

# Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)

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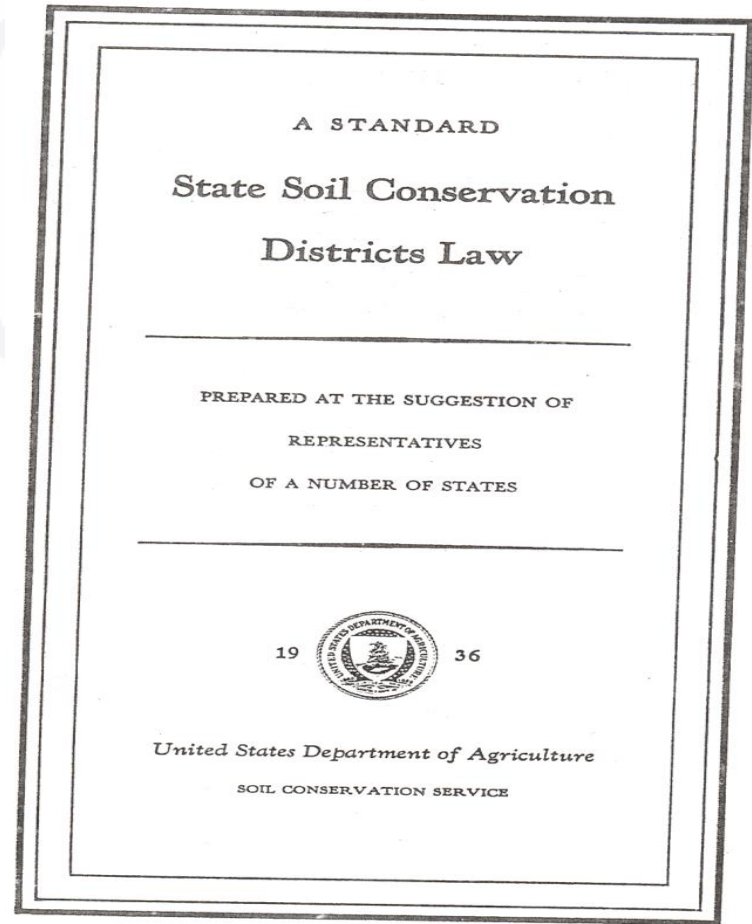


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# Standard State Soil Conservation District Law

- In 1937,  
President  
Roosevelt sent  
governors a  
copy of the  
Standard State  
District Act
- 3,000 Districts  
across the nation



# MN Soil & Water Conservation Districts

- Minnesota SWCD Powers & duties (MN State Statute 103C)
- A SWCD is a legal subdivision of the state
- 88 SWCDs in Minnesota



# SWCDs...

- Private Lands Conservation
- Voluntary Incentive Programs
- Conservation Education



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# SWCDs Governed by Elected Board Members



# SWCDs Have Resource Professionals





# SWCDs Work with Landowners





# SWCDs & Landowners Implementing Practices





# SWCDs Cost-Share with Landowners



# SWCDs

- Do *not* have land use authority (planning and zoning)
- Do *not* have taxing authority



# SWCD Funding Sources

- County
- State
- Self Generated
- *Federal*



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# SWCDs Primary Partners

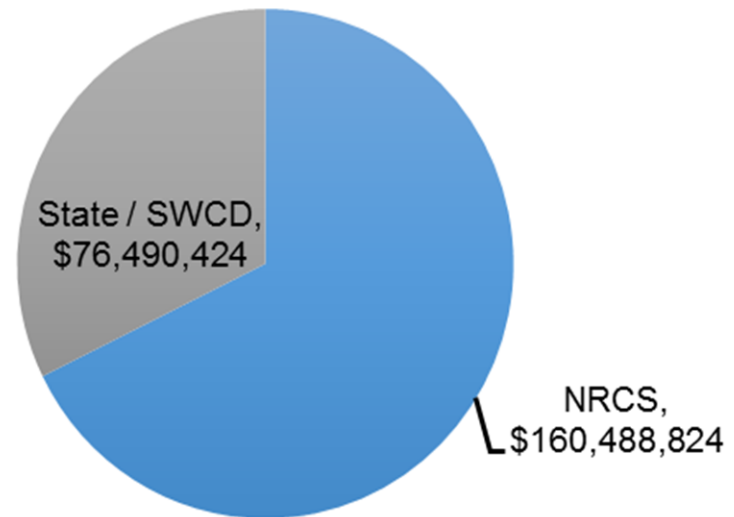
- Landowners
- County Government
- Watershed Districts
- Cities
- MN Board of Water & Soil Resources
- USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service



# SWCD Economic Impact



**\$411 Million Value Added to MN Economy**



Partner	Multiplier
NRCS All Programs	1.19
State/SWCD	1.35



HELPING PEOPLE

FOR **80** YRS



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