

Barnwell Soil & Water Conservation District

Working for you!



What are Conservation Districts?

Conservation districts are a subdivision of state government under the local direction of a five-member Board of Commissioners. Three Commissioners are elected in the General Election and two are appointed by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources Board. District Commissioners volunteer their time and services to help improve natural resources. They work in partnership with staff who provide technical, educational and professional services to protect the natural resources of the district. The district works in conjunction with SCDNR and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS). There are 46 conservation districts in South Carolina. Their boundaries are the same as county boundaries.

Meetings

The Barnwell Conservation District meets every third Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:00 pm, at the District Office in Barnwell. For more information, please call (843) 259-7144.

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Technical Services

The District's field office staff assists farmers, landowners, and units of government by providing land-use planning, engineering services, agronomy recommendations, soils information, and other technical assistance related to natural resource management. This results in the completion of conservation practices that benefit cropland, woodland, and wildlife habitat while improving water quality throughout Barnwell County. USDA programs are available to provide cost share for some these conservation practices.

The District also offers a strong education program for all schools in the county. This program includes poster and essay contests, environmental workshops, outdoor classrooms, earth day and soil stewardship programs, and distribution of materials to the students.

If yo would like more information regarding activities and programs available through the Barnwell Soil & Water Conservation District, please contact us at (803) 259-7144.

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GIS ARCVIEW Map

Aerial View - Plan Maps
Soils Overlay
Roads
Streams
Waterbodies
Topographic Maps

All programs and services of the Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service and DNR-Land, Water and Conservation Division are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis with regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age mental status or handicap.

Educational Programs

- Essay and Poster Contests - held annually by the Barnwell District. The contest promotes conservation education for our youth and recognized all winners in each grade.
- Earth Day- Various programs are available by the District in all Barnwell County Schools to promote Earth Day. Programs include pollution, water quality, littering, soils, recycling, wildlife habitat, and backyard conservation.
- Soil Stewardship Programs - Usually presented during Soil Stewardship Week, these programs vary in topics each year. Food for the Future and The Living Soil are past topics explored. PowerPoint presentations are available for classroom or larger audiences.
- Arbor Day-The District assists with judging poster contests, helps organize programs for Arbor Day, and participates in tree and seed planting ceremonies. Information on Arbor Day is available through the District.
- Workshops - The Barnwell District Sponsors the Carolina Coastal Adventure, the S.C. Institute for Natural Resources, and the Envirothon Workshop.
- Outdoor learning - The District provides assistance with developing outdoor classrooms and nature trails for hands-on learning.

Contact us to schedule programs or for available workshops for your school or organization.



SC Natural Resources Institute Workshop held at Lander University



Commissioner Nettles assisting Blackville students with wildflower paintings.



H2O Camp - Stream assessment at State Park



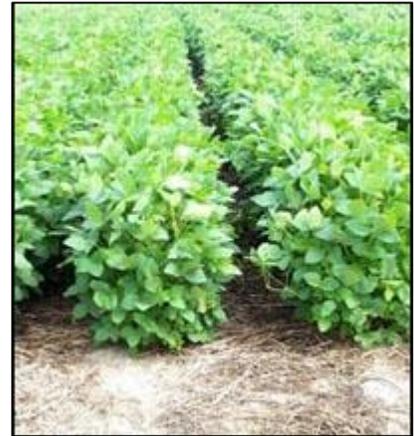
Carolina Coastal Adventure Workshop held at Somerset facility on Lake Moultrie in Moncks Corner, SC.

Conservation Practices

Assistance for surveying and mapping terraces, grass waterways, lagoons, ponds and conservation and wildlife plans can be obtained from the Conservation Partnership through the District Office. The Conservation Partnership is made up of the [S.C. Department of Natural Resources](#), [S.C. State Forestry Commission](#), [Clemson Extension Service](#), the [Farm Service Agency](#), [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) and Rural Development of the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#).



Prescribed burning promotes new growth and increases wildlife habitat.



Soybeans planted no-till behind lupine - No-till has protected these soybeans from wind erosion, increased moisture, as well as prevented sheet and rill erosion over the years.



A new Grass for Pastures

MaxQ is a new toxin-free variety of Fescue grass that is adapted to some coastal plain soils. This cool season grass provides grazing during the fall and early spring months when traditional warm season grasses such as Bermuda are not productive.

Wetland Reserve Program

The Wetland Reserve Program is a voluntary program to restore wetlands that have been altered or drained. Landowners can establish conservation easements of either permanent or 30 year duration, or they can enter into a restoration cost-share agreement where no easement is involved. In exchange for establishing a permanent conservation easement through WRP, the landowner received payment up to the agricultural value of the land as well as cost-sharing for work needed to restore the wetland. The landowner continues to control access to their land.



Water Control Structure



Building Swale



Wetland



Seeded Dike

Thank you Affiliate Members for your support!

Thanks to our affiliate members' donations the Barnwell District has enhanced and increased its environmental educational programs. Without these donations the Barnwell Conservation District would not be able to provide the educational programs and technical assistance that promote the wise use of our natural resources.

Our environmental educational programs are available for schools, scout troops, churches, garden clubs, and other organizations interested in learning more about taking care of our natural resources.

Thank you for helping make Barnwell County a better place to live.

Affiliate Membership Form

The commissioners of the Barnwell Soil and Water Conservation District are committed to helping Educate Barnwell County's children and landowners about our natural resources. It is our goal that land-users and students develop an understanding of inter-relationships of man, water, soil, air and wildlife.

The Barnwell District is a nonprofit organization that depends on financial support from Affiliate Members. Through your donation, the District is better able to promote conservation in all schools in the county and sponsor the various programs available to promote conservation stewardship within Barnwell County.

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Platinum (\$200 or more)

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