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Madison County Soil Conservation District

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The Madison County Soil Conservation District was formed in 1941 by local leaders who realized the need for an organized soil and water conservation program.

For thirty-nine years the District has been committed to promoting good soil conservation ethics while working against soil erosion and toward improved land management. Local leaders still direct the program and rely on your support and cooperation.

THE STAFF - 1980

The District was staffed by Madison County employees and by employees of the Soil Conservation Service. The Soil Conservation Service personnel included Paul Aydelott, district conservationist; Bobby Clifford, soil conservationist; and Phillip Wilson, soil conservationist. Madison County employees included Maxine Blankenship, District Secretary; and Benton James, district technician; and Bill Tomlin, part-time technician.

OUR MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 1980

The number of people assisted in 1980 increased 22% over 1979. Five hundred ninety-four technical services were provided to those people. Farmers were helped in developing conservation plans on 5,711 acres. As a result of previous planning, conservation practices were applied on 4,957 acres. Ninety percent of the land treated was cropland—the land with the most severe erosion problems. We helped build 41,669 ft. of terraces, 15,458 ft. of diversions, and 44 sediment basins.

A conservation tour was held on Noel Moore's Resource Management Conservation farm in August, and practices like terraces, diversions, ponds, and critical area treatment were highlighted. Eighty people attended the tour while many more listened to a live, two-hour radio broadcast provided by WTJS.

For the second year the District leased a no-till planter to local farmers to create interest in conservation tillage. As a result several planters were bought, and conservation tillage increased 330% over 1979.

The District was one of three featured at the Tennessee Association of Conservation District convention last year. John S. Smith was chosen by TACD as Tennessee's Outstanding Conservationist for 1980. The Jackson Sun was selected as the most outstanding firm supporting conservation in West Tennessee.

Construction was started on the massive gully at McKellar Field airport. The gully, whose growth threatens one of the runways, will soon be brought under control. The estimated total cost of the project is \$367,000 with \$275,000 being provided by the Soil Conservation Service through the Resource Conservation and Development Program.

The Madison-Cypress Creek Watershed was approved for preplanning as a small watershed and flood prevention project. If the project is approved federal funding, 9100 acres of severely eroding cropland will be treated and flooding problems will be reduced.

#### A WORD OF THANKS

We recognize that much of the District's progress is due to the financial support of the Madison County Commission, the State Legislature, and our Affiliate Members.

Equally worthy of thanks are the people, churches, groups, industries, news media, and other agencies that offer the support and teamwork essential for success.

#### AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Affiliate members are those people, groups, and firms that support the District financially. Annual dues are \$25.00. Affiliate Members for 1980 include:

Terry Moore	Production Credic Association
Billy Wood	Dwayne McGill
Federal Land Bank	The Jackson Sun
First Tennessee Bank	First National Bank
Madison Co. Farm Bureau	Madison Co. Milk Association
Madison Co. Co-Op.	National Bank of Commerce
Southern Gas Corp.	D & C Tractor Co.
Golden Circle Equipment Implement Center	S. M. Lawrence Co.



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