

# FAYETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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A YEAR OF ADDRESSING RESOURCE CONCERNS



# 2024 PROGRESS UPDATE

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**"Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land." - Aldo Leopold**

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This report highlights improvements and achievements made possible by the additional financial resources allocated to our operations. As we delve into the details, we aim to showcase the value and impact of this budget enhancement on our FCCD's growth and performance, and to the community at-large.



# ABOUT US

## Who We Are

Fayette County Conservation District is a subdivision of state government run by a locally elected board of supervisors. We support our mission to sustain our local ecology in both urban and rural environments through offering cost-share for conservation projects and providing a critical education service while serving as a link to state and federal resources.





# MAIN GOALS

**Made Possible by  
the Millage  
Increase**

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## 2024

- ✓ Add a secondary full-time staff person.
- ✓ Enhance outreach and improve public relations.
- ✓ Sustain current program funding and accommodate participation growth.
- ✓ Increase program participation inside the Urban Service Boundary.



# BUILDING ON PROGRESS

Our Assistant Director, Sarah Ward, has enabled FCCD to adopt a more robust strategy in providing educational services and being available in locations where there is a need for conservation education.

Our efforts received recognitions for our State Champion Envirothon team, our Jim Claypool Essay Winner, and for outstanding services in our region.



## Outreach Events

FCCD tabled more than 37 events reaching at least 4,620 people.

## State Recognition

FCCD received a regional award for program support and educational services.



# OUR PROGRAMS

Our most budgeted and most utilized millage-funded programs are featured here. We also offer a Dead Animal Removal reimbursement, Seasonal Scholarships, and Heavy Use Area. We administer and liaise with State and federal programs including: CAIP, State Cost Share, EQIP, and CSP.

## Backyard Conservation



## Conservation & Edu Grant



## Soil Sample Voucher



## Cover Crop



# BIG CHANGES

Receiving a budget increase enabled many progressive changes for programs and outreach. This increased funding can lead to enhanced efficiency, productivity, and overall growth, ultimately allowing FCCD to better meet its goals and serve our community.



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## Full-time Assistant Director

Our part-time Program Assistant, Sarah Ward, advanced to a full-time Assistant Director.

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## NEW Community Partner Program

Resources can be maximized through collaboration with other conservation groups.

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## New Website

Local web designer, Digital Savvy, created a new FCCD website that includes Spanish translation.

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## New Logo

Cricket Press created a a fresh, more localized logo for FCCD.

