



BLACK HAWK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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KNOW YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS

The Conservation Trees and Shrubs Pocket ID Guide is a useful tool for conservationists, landowners, students, educators and nature lovers. The handy guide, which fits easily into a pocket, contains color photographs, artwork and information on 56 trees and 30 shrubs used for conservation purposes in different parts of the country. The guide was developed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and is being distributed by the NACD Service Center. Including shipping and handling, the guide costs \$9.95 per copy. Discounts are offered for larger orders. Call 1-800-825-5547 to order a copy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13, May 11, June 8
Commissioners Meetings (8:30 am)
April 5 and 19 - May 3 and 17
Private Pesticide Certification Test
ISU Area Extension Office
3420 University Avenue (10 am to 2 pm)
June 8 Lady Landowners & Operators Mtg
The Olde Broom Factory
June 22 NE Iowa Research Farm Field Day
Experimental Farm - Nashua
1:30 to 5 pm & 6:30 to 9 pm
Aug 18 Conservation Show
Independence Fairgrounds 9am to 5pm

WINDBREAK WINNER

Robert and Alice Sienknecht of Bennington Township were named as 1992 recipients of the Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award for Black Hawk County. The windbreak, planted in 1982, has two rows of arborvitae and one each of white pine and black hill spruce.



Shown from left to right are Nick Frost, President of the Waterloo Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, Robert and Alice Sienknecht and Black Hawk SWCD Commissioner, Janeen Seehase.

A HEARTFELT THANKS!

We want to extend a BIG thank you and a note of appreciation to the Waterloo Savings Bank for sponsoring our booth and making it possible for us to be a part of the Hawkeye Farm Show again this year. We sincerely appreciate their support.

Also, thanks to those of you who stopped by the booth and said hi. We enjoyed seeing you.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The thirty-ninth annual Soil and Water Stewardship Week will be celebrated April 25-May 2, 1993. It is our hope that this special stewardship observance entitled *Hands of Healing* will challenge everyone to begin, or continue, individual conservation actions that heal the environment in which we live.

JOIN UP WITH MAX

Sign up for the MAX (Farming for Maximum Efficiency) Program now. Stop by or call our office for entry blanks. Deadline is June 1st. We also have the results of the 1992 MAX program.

ATTN: WOMEN LANDOWNERS/OPERATORS

A meeting will be held Tuesday, June 8th for women involved in agriculture - landowners, operators, and others. The meeting is being jointly sponsored by BH County Extension Service, ASCS, FmHA and SCS. Each agency will discuss current issues and programs affecting agriculture. For more information or to pre-register, contact Black Hawk County Extension at 234-6811.

WORTHWHILE REMINDER

Just a reminder from the Black Hawk County Health Department to have your septic tank pumped out every two years. If you have a garbage disposal unit, we recommend yearly pumping. Approximately 80% of failed septic systems are caused by not pumping the tank out regularly.

Another major cause of failure is excess water such as sump pumps, foundation tiles, water softeners, etc, that are tied into the septic system. This additional liquid over-saturates the seepage bed causing premature failure.



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BLACK HAWK COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1992 ANNUAL REPORT

1M BUDGET

July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992

Total Allocation	\$ 2,009.00
Commissioners Expenses	1,451.28
Office Supplies & Expenses	492.05
Printing	63.00
Balance	\$ 2.67

3M BUDGET

Cost Share Ledger 1991-1992

Original Allocation	\$20,707.00
Projects Completed	16,118.65
Recalled to Dept. 12/92	\$4,588.35

REAP Practices Ledger 1992

Original Allocation	\$6,342.00
Projects Completed	5,392.75
Recalled to Dept. 12/92	\$949.25

REAP Forestry Ledger 1992

Original Allocation	\$1,634.00
Projects Completed	1,522.50
Recalled to Dept. 12/92	\$111.50

COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND

Balance 7/1/91	\$ 43.73
Deposit	3,401.00
Expenditures	3,246.16
Balance 6/30/92	\$ 198.57

CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New Cooperators	21
Landowners Assisted	493
Landowners Applying Practices	209
FSA Plans (Acres)	2,197
FSA Plans Applied (Acres)	3,271
Conservation Plans (Acres)	5,104
Conservation Tillage (Acres)	5,614
Contours (Acres)	2,134
Contour Stripcropping (Acres)	76
Cropland Treated (Acres)	7,775
Tree Planting - REAP (Acres)	38
Terraces (Feet)	13,785
Windbreaks	9
Waterways (Acres)	53
Water & Sediment Control Basin	1
Wildlife Land Treated (Acres)	326
Wildlife Upland Habitat Mgmt (Acres)	28

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1992 DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- The Krsnak-Runyan-Ward Memorial Scholarship of \$400 was awarded to Jason T. Gates from La Porte City this year.
- Black Hawk, Bremer and Chickasaw Counties held a joint contractors meeting in February at Waverly.
- The Waterloo Savings Bank sponsored a booth for the district at the Hawkeye Farm Show that was held at the UNI dome in March.
- "Our Treasured Trees" was the theme for the 1992 Soil and Water Stewardship Week that was observed April 26 - May 3. The district furnished materials to over 150 churches in Black Hawk County.
- The Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award was presented to Robert and Alice Sienknecht from Dunkerton.
- The commissioners gave various presentations to local schools throughout the school year.
- Tina Clausen began working for the district in June to help with field and office work.
- The commissioners presented a resolution regarding a landowner in a cash rent situation being able to deduct conservation expenses. The resolution was passed at the state and national conferences.
- The district manned a booth at the fifth annual Cedar River Festival in July and handed out pamphlets on conservation practices.
- The district had a booth at the Corngrower's Field Day in August.
- The commissioners met with the DOT and interested groups on erosion control on new road construction.
- In September, the district had a booth in the exhibit tent at the National Cattle Congress Exposition on Agriculture Day.
- The commissioners held a conservation tour in November for legislators and the press.

This report is published not only to show the conservation work completed, but gives us the opportunity to say thank you to everyone supporting conservation programs in the county. We especially appreciate every landowner and operator who applied a conservation practice during the past year, the local media for publicity throughout the year and everyone who helped to make our district's program a success.

Many thanks to the Retired Senior Volunteers for labeling and sorting our newsletter. We sincerely appreciate their efforts.

All programs and services of the Soil Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.