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Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District

What it does

What it is

The Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District is a legal subdivision of Oregon State, officially organized through the efforts of local landowners in 1941.

Your SWCD administers the ongoing soil and water conservation programs as they relate to the total resources of the District. In fact the SWCD was organized by and for the Morrow County landowner to help solve common natural resource conservation problems.

Through authority under Oregon Statutes, the District may call in specialists from many federal and state organizations to help with conservation efforts.

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS), through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the primary agency to provide technical assistance on the local level. Congress has authorized the SCS to assign specialists to districts based upon conservation needs of the county. The specialists work directly with the landowner in carrying out voluntary proper land use programs.

In addition to basic soil and water conservation, the Morrow SWCD includes management assistance in other areas such as: pasture and range improvement and utilization; improvement and development of irrigation systems; drainage problems; land leveling; education; woodland management; reservoir design; land treatment and watershed development; weed control and fish and wildlife enhancement.

Your District Board of Directors is comprised of seven members from throughout the county. The Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District has a program to offer every landowner, so when you need assistance, call your nearest director or your SWCD office. We are located in the new Pettyjohn Building on the West end of town.

Field Trials

The Morrow SWCD has been the major sponsor of many field trials involving grass seedings, herbicide treatments, range rehabilitation programs and conservation tillage methods.

New Technology



Coordinated Land Treatment Projects

A major role for the Morrow SWCD has been to coordinate land treatment watershed projects. Shobe Canyon and the Heppner Critical Area Treatment Measure (City of Heppner), Dry Fork (Rock Creek), Rietmann Canyon (Ione), Blackhorse (Lexington) and Jordan Canyon (South Ione) have been projects initiated by the Morrow SWCD to provide flood control, erosion control and water quality benefits.

Education



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Preserves & Protects

Natural Resources

Weed Control



Grants

The Morrow SWCD is instrumental in obtaining grant monies for projects aimed at protecting the Natural Resources within the county. The District thus far has received several thousand dollars in grant funds to promote conservation.