**INDIVIDUAL  
PROJECTS  
INSTALLED BY  
COUNCIL  
DISTRICT**

**District 1: 76**

**District 2: 57**

**District 3: 76**

**District 4: 66**

**District 5: 102**

**District 6 :68**

**District 7: 36**

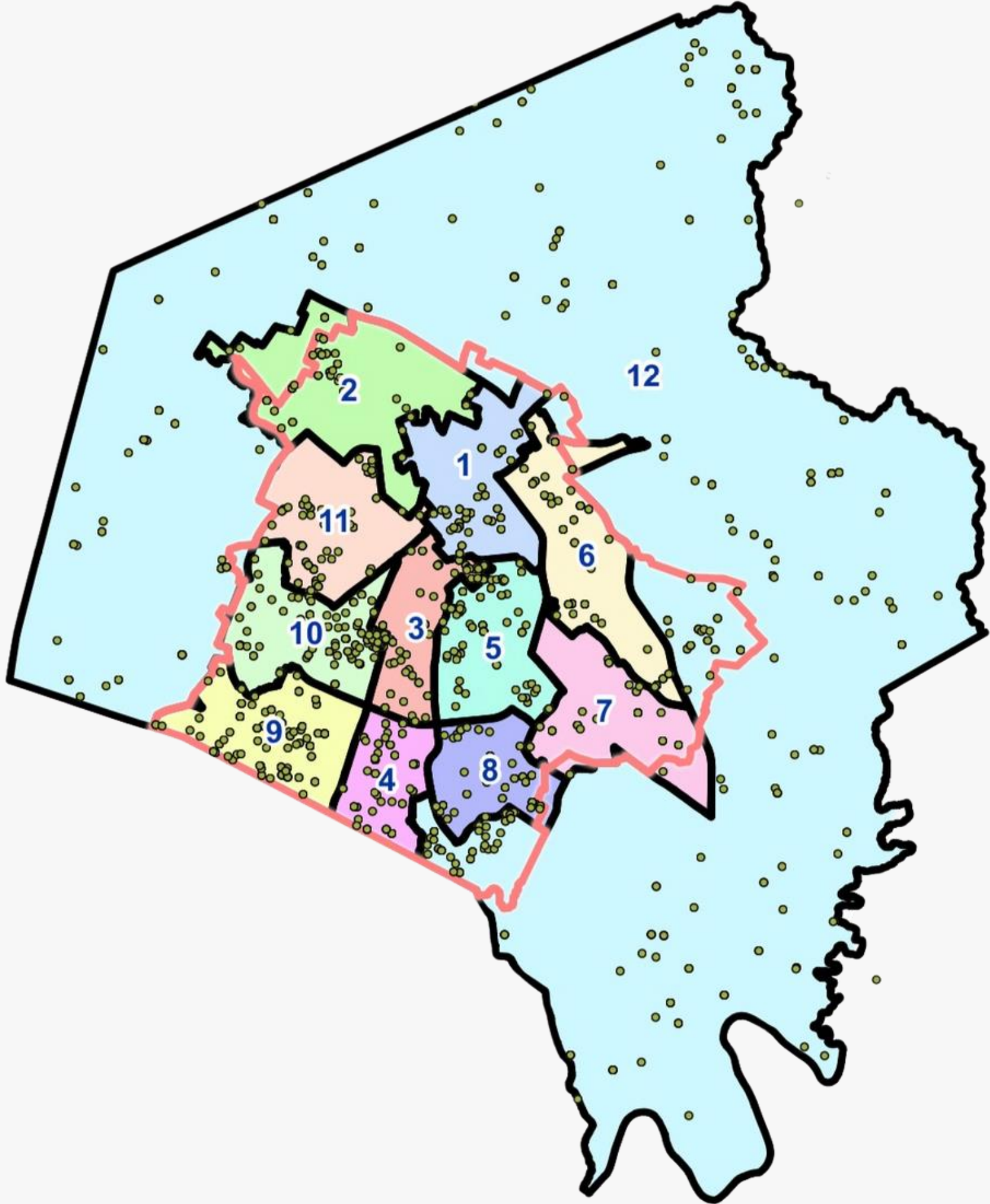
**District 8: 67**

**District 9: 122**

**District 10: 156**

**District 11: 91**

**District 12: 378**





# EXPANSION OF SERVICES

For the first time in FCCD history, more individual conservation projects were installed inside the Urban Service Boundary than what took place in the rural area of the county.

Here's a breakdown of urban projects.

