



Williams County Soil Conservation District

August

2026 Tree Season Recap

Our tree season has come and gone and we only have one word to describe it: **Uffda!** The season started off strong with us being able to start planting in April and knocking out some sites until a few days of mini-dustbowls sidelined us. Thankfully, we finally got some rain and spent several weeks finding dry enough sites to go out and finish planting trees and install weed barrier. In total, we planted 140,915 linear feet of trees for 28 producers and installed 128,586 linear feet of weed barrier fabric.

It was a whirlwind of a season with lots of jokes, laughs, memories, long-days, many naps in the pickup, and some mild hair pulling out from Molly and Amie, but we could not be more thankful for our crew and everyone along the way that helped us out. We even had to pull Laurie Brunelle, the tree legend, out of retirement for a few days to help us cut fabric; and yes, to her request she would like to stay in retirement for this part of the job. Our team was also able to get out and provide our handplant-replacement service to 14 producers this year with 1,278 handplants replaced.

A huge thank you to all the landowners who we were able to work with this year, as well as our seasonal crew for making this a great year! Looking forward to seeing you all in 2027!



Volunteers Needed Ecological Education - (Eco-Ed) Days



It's that time of year again! We are looking for anyone that might be interested in volunteering for 1, 2, or 3 days to help run stations and direct kids from one station to another. We need volunteers from 8:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. from September 15th - 17th. Can't make it for a full day? That's ok! We can do half days. This event truly is a great day of memory making for every student. It allows them to get hands on and learn about a wide variety of topics in such a fun way! If you have any questions, please contact Molly for more info!





The Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee + Williams County Soil Conservation District Presents the 6th Annual

FARM to Table

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

5:30PM - 7:30PM
AT OVERLAND AVIATION
14151 Commerce Dr, Williston, ND 58801

COME HUNGRY. LEAVE CONNECTED.

Enjoy a **farm-to-table dinner** featuring locally produced food and beverages, and hear from keynote speaker Matt Perdue.

The **agriculture industry is strong** across North Dakota, and Williams County and NWND are no exception.

The **Farm to Table Dinner** brings our community and agriculture industry together for an evening to **connect, learn, eat, drink, and enjoy.**

This event offers an **interactive and delicious** opportunity to better understand the agriculture industry that surrounds us. From the fields and pastures across our region to your table, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the impact agriculture has on every meal, every grocery trip, and every bite.



MATT PERDUE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER,
PRESIDENT OF ND FARMERS UNION



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**



Ninth Annual Ladies Ag Night

We were so excited to host our ninth annual Ladies Ag Night Tuesday, July 14th. This event is geared towards empowering women in all avenues of life and discussed the industry that is the backbone of America, especially in rural America. To help us celebrate rural America, we had Amanda Radke as our keynote speaker for the night! Amanda is an agricultural advocate, children's book author, and has first hand experience in Washington D.C. to help with positive change in our agricultural communities.

Amanda discussed many aspects of agriculture and reminisced on previous times in her life that she has faced adversity by coming across people who had a skewed idea of people in farming and ranching. She was able to help build bridges with people and show them the more accurate portrayal of rural America. Amanda has even taken her knowledge and experience to Washington D.C. and had dinners with President Trump to continue to advocate for farmers and ranchers and exchange ideas on how best to support them.

Amanda highlighted the struggles her and her husband faced at the beginning of their operation. She began public speaking and spreading her message to help supplement income for her husbands "happy, farm, spending" and when covid hit and the world stopped, they had to figure out different ways to make ends meet. This inspired her to start focusing on writing more children's books; along with the help of her children, Amanda has several published titles all aimed at exploring agriculture and how people of any age, background, or skill level can be apart of it.

It was a fun-filled evening that everyone got to experience. We played a Fourth of July inspired trivia game where the participant with the most correct answers was awarded an electric weed-eater that was donated by ACME tools. We also had some fabulous door prizes that were donated by local people and businesses! From all of the employees at the district, we want to say a huge thank you to all the ladies that were able to attend and we hope you had just as much fun as we did! A big thank you to our generous sponsors who helped to make this night possible, including the wonderful goodie bags for everyone to go home with. A huge thank you to Doc Holliday's Roadhouse for the delicious meal that was catered for the night. And lastly, to the volunteer servers; the Williston Area Woodworkers, we appreciate your continuous support and willingness to help being great servers and being fabulous Vanna Whites! We would have been lost without you all!



