

**Cole County Soil and Water
Conservation District
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ANNUAL MEETING

We would like to extend a special invitation to each of you to attend the 30th Annual Meeting of the Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2019, at Reinhardt Circle, 5007 Buffalo Road in Jefferson City.

The meal will be provided by the District. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner service to begin at 6:30 p.m. As always, families are invited.

The planned program will include a presentation by the Cole County Historical Society on the history of Cole County. There will be door prizes donated by local businesses to be given away at the end of the meeting

To make reservations to attend, please contact the Cole County SWCD office at the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City by March 20th. Call 573-893-5188 ext. 3.



2019 Stewardship Week
April 28 - May 5, 2019

Cost Share

A portion of the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax is used for Missouri landowners to install soil and water conservation practices through the state cost-share program. These practices conserve soil, which consequently improves water quality by reducing sedimentation in rivers and streams.

How will these practices benefit you?

- Keep your valuable topsoil by reducing soil erosion
- Get the best use of your natural water resources and protect them from pollutants
- Develop the best nutrient and pest management plan for your needs with less runoff, therefore, protecting local streams
- Install a rotational grazing system that benefits your livestock, water resources, land and time
- Through irrigation, efficiently and uniformly apply water to control runoff and conserve water supplies and appropriately apply nutrients and chemicals.
- Recycle animal waste for use on agricultural land
- Protect your groundwater

Cost-Share Practice Categories

- Sheet/Rill and Gully Erosion
- Grazing Management
- Animal Waste Management
- Nutrient and Pest Management
- Sensitive Areas
- Woodland Erosion

Cover Crops

Cover crops have the potential to provide multiple benefits in a cropping system. They prevent erosion, improve soil's physical and biological properties, supply nutrients, suppress weeds, improve the availability of soil water, and break pest cycles along with various other benefits. The species of cover crop selected along with its management determine the benefits and returns. Cost-share assistance is available for installing cover crops on cropland. You must have a minimum of 2 species in your crop rotation. A per acre rate of \$30 per acre for a 1 or 2 species cover crop mix or \$40 for a 3 or more species cover crop mix is available. The cover crops cannot be harvested for grain, seed or hayed but they may be grazed once the forages reach a minimum height of 6-8 inches. For more information contact our office at 573-893-5188 ext. 3.

Grazing Schools

Grazing School is a requirement to receive State Cost-Share Assistance for any of the Grazing Management Programs. The schools are normally limited to 30 participants. Osage County will be hosting the 2019 Tri-County Grazing School at the Fire House near Bonnots Mill on May 2 and 3. Other schools in the area will be held at Versailles on April 11 & 12, near Rolla on April 17 and 18, at Camdenton on April 24 & 25 and at the Wurdack Research Center near Cook Station on September 26 & 27. If you are interested in these schools or to get more information on other schools in the state, please contact us at 573-893-5188 ext. 3.

The Programs and Services of the Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District are funded by the 1/10-cent Parks and Soils Sales Tax and private donations. For more information about the Cole County Soil & Water Conservation District see our web page at <https://mosoilandwater.land/cole>.

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