

# Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District

## CONTRACTOR REMINDERS & UPDATES

March 2025



### Contractors and Suppliers,

Madison and Warren SWCDs decided not to hold a contractors meeting this winter, so we are sending out this mailing as a way to provide information and updates, as well as request information from you, too!

As a reminder, you can visit **Madison SWCD's website** (<https://www.madison-swcd.org/contractors/>) or use the QR code → to review the contact information and services we currently have listed for your business and the list of our current county average rates.

Madison SWCD  
Website



### - Update Your Information!

- In an effort to provide better information to customers (and save contractors from unnecessary phone calls), we have changed some of our service categories to be more specific.
  - Examples:
    - Previously, everything related to erosion control installations was listed as "E". Now we have **separate categories for earthwork and tiling**.
    - Instead of having one service category for **seeding** ("S"), we have split that up into seeding for Pasture/Hay ground, etc., seeding of Natives (e.g., for CRP), and Cover Crop Seeding.
- **PLEASE REVIEW YOUR CONTACT INFO AND SERVICES!** *Note: we have not updated the service codes yet, but if you have E or S listed, be sure to provide updates!*
  - If updates are needed, please fill out the form: <https://forms.gle/Uasihv5dNwX3wNAX5> / QR Code → **OR** fill out the enclosed form (*see below*).

Contact Info/  
Services



### - Please provide your current rates!

- It's time for Madison SWCD to update our county average rates for engineered practices (**earthwork, tile, seeding, erosion control for grassed waterways, etc.**). Note: not all practices are listed; county average rates are primarily used to develop cost estimates for practices receiving state cost share (e.g., terraces, grassed waterways, basins, dams, etc.).
- If you provide any of those services, please fill out the online form: <https://forms.gle/wrLA2HBg4gpB3NTK7> / QR Code → **OR** fill out the enclosed sheet (*see below*).

Current Rates



### - Returning forms for Contact Info/Services & Current Rates

- Links to online forms also available at [www.Madison-SWCD.org](http://www.Madison-SWCD.org) (See "Contractor Reminders & Updates" in the News section on the [homepage](#))
- If you prefer to fill out the enclosed forms, you can return them to the office (drop off or mail to Madison SWCD, 815 E. Hwy 92, Winterset, IA 50273) or scan and email to [Anna.Golightly@ia.nacdnet.net](mailto:Anna.Golightly@ia.nacdnet.net)
- **Please return by March 27<sup>th</sup>**

### - Bidding Opportunity:

## Tree and Brush Removal on Badger Creek Watershed Sites

- Madison SWCD, as a co-sponsor of Badger Creek Watershed, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of PL-566 structures (dams, waterways, etc.). We have a package of seven sites that require tree and brush removal (estimated to be 88 hours of work).



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- **Bidding Opportunity: Tree and Brush Removal on Badger Creek Watershed Sites** *CONTINUED...*

- Work includes:
  - Spraying 10 days-2 weeks prior to mowing or cutting
  - Mowing and tree cutting as close to the ground as possible
  - Treating stumps that are 2 inches or bigger in diameter with herbicide
  - Removing trees and piling below dams and out of flow areas
- Contractors interested in bidding should plan on attending the **site viewing scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** starting at Tim Armstrong's at 2807 120<sup>th</sup> St. Van Meter, IA.
- **Bid packets will be due** to the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District office located at 815 E. Hwy 92, Winterset, IA by **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2025.**
- **Contractors interested in bidding should contact Anna** at 515-739-3021 or [Anna.Golightly@ia.nacdnet.net](mailto:Anna.Golightly@ia.nacdnet.net) or visit [www.Madison-SWCD.org](http://www.Madison-SWCD.org) for the Notice to Bidders and the Bidder Cover Sheet.
- We anticipate additional opportunities to bid on tree and brush removal, as well as a project to repair riprap on a dam, in the near future!

## Additional Reminders

### - DESIGNS

- All practices (both cost share and technical assistance) are designed to meet NRCS standards and specifications.
- Construction Plans for engineered practices will not be released until after the **Iowa One Call** ticket number is provided and the **pre-construction meeting** has been held.
- No work can begin before construction plans are released.



### - CERTIFICATION FOR COST SHARE

- Madison SWCD requires contractor **check-out notes** for certification of engineered practices.
- **Bills and Seed Tags**
  - Bills for seeding must include the **amount of seed** purchased and used. We also **require the seed tags** (to confirm that the seeding rate is sufficient based on the purity and germination), so don't throw those away!

## Staffing Updates



The Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship hired **Joe Moore** as the State Technician shared between Madison and Warren SWCDs in March 2024. Joe was previously employed by Madison SWCD as a District Technician.



Madison SWCD hired **Triston Davidson** as the District Soil & Water Resource Technician in September 2024.



## FINAL REMINDER...

Please take a moment to review your information and provide **updates to contact info/services** (everyone!) and **current rates** (if applicable) by Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and **THANK YOU!**



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