Daniel Boone SWCD Highlights:

Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program

- The District recently obligated about $2.1 million of Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program funds.

- The District has also been working on the Mobilization Payment Pilot Project for PY22 and PY23. To date there has been minimal participation in the pilot project.

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.

No-Till Seeder

- The District continues to lease its Great Plains 706-NT no-till seeder to local farmers and landowners.
Daniel Boone SWCD Highlights:

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.

Reality Store

- The District assisted with the Lee County 4-H Reality Store. This event helped students learn how to manage their finances and make wise decisions in the REAL world. Approximately 175 8th grade and 11th grade students from Lee High School and Thomas Walker High School participated in this event.

Clinch Valley SWCD Highlights:

- Advertised and accepted applications for Conservation Specialist TMDL position, as well as coordinated and conducted interviews.

- Attended Winter Forage Conference

- Attended VRS and TLC Webinar Training and completed ACA reporting task

- Drafted and sent letter to the Russell County Board of Supervisors for request of funds for District.

- Reviewed and submitted TMDL Reports for Middle Clinch and Copper Creek

- Continued to manage the remaining approved PY22 projects under/starting construction
**Clinch Valley SWCD Highlights:**

- Continued to make site visits with interested individuals.

- Checked on PY23 Cover Crop producers
- Get PY23 VACS and TMDL projects designed and “out the door” so landowners can begin construction.
- Equipment Rental Program—PY23 No-Till acres to date: 272.4
- Working on expanding Equipment Rental Program to include a Lime Spreader
- Participated in VASWCD Education Committee Meeting and CRVI Environmental Education Committee meetings
- Developed new programs to facilitate at local schools
Clinch Valley SWCD Highlights:

- Scheduled 28 education programs for February—April

- Total Education Outreach (Jan. & Feb.): 771
Scott County SWCD Highlights:

- Scott County SWCD continues to administer Virginia’s Erosion and Sediment Control Program. This consists of program administration, plan reviewing, and inspecting.
- The District is helping prepare for Teach the Clinch 2.0 workshops with SWEET. The workshop will take place at Natural Tunnel State Park on Tuesday, March 7 from 4:00-6:30 pm.
- The District is working with the county’s science teachers to provide information about the VASWCD Educational Foundation Scholarship, Youth Conservation Camp, and VASWCD Poster Contest.
- Kids in the Creek will be held this Spring. Details and dates for this event have not been established yet.
- The below pictures are some of the latest BMP’s installed.

  - A water trough/HUA area serving water to 4 different paddocks.

  - Exclusion fence installed along a stream to exclude sheep and cattle.

  - Stream crossing installed to help protect stream from livestock and allow the producer to rotate cattle from one boundary to another with effecting the stream.
Lonesome Pine SWCD Highlights:

**VACS Program**

- The Lonesome Pine SWCD currently has 12 approved projects totaling over $360,00.00 in Wise and Dickenson counties.

**Education Outreach**

- Conservation Specialist, Landon Johnson, presented a local Wildlife program to the Adult Clubhouse Program on January 20, 2023.

- Conservation Specialist, Landon Johnson, presented an Importance of Pollinators program to the Adult Clubhouse Program on February 24, 2023.

- The Lonesome Pine SWCD will host the Area IV Envirothon Training Workshop, at the Coalfield Agricultural Center in Clintwood, on Friday, March 17, 2023.
**Evergreen SWCD Highlights:**

- **January 25, 2023**—The District participated in a TMDL stakeholder meeting for the development of a clean up plan (IP) for the South Fork of the Holston River watershed.

- **March 23, 2023**—The District will be meeting with the VSWCB Sub-Audit Committee at Hungry Mother State Park.

- **March 23, 2023**—Evergreen SWCD is planning a meeting with the Smyth County Board of Supervisors to present them with information on Evergreen SWCD/Smyth County USDA Programs.

- **April 22, 2023**—The District is planning to work with Hungry Mother State Park on Earth Day activities.

- Evergreen SWCD has made two $1,000.00 college scholarships available to Smyth County students.

- Evergreen SWCD has made two full scholarships available to Youth Conservation Camp for Smyth County students.

**Tazewell SWCD Highlights:**

- Tazewell SWCD did watershed kits for 5th graders in Tazewell County.

- Tazewell SWCD is getting ready to do Living Soils Week beginning Monday, February 27, for the 3rd graders in Tazewell County.

- The District is also working on a TMDL event that will include fixing mineral barrels for farmers so they can more easily give their animals minerals.

**Big Walker SWCD Highlights:**

- Tazewell SWCD hosted a Private Pesticide Licensing Certification Meeting for local producers to obtain and renew their licenses.

- The District participated in the Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Task Force Committee Quarterly Meeting.

- Tazewell SWCD sponsored the VA Forage & Grassland Council Meeting in Wytheville.
**Big Sandy SWCD Highlights:**

**Educational Programs**

- Big Sandy SWCD is currently in the process of working with our local Envirothon team to try to ensure success at the upcoming competition.
- The District is working with our local boy scout/girl scout troops promoting environmental stewardship.
- The District is making an ongoing effort to work within the Buchanan County school district in presenting soil and water educational programs to raise awareness of the student population regarding conservation.
- The District is actively seeking Earth Team Volunteers to participate in ongoing programs.
- The District continues in our planning efforts of our Agricultural Community Outreach Events. We are targeting three (3) communities that have been historically underserved to encourage participation.
- Big Sandy SWCD is currently working with the Appalachian College of Pharmacy and Appalachian School of Law to encourage participation by students in our ongoing programs.

**Conservation Program**

- Big Sandy SWCD has recently added Hay & Pastureland Management to their Lime & Fertilizer Assistance Program with a focus on invasive species removal.
- The District continues to promote the Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program and provide technical assistance to landowners of Buchanan County.
- We continue to administer the Erosion & Sediment Control Program for Buchanan County which includes plan review, inspection and administration of the program.