**543** soil samples analyzed.

**273** raised bed vegetable gardens installed.

**191** pollinator gardens planted.

**111** Soil amendments applied.

**83** native trees or shrubs planted.

**69** rain barrels installed.

**50** composters established.

**36** wildlife habitats established.

**32** lawns diversified.

**27** rain gardens planted.

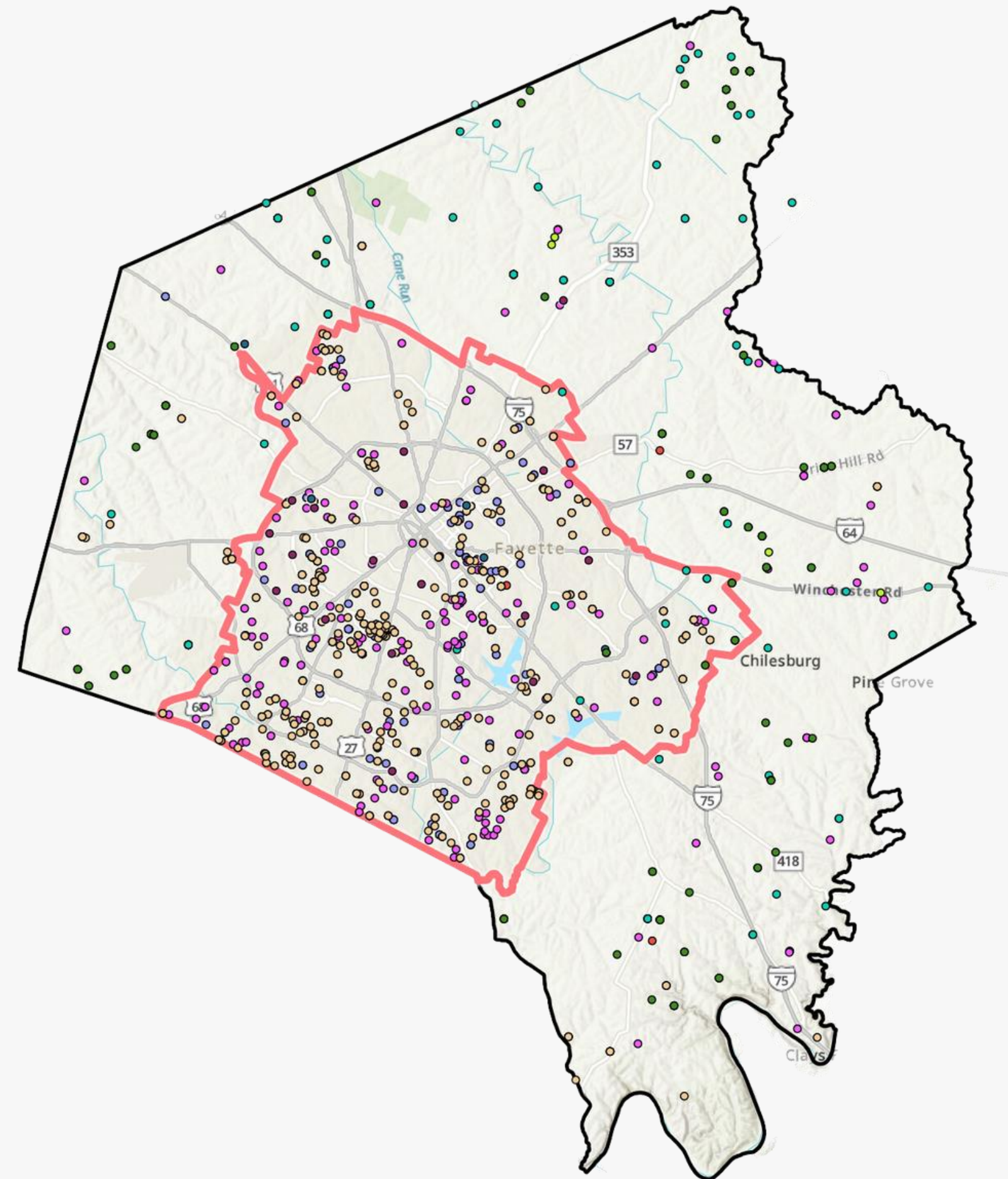
**20** garden tools and irrigation supplies utilized

**13** container vegetable gardens planted.

**13** apiaries augmented.

**9** greenhouses constructed or repaired.

**3** permeable areas established.



# BUDGET BREAKDOWN

## REVENUE

**\$608,776.01**

**46%**



**\$334,901.15 Millage and Delinquent Tax**  
.001% of Fayette County property taxes ad valorem.

**36%**



**\$221,444.29 Intergovernmental Revenues**  
Tobacco Settlement funding for programs and direct aid.

**5%**



**\$31,297.98 Equipment Rental**  
Revenue from renting FCCD-owned farm equipment.

**3%**



**\$21,132.59 Other Revenue**  
Donations, interest-earned, and reimbursements.

## EXPENSES

**\$557,554.54**

**62%**



**\$347,502.99 Cost Share Programs**  
Funds administered to Lexington residents for conservation projects.

**32%**



**\$177,659.72 Personnel and Operating Costs**  
Salaries, professional services, supplies, and utility costs.

**6%**



**\$32,391.83 Education and Outreach**  
Funds administered to Lexington residents for conservation education.

**68% of FCCD's budgeted funds were administered directly to taxpayers through program and education initiatives.**

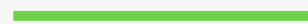
# BENEFIT

Whether by matching, donating, or partnering, FCCD allocated 62% of its total budget to conservation projects. Program participants not only dedicated their time to completing projects but also made their own financial contributions in the amount of

**\$937,242.14**



**THANK YOU**



**FOR SUPPORTING US!**