

TURTLE & MOUSE SOIL MATES

“Caring for the Land, One Step at a Time”



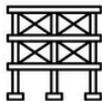


Helping North Dakota farmers strengthen cropland productivity and resilience with perennial grass cover.



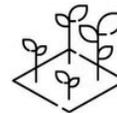
Program Administration and Delivery

The program is administered by North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts and North Dakota Game and Fish, with local delivery through Soil Conservation Districts and partners.



Guiding Principles – The LEGACY Framework

- ✓ Land Stewardship
- ✓ Ecology and Energy
- ✓ Growth and Governance
- ✓ Agriculture and Access
- ✓ Conservation and Collaboration
- ✓ Yield and Your Future



Benefits of Perennial Cover

- ✓ Improved Soil Health
- ✓ Water Retention
- ✓ Wildlife Habitat



OPEN TO ALL CROPLAND

Program Details

- 5-year agreement to establish and manage grass.
- Annual rental payment based on the average county rental rate.
- Cost-share for grass seed and seeding - \$50/acre for seed | \$50/acre for establishment.
- \$10 per acre crop insurance premium reduction for every acre of perennial grass established.
- Optional \$15 per acre public access incentive through NDGFD’s Private Land Open To Sportsmen program.

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2026 NORTHERN SOIL COMPACTION CONFERENCE

4-DAY LIVE WEBINAR SERIES
TUESDAYS IN FEBRUARY
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST



Why Attend?

- Designed for farmers in the US Upper Midwest and Southern Canada
- Learn practical strategies to prevent & diagnose issues
- See how management, equipment & soil health interact
- Reduce yield loss from compaction
- Hear from leading universities, agronomists, and machinery experts
- \$75 for all four days and access to the recorded presentations

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Questions?
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What You'll Learn

Feb 3rd	What is Compaction & How it Develops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The behavior and character of soil compaction• Field management decisions that influence soil compaction• Is tile drainage the right solution to mitigate compaction?—the answer: it depends!• Diagnosing compaction
Feb 10th	Crop Impact, Nutrients, & Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Precision inflation system- Effect of crop yield from tire inflation pressure management and total mass• How do soil management decisions affect soybean disease development?• Nutrient movement in compacted soil• The hidden cost of compaction
Feb 17th	Tires, Tracks, Tillage, & Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How tillage decisions impact susceptibility to soil compaction• Tires & tracks - understanding your choices and making the right decisions• Choices - what the data tells and why central tire inflation needs to be a serious consideration
Feb 24th	Soil Health, Cover Crops, & Alleviation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building soil resiliency to combat compaction• Breaking up soil compaction - what cover crops can (and can't) do• Alleviating compaction with iron• Traffic management systems for improved soil sustainability

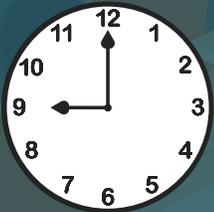
**For more information and to
register, visit
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or scan QR code**



2026 Joint Meeting



Wednesday, March 4th



9:00 AM



Westhope Gateway



Mouse River Soil Conservation District



Ladies Ag Night

Come spend the evening with us!

The Mouse River SCD is hosting a Ladies Ag Night on April 9th from 5–7 PM at Shawna's Place (Westhope, ND). We're keeping it small (limited to just 20 ladies) to give you a better experience! We are having hands-on activities, speakers, and good eats, plus plenty of time to visit and connect.

\$10 per person (helps cover supplies and refreshments).

Come as you are, we'd love to see you there!



RSVP

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY-March

- Hired new District Manager
- Reorganization of the board/Oaths of office
- 2025 Annual Plan
- Training with Turtle Mountain SCD
- Quarterlies sent

APRIL-JUNE

- Tree and shrubs orders
- 2026 Mill Levy/Budget
- Training with TMSCD
- Greet, Grow and Games with the community and the MRSCD employees
- 2026 Mill Levy Budget
- Maintenance equipment for planting season
- Finalized tree orders
- Training with TMSCD

JULY-SEPTEMBER

- Planting and weed barrier installation completed
- Summer newsletter published
- Area III meeting
- Quarterlies sent
- Meeting with NRCS and TMSCD
- Tree sale held

OCTOBER-DECEMBER

- In memory of Randy Fyllesvold (MRSCD supervisor)
- Tree plans for 2026
- 2026 budget public hearing
- Fall newsletter
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- Fall newsletter
- Quarterlies sent

YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS



Total meetings attended 10
1 new district manager and a new supervisor



Planted **14,620 ft**



Weed barrier installed **9,592**



Site preparation **8 hours**



Tree
sale: 800
trees/shrubs

Planted in 4 differentst
locations in Westhope,
Mohall and Newburg.