Thank you to our Sponsors!

Gold Level



Silver Level



Bronze Level



Today's Women

Financially supports the community with generosity.
Contact LINDA HANSON
701-694-4621



Machine Tree Plantings 2027

Now taking appointments for new tree plans

Things to consider



- Soil types
- Tree species
- Orientation of windbreak for best protection
- Width and density of windbreak
- Setback and easement restrictions
- Building distances
- Overhead wires
- Underground utilities/septic tanks/pipelines
- Water needs
- Mature size of tree
- Site preparation
- Livestock protection
- Fabric

Pricing:

Minimum amount billed is 1500 ft. whether footage is met or not

Machine tree planting (includes trees) \$.45 cents per foot.

Machine tree planting (includes trees) with 6ft wide conservation grade fabric installed \$1.25 per foot.

Any footage over the minimum amount is billed out accordingly to the prices listed above.

Site Preparation:

Site preparation is offered by the district. Tree plans must be completed before the ground freezes.

District will need to be notified and a contract signed before the district will perform site prep. Sites must be initially broke up in the Fall

Pricing: \$75/hour

Minimum amount charged is \$150



Proper site prep is the responsibility of the producer

Deadline to have a tree plan made and a site visit from one of our staff members is Sept 30, 2026



Call the Downtown Office:
701-572-6729 ext. 3

For more information call the office or check out our website at wmcoscd.com

Williams County Soil Conservation District

Handplant Order Sheet

NO. _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

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| _____ Almond (Russian) | _____ Lilac (Peking) |
| _____ Apricot (Hardy) | _____ Lilac (Villosa) |
| _____ Ash (Green) | _____ Linden (American) |
| _____ Aspen Quaking | _____ Maple (Amur) |
| _____ Boxelder | _____ Maple (Silver) |
| _____ Buffaloberry | _____ Oak (Bur) |
| _____ Caragana | _____ Olive (Russian) cannot be taken across state line |
| _____ Cherry (Nanking) | _____ Pear (McDermid) |
| _____ Cherry (Sand) | _____ Plum (American) |
| _____ Chokecherry (Common) | _____ Poplar (Hybrid) |
| _____ Chokecherry (Schubert) | _____ Poplar (Hybrid 3-5 feet) \$5.00 each |
| _____ Cotoneaster (Peking) | _____ Poplar (White) |
| _____ Cottonwood (Native) | _____ Rose (Hanson) |
| _____ Cottonwood (Siouxland) | _____ Seaberry |
| _____ Crabapple (Midwest) | _____ Silverberry |
| _____ Crabapple (Red Splendor) | _____ Sumac (Skunk bush) |
| _____ Crabapple (Siberian) | _____ Willow (Golden) |
| _____ Currant (Black) | _____ Willow (Laurel) |
| _____ Currant (Golden) | _____ Willow (Peachleaf) |
| _____ Dogwood (Redosier) | _____ Ponderosa Pine |
| _____ Elm (Siberian) | _____ Scotch Pine |
| _____ Hackberry | _____ Black Hills Spruce |
| _____ Hawthorne (Arnold) | _____ Colorado Blue Spruce |
| _____ Honeysuckle (Tatarian) | _____ Juniper |
| _____ Juneberry | _____ Redcedar |
| _____ Lilac (Common) | _____ Caroline Raspberry (fall Bearing) \$5.50 each |
| | _____ Killarney Raspberry (summer bearing) \$5.50 each |

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Plantskydd Products

- _____ Plantskydd 1 lb. Powder \$28.90 Plus Tax
- _____ Plantskydd 1 qt. Pre-Mix \$18.96 Plus Tax
- _____ Plantskydd 1.3 Gal Refill Jug \$61.90 Plus Tax
- _____ Plantskydd 1 lb. Granular \$10.68 Plus Tax
- _____ Plantskydd 2 lb. Granular \$16.49 Plus Tax
- _____ Plantskydd 3.5 lb. Granular Shaker \$27.23 Plus Tax
- _____ Plantskydd 20 lb. Granular Bag \$82.59 Plus Tax

Fabric & Staple Products

- _____ Fabric Roll \$135.00 (6' x 300')
- _____ Fabric Roll \$200.00 (6' x 500')
- _____ Staples \$100.00 (Box 500)
- _____ Individual Staples \$.20 cents

Tree Pricing & Services

Hand Plants	\$2.50 Each
Machine Planting (Includes trees)	\$0.45 per ft. (Minimum 1500 ft.)
Machine Planting w/ Fabric (Includes trees)	\$1.25 per ft. (Minimum 1500 ft.)
Handplant Replacement Service	\$4.00 -\$5.00 per handplant
Application of Casoron	\$0.20 per ft. (Minimum 1500 ft.)
Tree Site Prep	\$75/hr. (Minimum 2hrs.)

