcd.com/scholarshipsandgrants.



Teacher Donation Program

DEADLINE: March 20, 2026

The Woodford County Conservation District provides a Teacher Donation opportunity to support conservation and conservation education in Woodford County schools. Donations of up to \$500 will be awarded until funds run out each year. For more information and to download the application, visit our website at woodfordcd.com/scholarshipsandgrants.

SURVEY

Are you interested in using prescribed fire as a land management tool?



Complete this interest survey!



Featured program!



Topics include:

1. **Leadership roles for farmers**
2. **Watersheds 101**
Why should you care?
3. **On farm conservation practices**

TAP YOUR POTENTIAL:

GROWING FARMER LEADERSHIP IN GLENNS CREEK & BEYOND

**FEBRUARY 3RD & 10TH, 2026
6:00PM-8:30PM**

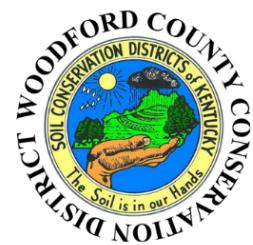
**Woodford County Extension Office
184 Beasley Rd, Versailles, KY
(MEAL PROVIDED)**

- ✓ understand watersheds
- ✓ improve soil and water resources in your local watershed
- ✓ become a leader for the benefit of your farm, your community, and KY.

Register Here:



**K Cooperative
Extension Service**



**K Kentucky Water
Research Institute**

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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.



Congratulations to the 2025 Art & Writing Contest winners!

Matthew Grinevich, Art

5th grade at Woodford Christian

Mrs. Preece's class

Luke Borth, Writing

8th grade at St. Leo

Mr. Pults' class



Upcoming Dates of Note

- **February 3: Equine pasture workshop**
- **February 3: Tap Your Potential, watershed leadership program**
- **February 10: Tap Your Potential, watershed leadership program**
- **February 23: WCCD board meeting**
- **March 1: scholarship application deadline**
- **March 20: Conservation Educator Grant application deadline**
- **March 23: WCCD board meeting**
- **March 31: Rock Gateway Program cutoff**
- **April 3: Offices close at noon for Easter**

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