



Todd SWCD Plan of Action

2024 Objective: Building Resiliency through Outreach and Connection

Scope of Duties Targeted Initiative:

Through what means will the initiative be achieved throughout 2024?

(Assigned to.....)

Provide conservation leadership through public outreach (Goal 1-2)

- **All People, All Spaces.** The people in Todd County are as diverse as its resources; different generations, cultures, politics, socio-economic stats, and origins. Todd SWCD will build connections between the citizens and the natural spaces in which they live, work, and recreate. Work will include steps to present media in alternate languages; reaching out to absentee landowners, classroom and youth education, and conducting site visits for any size property from lawns to forests. *(Todd SWCD Staff and Management)*

Protect surface waters through cost-shared practices (Goal 2-6)

- **Safe Passages.** Travel corridors are important to the health and economy of the people. Todd SWCD appreciates the cities, public works, contractors and township road departments. Todd SWCD is available to work with these entities to ensure road, bridge, and culvert improvements have the least impacts to natural hydrology. When asked, Todd SWCD will review sites and plans, provide feedback, help with the identification of possible improvement projects, and offer cost-share for qualifying projects. The focus will be on projects that have a direct impact on natural hydrology systems including flow direction, flow volumes and velocity. *(Todd SWCD Riparian Team)*

Provide conservation leadership through public outreach (Goal 1-2)

- **Hard Surfaces Equal More Water.... Somewhere.** All land uses impact water infiltration from storm-water. From roads, driveways, and parking lots, to roof tops, stairs, parks, cemeteries, ballfields and lawns; to shoreline riprap, construction site, heavy equipment use, feedlots, tiles, and tillage. Todd SWCD is committed to providing information to the people of Todd County on these impacts and alternative practices. Land use guides, videography, newsletters, talk shows, partnering with Planning and Zoning, presentations, and one on one site visits will occur throughout the seasons to those who desire to learn how to best protect our natural resources. *(SWCD Staff and Supervisors)*

Offer a high level of customer service on current natural resource concerns (Goal 1-5)

- **Droughts and Floods. Fire and Ice. Life and Death.** Changes in weather and climate impact all life: bacteria, microscopic lifeforms, bugs, mollusks, animals, plants, invasive species, algae, humans, grasslands and forests. In turn, the health of these lifeforms can alter the enjoyment of your property. People have a tendency to blame their neighbors or others for these impacts. However, the cause and most practical solution is often much closer than one might expect, maybe even right below your feet. Todd SWCD wants to help remedy problems landowners are facing due to climatic interference by offering solutions and cost-share on the property owned by that landowner, not on other peoples' lands. The first step to problem solving is the one you take when you open your door to face Mother Nature. *(SWCD Staff and Supervisors)*

Protect land productivity with effective soil and nutrient mgmt. (Goal 4-3)

- **Soil Profiles.** Natural resource protection and the resiliency of communities all tie back to the soil upon which we build our lives. For long term protection and resiliency of Todd County, Todd SWCD will focus on building healthy farms, healthy forests, healthy yards, and healthy landscapes. Productivity can be enhanced through increasing diversity in microbiology, reducing soil compaction, restoring water storage and water holding capacities, and better nutrient management. Todd SWCD offers assistance in native plantings, Lawns to Legumes and similar programs, cover crops, reduced tillage, forest stewardship plans, and tree plantings— all to improve the soil profile. *(SWCD Technical Staff)*