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Daniel Boone SWCD Highlights:

- VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM—There were 16 contracts completed during FY22, with an estimated total of $970,000 of VACS Program funds spent. The District has received about $2.1 million of VACS Program cost-share funds for FY23. District staff is working on obligating these funds. The District has been working on the Mobilization Payment Pilot Project for PY22 and will continue to do so in PY23. There has been minimal participation in the project so far.

- VIRGINIA EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PROGRAM—The District continues to administer this program on behalf of Lee County. Program administration, plan reviewing, and making inspections are duties that the District performs. During FY22 there were 7 E&S permits issued.

- NO-TILL SEEDER—The District continues to lease its Grant Plains 706-NT no-till seeder to local farmers and landowners. There is expected to be some interest by the public in leasing the equipment this fall.
• **FISH WAGON**—The District has been hosting the Fish Wagon. The Fish Wagon travels throughout many southeastern states during warm seasons enabling local landowners the opportunity to stock their ponds with a variety of fish.

• **PASTURE WALK**—The Daniel Boone SWCD, USDA-NRCS, and Lee County Extension Office have organized a Pasture Walk at the Titus Whitt farm in the Flatwoods Community of Lee County on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Topics of discussion include fertilization and weed control in the fall, stockpiling fescue, and conservation practices on Mr. Whitt's farm.

• **KIDS IN THE CREEK**—The District will be hosting its annual Kids in the Creek event on October 4 and October 6. Sixth-grade students from Lee County will learn about a variety of conservation topics with a hands-on, outdoor experience in the natural environment.

• **NRCS STATE CONSERVATIONIST TOUR**—Dr. Edwin Martinez-Martinez, NRCS State Conservationist, visited Jonesville USDA Service Center on July 25. NRCS and District Representatives took Dr. Martinez-Martinez on a tour of Gary Martin's farm. Afterwards NRCS, FSA, and District representatives discussed conservation programs and the importance of the agencies working well together.
Clinch Valley SWCD Highlights:

- **PY2023 VACS BMP CONSERVATION PROJECTS**—Ranked and approved 8 PY2023 projects, obligating 48% of total cost-share funds.

- **GRANT REPORTS**—Quarterly grant reports for Copper Creek and Middle Clinch TMDL’s.

- **PARTNERSHIP**—Partnered with the Upper Tennessee River Roundtable to plan a “Fix It Fair” event for September.

- **AWARDS BANQUET**—Coordination of the Annual Banquet and Awards.

- **BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE**—Assisted in DEQ Brownfields conference float down the Clinch River.

- **YOUTH PROGRAMS**—Ran youth programs at the VASWCD Youth Conservation Camp and the Clinch River State Park Junior Ranger Camp.

- **YOUTH PROGRAMS**—Organized and hosted 2 “Kids In The Creek” events and 4 local summer school programs.

- **LIME PROGRAM**—Took lime program applications and assisted with soil sampling, maps, etc.

- **NO-TILL DRILL PROGRAM**—706.9 acres for PY2022 totaling $8,744.50 income.

- **STAFF TRAININGS**—Staff attended multiple trainings: Ag 101, Graves Mountain training, watering systems training with Ben Chester, Project Learning Tree training.

- **VASWCD Poster Contest**—Working with teachers and after-school coordinators for the VASWCD poster contest.
Clinch Valley SWCD Highlights:

- NEW OFFICE—Coordinated move to new office location in Russell County Government building.

- RUSSELL COUNTY FAIR—Manned an informational booth at the Russell County Fair.

- ART PROGRAM—The district will be providing nature-based art programs in the local elementary schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

- PY2021 & 2022 PROJECTS—The district is managing PY2021 & 2022 projects under construction.

- RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOLS—In September we will have visited and provided a program in every Russell County school.


- RAIN BARRELS—Installed rain barrels at Honaker Elementary School.
Lonesome Pine SWCD Highlights:

Early Summer Progress

- The Lonesome Pine Soil & Water Conservation District, in cooperation with Dickenson County Behavioral Health developed a Community Garden Project for the Clubhouse Program. Landon Johnson, Conservation Specialist with the Lonesome Pine SWCD, provided the participants with a presentation on raised bed gardening, plants, and garden soil and promoted the idea of recycling and reusing items as planters. The participants have enjoyed planting, harvesting, and tending to the garden. The educational outreach activity promotes local agriculture, demonstrates the soil to table program, and encourages recycling and reusing items to reduce waste.

Some Harvested Items
Lonesome Pine SWCD Highlights:

- 2022 “Kids in the Mountain” Wildlife Education Program & Family Archery Shoot—The Lonesome Pine Soil and Water Conservation District hosted the annual “Kids in the Mountain” Wildlife Education Program & Family Archery Shoot, Saturday, July 24th, in Clintwood. The event was coordinated by Landon Johnson, Conservation Specialist, with the Lonesome Pine SWCD. The educational based activity include a 3D archery competition, with kiosks placed at each station providing participants with information on local wildlife, invasive species, and the importance of conserving our natural resources. Scoring was not only achieved through the shooter’s accuracy with a bow but also through the knowledge they acquired along the course by answering questions at each station about the featured animal or topic. We would like to thank all those who attended, and we look forward to hosting the event again next year.

Millie Rasnick fires a shot

Aria Rasnick spotted Big Foot

3D Targets depicting wildlife in their natural habitat
Scott County SWCD Highlights:

- Scott County SWCD is working with farmers to complete VACS 2022 cost share applications and about 85% of VACS 2023 money is already obligated.
- Equipment rental program is getting busy for the fall.
- Erosion and Sediment Control Programs continues to be busy in Scott County.
- Participated and co-sponsored Scott County Cattlemen’s Association event on August 13. There were approximately 150 in attendance.
- The district held Seed Day on September 1st. We gave away over 1,400 lbs. of seed for a wildlife food plot. There were 88 people in attendance for this event.
- We are currently in the process of hiring an employee to run the Erosion and Sediment Control Program for Scott County.

Evergreen SWCD Highlights:

- July 22, 2022—Co-hosted the NRCS State Conservationist and visited a NFWF project that the District is assisting with.
- July 30, 2022 - August 6, 2022—Had a booth for Evergreen SWCD at the Rich Valley Fair (not every single day, but during this span of time).
- Currently—Evergreen SWCD is working on getting the District’s lime program reinstated.