What is a Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)?

Under NC General Statue 139, soil and water conservation districts are organized as governmental subdivisions of the state, as well as independent political units. Districts work closely with county, state and federal governments and both public and private organizations in a non-regulatory capacity to carry out a comprehensive conservation program that protects and improves the county’s natural resources while assisting private landowners in using conservation practices. This partnership has been the backbone of highly successful efforts over the past 75 years to address serious problems across the state including soil erosion, flood damage and water quality problems.

The Transylvania SWCD was formed in 1955, and is governed by a 5 member board of supervisors. The SWCD is considered a county department and staff are county employees.

Funding for the district’s agricultural rental equipment comes primarily from the TVA Ag. And Forestry Fund with support funds provided by Transylvania County.

For more information, contact the Transylvania SWCD at:

828-884-3230
Available for rent from Transylvania Soil and Water Conservation District

- **Bulk lime spreader; 3 Ton capacity** $50/day *
- **Poly fertilizer spreader** $25/day *
- **Post driver $40/day * OR post auger $30/day *
- **10.5 ft. tractor-mounted OR 8 ft. ATV-mounted weed wipers** $20/day *
- **5 ft. conservation seeder with large seed and small seed boxes** $50/day *
- **80 bushel capacity manure spreader** $50/day *

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**Mission Statement**

Transylvania Soil and Water Conservation District’s mission is to conserve, enhance, and promote the natural resources of Transylvania County by providing technical assistance, environmental education, and economic incentives to county citizens through a diversified, voluntary program designed to meet changing needs.

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- Jo Ann McCall, Education Coordinator
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* First day rental fee due upon receipt of equipment.