

50 Years of Stewardship Week

2005 marked the 51st year that the National Association of Conservation Districts and local conservation districts across America celebrated Stewardship Week. For fifty years districts have helped the nation's families, teachers, and other educators to share the message of stewardship of natural resources.

The word "celebrate" has two meanings. One meaning describes giving a joyful party to enjoy one's good fortune. The other meaning describes sharing an important message with a wide audience.

The basic stewardship theme has not changed in a half-century. We hold to the belief that people have a responsibility to be good stewards of the earth and all its resources. We seek ways to satisfy people's wants and needs today, while protecting the natural resource base that will provide future generations with the means and options to meet their own wants and needs.

The Henry SWCD in promotion of the 50th year anniversary provided stewardship materials such as conservation booklets, activity sheets, posters, and bookmarks to area schools and churches. Thirty churches and five area school districts were notified that they could order these free materials.

It was the districts goal to reach out to new people and new groups to spread the message of conservation. Conservation works! But it will only keep working if we keep spreading the conservation message to new people.

(Picture attached)

The Henry County SWCD has a water flow model that can be used as an educational tool in classrooms. Above the model is demonstrated in a classroom at Waco Elementary. Teachers interested in using the model or having NRCS/SWCD staff demonstrate the model can contact the office at 385-2824.