



# Adams Soil and Water Conservation District



ASWCD Website



## Reducing Flood Risk & Sediment Delivery to Little Weiser River

With the help of a Flood Management Grant from the Idaho Water Resource Board, ASWCD was able to partner with Adams County to replace two inadequate culverts with a properly sized culvert on Thorn Creek. Adams County provided both cash and in-kind match for Road & Bridge Department labor, equipment and materials. The Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission contributed engineering and technical assistance. And Adams Soil & Water Conservation District provided in-kind match in the form of grant administration. Replacing these underperforming culverts will reduce flood risk and protect water quality in the Weiser River Basin. At the same time, the longer culvert will improve safety and maintenance of the county road. The total cost of the project was \$40,678.96. The Flood Management Grant from the Idaho Water Resource Board covered fifty percent of the cost, or \$20,339.37.

Note: This grant was received in FY2025-26 and is not reflected in FY2024-25 Revenue.



## Other Accomplishments in 2024

- Made the District's Esch no-till drill available for rent by area landowners and promoted no-till practices on our website and in the local newspaper. Using a no-till drill promotes soil health by increasing soil fertility and decreasing soil disturbance while decreasing input costs for farmers. Five landowners planted more than 90 acres using the no-till drill in 2025, bringing the total to more than 400 acres of no-till in just two years.
- Collaborated with the Payette SWCD and other districts to put on the 14th Soil Health Symposium, a valuable one-day education- al event on regenerative agriculture for more than one hundred area producers.
- Co-sponsored the weed tour with the Adams CWMA and Adams County Weed Control to educate landowners about noxious weeds.



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## Top Five District Priorities:

1. District Operations
2. Public Outreach
3. Water Quality & Quantity
4. Pasture & Hay Land
5. Rangelands

## FY 2024 Revenue

- State \$ 27,683
- Adams County \$ 4,000
- City of Council \$ 500
- No-till Rental Inc. \$3,383

## Our Mission

To use the educational, fiscal and technical resources at our disposal to assist landowners, especially agricultural producers, in putting voluntary resource conservation into practice.

## Testing Private Wells in Adams County

ASWCD sponsored an introductory program to help Adams County residents get their domestic wells tested for bacteria and nitrates. In June and July, ASWCD provided water collection bottles, instructions for sampling, and transport of samples to Analytical Lab in Boise for testing. The District paid for the nitrate and bacteria tests. Forty residents participated from Indian Valley, Council, and New Meadows. Homeowners who participated in the program were given the option to share nitrate and bacteria results with the District. Of the 18 who shared their results, three reported a positive result for bacteria and four reported a positive result for nitrates. All four of the positive results for nitrates were below the maximum level allowed as defined by national drinking water standards. Well owners with positive results for bacteria were given the opportunity to have well-water retested and the sample collected by an ASWCD supervisor to ensure the sample was collected correctly. Two out of the three had their water retested for bacteria. One of the two retest results was shared with ASWCD and it as negative. The District invested \$1700 from its general funds to pay for this pilot program.



John Stone of Council collects a water sample for testing his domestic well for nitrates and bacteria.

## Monitoring Air Quality

The District purchased two Purple Air sensors to monitor air quality in Council and Indian Valley. Now local residents and school officials can view real-time data via the internet to see when air quality from wildfire smoke or prescribed fire reaches unsafe levels when people may want to curtail outdoor activities.



## Looking ahead to 2026

In November 2025, the Idaho Water Resource Board awarded ASWCD an Aging Infrastructure Grant. This \$89,000 grant will allow us to partner with the East Fork Ditch Company to make repairs to 60-year-old irrigation infrastructure in 2026-27.

The District remains committed to public information and resource education. We support Idaho Envirothon, the Forestry Contest, Ag in the Classroom, UI Natural Resources Camp, and Land and Soil Evaluation competition.

Other plans for 2026 include:

- Co-hosting the 15th Soil Health Symposium
- Hosting a field day to demonstrate and promote the use of the no-till drill
- Reaching out to landowners to encourage and assist with fuels reduction projects on private timber lands
- Offering two or more \$1000 scholarships to local students who are pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture or natural resources
- Assisting area landowners with technical and cost-share assistance to implement BMPs