A Warm **≡Welcome≡** to Levi!



Levi Feland has joined MRSCD as a new supervisor. Levi is from Antler, ND, and is involved in farming with his family. He earned a degree in agronomy from Bismarck State College and brings both practical agricultural experience and technical knowledge to the district. We're pleased to welcome Levi and look forward to working with him.

We want to thank you!

For your generous support throughout the year. Your trust has helped Mouse River SCD grow and serve in meaningful ways. Hoping you had a great Holidays ♥



MOUSE RIVER SCD 2026 SERVICES RATE

PLANTING	
Machine Tree Planting	\$40.00/100ft. (\$300 minimum) (Trees included)
Hand Plant Trees	\$2.50/each (\$3.00 for a container) \$55.00 /Bundle
Hand Planting (District)	\$5.00/per tree, plus tree cost
WEED BARRIER (FABRIC)	
Weed Barrier Installation	\$80.00/100ft (\$300 minimum)
Weed Barrier (fabric cut to order)	\$0.75 per foot \$200 a roll
Ground Staples	5 for \$10.00 / \$70.00 per box
SITE PREPARATION	
Tree Row Cultivation (Tilling)	\$85.00/hr. (\$200 Minimum)
Site Mowing	\$75.00/hr. (\$200 Minimum) (\$250 Minimum Out of District)

\$1.50 per mile charge if site is not ready for trees and weed barrier

2025 Turtle Mountain SCD Annual Report

January

- NDASCD Annual Dues Paid
- Reorganization of the Board/Oath of Office
- New 2025 Annual Plan
- Help Train New Mouse River SCD District Manager

April

- 2026 Mill Levy/Budget Finalized
- District Equipment Ready To Go!
- Finalized Tree Orders
- Tree and Grass Seeding Site Checks
- Working With Mouse River SCD

June

- Tree Planting Continues
- Weed Barrier Installation Continues
- Warm/Cool Grass Seedings
- DART/Contribution Agreement

August

- Joint Workshop with Mouse River SCD Grass Seeding Window Begins
- Tree/Shrub Plantings-Assessments
- Outdoor Heritage Grant Applications
- NDFS Cost-Share Tree Planning

October

- 7thGrade Conservation Tour (Cancelled Due to Gov. Shutdown)
- Late Fall/Dormant Grass Seeding
- Tree Plans for 2026
- Fall Newsletter
- Assisted NRCS with EQIP & CSP Programs/Contracts

February

- Published 2024 Annual Report
- Tree &Shrub Orders
- Joint Meeting with Mouse River SCD
- Winter Newsletter Published



2025 Numbers at a Glance:

Tree Plantings-32,283 ft.

Weed Barrier/Fabric

Installation-32,122 ft.

No-till Drill Grass
Seeding-140.5 acres

*Thank you to all we have
worked with this past
season, and we look
forward to yet another year!*

November

- NDASCD Convention
- 2026 Tree Orders
- 2026 Rates of Services
- Fall/Dormant Grass Seeding
- Continue 2026 Tree Plans and Spring Grass Seeding Plans

March

- Finalized Tree/Fabric Plans
- Spring Newsletter Published
- DART/Contribution Agreement
- 2026 Mill Levy/Budget

May

- 2024 Financial Reports to State Auditor
- Spring Site Prep./Tilling Starts
- Tree Planting Starts
- Spring Grass Seeding Window Begins
- Weed Barrier Installation Continues

July

- Weed Barrier/Fabric Installation Completed
- Summer Newsletter Published
- On-site Tree Plans
- Hosted Area III Meeting at Metigoshe Ministries

September

- 2026 Budget Review Hearing
- Tree Plans for 2026
- Fall Site Preparation and Onsite Visits
- Equipment Inventory
- DART/Contribution Agreement

December

- TMSCD-8 Meetings Held
- End of Year Reports
- Dart/Contribution Agreement
- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