_____ # of Trees Ordered (\$2.50 each) _____ # of Raspberries Ordered (\$5.50 each)

_____ Subtotal **(Do not pay using this sheet if for Handplant Service)**

(Agricultural producers purchasing trees or trees being used for a conservation purpose are not subject to sales tax. Please check and sign below)

SIGNATURE: _____

_____ 6 % Sales Tax

_____ Total Sale

**Please provide
payment with
order sheet!**

Please make all checks out to Williams County SCD and mail checks to the office

1106 West 2nd Street Williston, ND 58801 Phone: 701-572-6729 Ext 3

No guarantee on any trees purchased from Williams County SCD



Williams County Soil Conservation District Handplant Replacement Service Agreement

****The Handplant Replacement Service is ONLY available to producers who had the site previously machine planted by the District****

This agreement is entered into between the Williams County Soil Conservation District ("District") and

Name: _____ ("Cooperator")

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Legal Description or Physical Address: _____

Fall Tree Count: _____ Spring Tree Count: _____ Total Tree Count: _____

Price for handplanting tree (Tree included) \$4.00 ☐

Additional Service: Price for water (per tree) \$.50 ☐

Additional Service: Price for pulling debris (per tree) \$.50 ☐

*** **Minimum 30 trees per site is required*****

Cooperator Agrees:

1. To pull dead trees from the site in the Fall prior to the planting season.
2. To remove any debris from tree openings that are going to be replaced. If not, an extra fee will be charged. **District will not remove any dead trees that are more than 2ft in height. This is the responsibility of the producer!**
3. **To complete the tree count of each variety in the Fall and enter it onto the Handplant Tree Order Form.**
4. To sign the agreement and submit the Tree Order Form with payment before the order will be placed. Payment for the service is due 30 days after the billing date. Interest will be added after 30 days.
5. A spring tree count is completed at the discretion of the cooperator for trees that may have died over the winter. The District will try and accommodate the excess tree count and order accordingly, but subject to availability.
6. That if site conditions aren't ideal, then the District has the right to charge a fee or decline the service.
7. To inform the District Office of any delays due to weather.
8. The District will try to provide cooperatives with notice before tentatively planting. If the cooperator isn't ready for whatever reason, there will be no guarantees that it will be completed.
9. To mark the opening for new tree with a flag or spray paint spot on the fabric.

~The Cooperator shall indemnify and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability or claims in connection with this agreement or the materials subject to this agreement, including, but not limited to, the selection, delivery, or use of such materials.

~The district retains the right to decline the Handplant Replacement Service on any site due to adverse conditions, as interpreted by the District personnel, that may limit proper planting (garbage, weeds, or residue, etc.). It is the cooperators responsibility to provide site conditions suitable for planting.

I fully understand and agree to the above policies of the Williams County Soil Conservation District.

District Signature /Date

Cooperator Signature /Date

****The Williams County SCD reserves the right to refuse service to anyone****

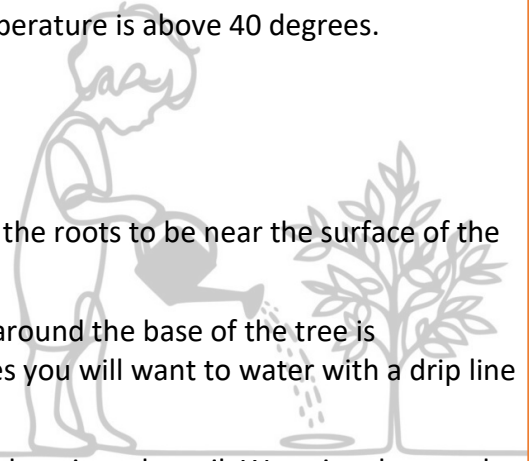
Conservation, Development, Self-Government. All programs and services of the District are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

When to Water Newly Planted Trees and Shrubs

- ⇒ Clay soils can hold more water and need to be watered less frequently than sandy soils.
- ⇒ Trees and shrubs need to be watered when they are first planted.
- ⇒ From 1-2 weeks after the initial planting, you should water approximately every 2-3 days.
- ⇒ After 3 weeks from the date of initial planting you should water weekly until roots are established.
- ⇒ During a drought all trees benefit from supplemental watering.
- ⇒ Water trees until the soil freezes. Tree roots continue growing if soil temperature is above 40 degrees.

