

Annual Report of Accomplishments of the  
Madison County Soil Conservation District  
for 1969.

The year 1969 was an unusual year for the Madison County Soil Conservation District. It was a year of changes. It was also another year of frustration on the part of several of our cooperators. Extremely hot and dry weather in late June and early July caused a substantial reduction in crop production. We also saw the county swept with an insect infestation causing major damages in many cases to the soybean crop. Even with these hindrances, most crops produced at least an average yield.

We enjoyed growth in our district this year, even with the overall slow down now beginning to show in the economy. Industrial growth was very good this year. We saw the Procter and Gamble Company and the International Telephone and Telegraph Company among others announce plans to move to our county. The housing industry is moving as fast as the money market will allow. Naturally, these advancements are causing some conservation problems. We will continue to work with these people to gain interim conservation measures while development continues.

Our board of supervisors continued to be active in leading the conservation effort in Madison County. We held regularly scheduled meetings each month last year. Our board has the same Supervisors as in 1968. They are: J. Harris Smith Chairman; Harold McLeary, Vice-Chairman; John S. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer; Arthur Johnson Sr. and J. B. Spencer, Members.

We are proud of our record of representation at meetings of various levels of our Association of Conservation Districts. We attended the winter meeting of our area in Trenton and hosted the summer meeting of our area. We were represented at the State Convention in Memphis, the Southeastern area meeting in Gatlinburg, and the National Convention in Atlanta.

But our greatest pride is in the actual conservation accomplishments we realized.

Some of the more significant accomplishments we have listed:

Practice	Number	Amount
New District Cooperators	24	7,179 ac.
Basic Farm Conservation Plans Prepared	12	2,968 ac.
Basic Farm Conservation Plans Revised	14	2,914 ac.
ACP Referrals Serviced	97	
Diversions Channels Installed		2,900 ft.
Farm Ponds built	25	
Waterways shaped and vegetated		22 ac.
Main and Lateral Drains		1,700 ft.
Drainage Field Ditches		1,200 ft.
Parallel Terraces Installed		28,716 ft.
Trees Planted		247 ac.
Land Adequately Treated		4,878 ac.
Detailed Soil Surveys to date		177,361 ac.

Our district sponsored the land judging contest for FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs from Chester, Haywood and Madison Counties.

We distributed 150 desk calendars to pertinent business and supporters of our district. We enjoyed our association with 17 Affiliate Members this year. We depend greatly on our Affiliate Members for their advise and financial assistance in carrying out our program of Soil and Water Conservation.

We participated again this year in the Soil Stewardship observance. The district provided 3,500 placemats imprinted with a conservation message to restaurants in the county.

We fully supported the Tennessee and National Association of Conservation Districts. Our dues to these associations were payed early in the year.

Our Watershed Districts continued their notable progress this year. The directors of the Johnson Creek Watershed District are concerning themselves with the operation and maintenance of their project.

The directors of the Meridian Creek Watershed District saw their project near completion this year with the improvement of the last section of stream channel. Only vegetation of this section of channel remains to be done before declaring the project complet.

Clover Creek Watershed District Directors began developing a plan on their watershed in early April. At present they have tentatively located sites for 8 floodwater retarding structures. We will continue to support this much needed project.

We realize that conservation of our renewable natural resources is critical and more so now than ever before. With more land, previously left in pasture, now being row cropped in soybeans and with the rapid industrial development of our area we must broaden our scope of assistance and education of our people concerning conservation.

We feel that perennial grasses and legumes will and must assume its place in our total farming effort especially in the face of declining cotton and soybean prices. We agree with predictions that livestock will take the lead in agricultural growth in the 70's.

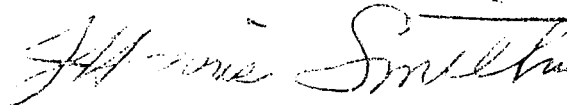
In order that we may get our message across to our landowners and operators, we believe we must have a full and well-rounded information program. To accomplish these goals we have weekly news articles in The Jackson Sun, we present two 5 minute programs each week over radio station WTJS we provide monthly spot announcements to 3 radio stations in Jackson and the Soil Conservation Service provides monthly slides and film strips to Television Station WBBJ in Jackson. We also initiated a "scanner card" service to the local cable TV station. Further plans call for conservation films to be shown on a regular basis through the Cable TV facilities.

Cooperation between landowners and the district is good. In order that we may provide a good service to our cooperators we have obtained \$3,000 from our County Court to provide a full-time office secretary. Mrs. Maxine S. Blankenship has served this year as our District Secretary.

This has been a year of change in our technical staff. Billy Headden, District Conservationist at the beginning of the year returned to school and Larry Goff Soil Conservationist, was transferred to Dresden, Tennessee. Cecil W. Settle, came to our county in September as District Conservationist. Clint E. Jordan continued as our Conservation Technician. William T. Whitwell worked as our district during the summer months as a trainee. We appreciate this assistance that we receive from the Soil Conservation Service under the leadership of Messrs J. Ralph Sasser as State Conservationist and D. F. Luckey as Area Conservationist.

We also appreciate the invaluable assistance and promotion of our efforts given to us by the Jackson Sun, Radio Stations WTJB, WLYI and WYAK, Television Station WBBJ, The Extension Service, Farmers Home Administration, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Tennessee Department of Conservation, our County Court, The City of Jackson, our Affiliate Members, our County Schools, and all other business and individual supporters named and unnamed

We respectfully submit this report as witness for our record in 1969.



J. Harris Smith, Chairman of the Board  
Madison County Soil Conservation District

Financial Statement  
 Annexed to our Annual Report  
 1-9-69 to 1-14-70

On Deposit January 9, 1969		1447.46
Receipts during the year		3437.00
Affiliate Members	425.00	
Madison County Court	3,000.00	
Drink Box	12.00	
Total Receipts		4884.46

Expenditures

District Secretary	2,544.10	
Director of Internal Revenue	415.20	
Old Age and Survivors Ins.	288.60	
TACD & NACD Dues	190.00	
Travel Expenses - Conventions & Meetings	214.62	
U.S. Post Office (Postage)	30.00	3,682.52

Net on Deposit January 14, 1970		1,201.94
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