

richland soil and water  
conservation district  
**year in review**  
**2020 - 2021**

### Educator Resources

- \$3,000 in Conservation Education Mini-Grants awarded to four schools and educational sites
- \$1,250 provided in sponsorships for educational programs at Camp Discovery, South Carolina Wildlife Federation, and South Carolina Forestry Commission
- Recognized 2020 Conservation Teacher of the Year Dr. Jamie Browder with a \$500 Mini-Grant
- Mentored 12 conservation projects at three Green Steps Schools

### Conservation Communication

- Facebook: 1,010 followers
- Instagram: 538 followers
- Twitter: 453 followers
- E-newsletter recipients: 3,114

### Professional Development

- Published a pollinator conservation education guide with four original activities
- 107 participants in Pollinator Conservation Webinar
- Hosted 12 Meet-ups for environmental educators
- Sponsored state and regional environmental education conferences for 228 educators

### Farmer Resources

- Provided low-cost rental of a no-till drill and crop roller for local farms
- Supported Midlands Local Food Collaborative Grower/Buyer Mashup
- Sponsored Ag + Art Tour, which attracted 2,309 visitors to 11 farms in 2021





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## Pollinator Demonstration Garden

- 12 raised beds
- 57 varieties of plants
- 19 educational videos with >17,000 views
- New volunteer Garden Manager Robert Reese

## Seed Sanctuary

- 30 wildflower, vegetable, and herb varieties offered
- 12,500 seed packets distributed to the community
- 28 community volunteers

## Resource Development

- 24 Friends of RSWCD provide financial support for outreach programs
- New option to donate online

## Youth Outreach

- 85 entries in "Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities" poster contest
- Two Outstanding Youth Awards
- SC Envirothon Sponsorship



## About Us

The Richland SWCD works to conserve the natural resources of Richland County by providing landowner education and technical assistance, supporting local and sustainable agriculture, strengthening the Midlands local food system, and engaging K-12 teachers and students in conservation through environmental education.

## Mission

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District promotes the wise use and care of natural resources for long-term sustainability.



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