How to Water

- ⇒ Water about 1-1.5 gallons per inch of stem caliper at each watering.
- ⇒ DO NOT over water. That is a common mistake. Over watering can cause the roots to be near the surface of the soil instead of going down deep.
- ⇒ Slowly watering with a drip line or trickle of water in a reservoir created around the base of the tree is recommended when the tree or shrub is first planted. As the tree matures you will want to water with a drip line or trickle of water around the area shadowed by the tree crown.
- ⇒ A common mistake is doing frequent shallow watering that doesn't soak deep into the soil. Watering deep and less frequently creates root growth and drought tolerance.
- ⇒ Excessive watering can make a tree dependent on irrigation instead of on normal rainfall amounts.



Minimizing Tree Stress

- ◆ Newly planted trees and shrubs experience a symptom called “transplant shock” when first planted. During this stage the tree is more susceptible to root damage, disease, and drought.
- ◆ Drought stressed trees shouldn't be fertilized. Applying fertilizer can encourage a lot of new growth which uses more water than is available. The salts in fertilizers can harm stressed roots as well.
- ◆ Mow grass and weeds around the trees as this will reduce competition for water.
- ◆ Don't water with saline water as it may make drought conditions worse.
- ◆ Stressed trees are more vulnerable to insect and disease attacks.
- ◆ Keeping plant leaves dry will help prevent leaf diseases.
- ◆ Trees that were already stressed going into a drought year will become even more susceptible to disease and pests.
- ◆ Herbicides that can kill or damage broadleaf weeds can also kill or damage broadleaf trees if applied improperly.
- ◆ Never use weed-and-feed products as they can harm roots.



2027

Program Sign-up



EQIP & CSP

**Technical & Financial Assistance for
Installing Conservation Practices**

- Seasonal High Tunnel
- No-Till
- Livestock Water Pipeline
- Watering Facility
- Fence
- Solar Pump
- Water Well
- Grass Seeding
- Nutrient Management
- Irrigation
- Wildlife Habitat
- Tree Planting
- Tree Renovation
- Cover Crops
- Grazing System

Sign-up Deadline September 18, 2026

**Please stop by the Williston NRCS office
or call 701-572-6729 ext. 3 for more information.**
NRCS will set up a time to meet with you for a field visit to begin the conservation planning process. Field work needs to be completed before snowfall, so please don't delay in contacting us. We look forward to working with you!

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Pipeline Plow Rental



Decreased water quality and quantity are often concerns for area ranchers. Hot, dry weather often creates ideal conditions for harmful blue-green algae blooms that can be toxic to cattle. The Soil Conservation District offers a pipeline plow for rent to help install a reliable, cost-effective fresh water system for cattle.

The district carries 1.5 inch poly pipe that is NRCS approved as well as a wide variety of compression fittings. If interested, please contact David for assistance on installation or rental for \$0.25/foot. Get some pipe in before the ground freezes!



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2026 Soil Conservation District Supervisor Election

Williams County Soil Conservation District will have one position on the ballot in the November Election. The Term for Soil Conservation Supervisor is 6 years. In order to be eligible for election to the office of supervisor of a Soil Conservation District, candidates must be land occupiers and physically living in the district. Candidates must file with the Williams County Auditor. The deadline for filing is August 31, 2026 no later than 4 p.m. Candidates must file a petition/certification of nomination containing signatures equal to not less than 25 nor more than 300 qualified electors of the district.

District Staff:

District Manager: Molly Carlson
Equipment Manager: David Telck
District Clerk: Ramona McLean
District Technician: Amie Taylor
Watershed Coordinator: Josh Pitman

Board of Supervisors:

Blake Wheeler
Evan Whiteford
TJ Halverson
Brandon Hoffman
Ryan Davidson

NRCS Staff:

District Conservationist: Malinda Ferguson

Management Program Analyst: Cindy Simpson

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