

1976 ANNUAL REPORT
MADISON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

This report is prepared by the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and presented to the people of Madison County. Your Soil Conservation District is directed by a five man Board of Supervisors who give their time and effort simply because of their concern with the present and future conservation problems of Madison County. Supervisors are: Franklin James, Chairman; J.R. Azbill, Vice-Chairman; J.B. Spencer, Secretary-Treasurer; Swanee Lawrence, and Jimmy Stanford.

The Madison County Soil Conservation District is a non-profit, legally organized, subdivision of the State Government. The District has entered into a working agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for technical assistance to be provided to the landowners and others of Madison County.

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service provides this technical assistance through the District office in Jackson. The staff is Charles R. Leslie, District Conservationist, and Bobby C. Clifford, Soil Conservationist. Engineers, Biologist, Agronomist, Foresters and Soil Scientists are available for local service upon request. Mrs. Maxine S. Blankenship is the District Secretary.

Jackson and Madison County continues to be the primary growth center for this area. Naturally, this growth and development magnifies the already taxing pollution and environmental problems of the area. This is the reason our District has chosen to provide technical information in directing non-agricultural growth within the District. The District has given assistance to the Madison County Planning Commission, the Jackson Regional-Municipal Planning Commission, and the various committees of the Madison County Court.

The District actively supports the Chickasaw-Shiloh Resource Conservation and Development Project. We have joined the other Soil Conservation Districts, County, and City governments in the preparation of a Project Plan.

J.R. Azbill represents the Madison County Board of Supervisors on the Executive Committee.

Franklin James represents the District and is a member of the Board of the Obion-Forked Deer River Basin Authority a 14 county organization set up to combat flooding within the basin.

We again carried out our regular soil and water conservation program consisting of conservation planning and application assistance. Our technicians provided conservation planning assistance to landowners upon request. Program emphasis this year has been providing assistance to farm operators using sloping land for the production of row crops. We have promoted conservation measures such as parallel terraces (some with pipe outlets) diversions, grassed waterways and land conversion to grass on lower production sites as a means to accomplishing conservation treatment.

Our Watershed Districts have continued the operation of their organizations in good order this year.

We have 24 affiliate members this year. We depend greatly on our Affiliate members for their advice and financial assistance in carrying out our program of soil and water conservation.

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

The District Board of Supervisors were active in several projects this year. Some of the projects were:

Continued an active affiliate membership drive.

Attended Area Meetings for Supervisor, Watershed Directors, and Resource Conservation and Development Projects Council Members.

Franklin James served as Director of Area 8.

Radio programs were given promoting good soil and water conservation practices. Supported the Chickasaw-Shiloh RC&D Project both financially and with resource information.

Provided flood information to local, state, and regional offices.

A successful District must enlist and recognize the assistance contributed by all.

We appreciated the invaluable assistance and promotion of our efforts given to us by: The Jackson Sun; Radio Stations WDXI, WTJS, and 15Q. Television Stations JCA and WBBJ; The Extension Service, Farmers Home Administration; Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation; The Madison County Court; The City of Jackson; The Jackson Regional-Municipal Planning Commission; The Madison County Planning Commission; our Affiliate Members; Schools and Colleges in the District; and all other business and individuals.

We urge everyone to join in the District soil and water conservation program. We respectfully submit this report as witness for our records in 1976.


Franklin James, Chairman
Madison Soil Conservation District

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