

# News Release

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## Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrates 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soil and Water Conservation Week!

The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is excited to celebrate the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soil and Water Conservation Week April 30 - May 7, 2023! The 2023 Soil and Water Conservation Week theme is “One Water”, to raise awareness of how important it is to protect our water resources in Iowa and nationwide.

The week is an opportunity to recognize conservation and sustainability practices underway on Iowa’s landscape and bring attention to the ongoing work by farmers, landowners and urban residents to protect the state’s soil and water resources.

We join Iowa’s 100 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and others who provide leadership in soil health, soil conservation, water quality and the protection and enhancement of Iowa’s natural resources.

“Much has been accomplished in the last 82 years of conservation work in Iowa”, states Ramona Nitz, President of Conservation Districts of Iowa, the statewide organization that supports Iowa’s elected Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners who work within our local communities to provide resources that assist landowners in caring for the land. “We celebrate these accomplishments during this week and seek to communicate the opportunities all Iowans

have to become involved in conservation through their local Soil and Water Conservation District.”

Madison SWCD invites the public to celebrate at our Soil and Water Conservation Open House event on Friday, May 5 at the Farm Bureau building at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Educational displays and demonstrations will be set up, including the NRCS rainfall simulator, soil health tunnel, and models of local Badger Creek Lake and Cedar Lake watersheds.

Free lunches will be served to the first 100 visitors, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Iowa Soybean Association and the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

To learn more about Madison SWCD, visit [www.madison-swcd.org](http://www.madison-swcd.org), follow @MadisonSWCDIowa on social media, call 515-462-4884 ext. 3, or stop by the SWCD office located in the USDA Service Center at 815 E. Highway 92 in Winterset.

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