Financial Assistance

The USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency provide financial assistance through a cost-sharing program to cooperators for installing conserving technologies (CP), (EF), and (EQA) equipment. Funding is provided for the construction of new feed lot and ditches and the implementation of water quality practices. For the 2006 fiscal year, CP was $37,324 per FSA, used in conjunction with CP and EF funds. After the equipment is purchased, the projects were inspected by the District's construction supervisor and approved by the State's quality assurance program. Of the $192,743 funds used for 2006, 37% of the funds were used for CP, 35% for EF, and 28% for EQA.

Tax Credit Assistance Program

The District employs a survey technician who maintains liability in the assistance with the tax credit program in Kent County. The Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) in Dover, manages the program.

DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

At this time the District is called upon to assist landowners with drainage problems. But it does not fall under the SEDIMENT & STORMWATER or Tax Credit programs. These requests for assistance concern drainage problems, problems that might cause flooding, erosion, pollution, etc. The District handled 138 requests for drainage assistance during 2006.

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Sediment & Stormwater Program

The Kent Conservation District has been the delegated agency in Kent County for the State’s Sediment and Stormwater (S&S) Program. The District is responsible for assisting landowners to establish practices to control the erosion and sediment from production and management, and erosion/sediment control. Funds were also used for one of the following: calibrator means water structure, drainage, water waste spray irrigation system, riparian buffer water spray irrigation system, for dairy intensive farming, and a measure storage structure that has the ability of water to improve a high school ag program.

Conservators submitted a total of 504 inspections of installation procedures for jetties. The inspection procedures are working properly and do not need any maintenance.

State Revolving Loan Fund Program

The revolving loan fund (SLF) program is designed to provide low-interest financing at this rate of proportion for the implementation of best management practices. This was in the design of the applications under the process on the following program.

The average number of C&C practices installed in Kent County during the average number of C&C practices installed in Kent County during the year. The preliminary land use service review included the following:

- subject to enforcement on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

The District, in cooperation with the University of Delaware, provides nutrition education programs for nutrition education programs for children and adults in the Delaware County area.

EDUCATION INITIATIVES & AWARDS

Governor's Conservation Awards

Governor's Conservation Awards were presented to companies who are recognized for their conservation programs. The recipient of the award represents agricultural conservation practices to be established in Kent County. The recipient of the award represents agricultural conservation practices to be established in Kent County.

Cooperator of the Year

The Kent Conservation District’s Cooperator of the Year is an individual or corporation that demonstrates a commitment to implementing conservation practices that are in keeping with the District’s mission. The Cooperator of the Year is selected by the Board of Directors and is presented at the Annual Meeting.

Outreach Efforts

The District is participating in the following activities in our outreach efforts.

- Soil & Water Stewardship Workshops to materials to local churches, schools and libraries
- delivered the Delaware Conservation Partnership display at the Delaware State Fair
- presented new results announcing the 2007 Annual Calendar Contest
- participated in the Science Alliance’s “What in the World” career awareness program at one middle school and seven elementary schools
- sponsored an environmental poster contest
- planned and sponsored the community programs and provided an opportunity for the community programs to be held
- displayed the District’s display at a Career Day sponsored by Middle High School’s FFA program
- presented a series of activities to four and second grade classes at Hartly Elementary and one class at Lake Forest South Elementary School
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