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## SWCS Is Hiring!



The Soil and Water Conservation Society is seeking a full-time Event Coordinator to join our team. This role is responsible for the strategic planning, management, and seamless execution of our International Annual Conference and other special events, ensuring a top-quality experience for all members, participants, and stakeholders.

We are looking for a motivated, highly organized, and detail-oriented individual who excels at managing multiple projects simultaneously and can contribute to the success of our events.

If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, we encourage you to apply! The deadline for applications is **October 18, 2024**.

Please share [this announcement](#) with your network or anyone who might be a great fit!

**Apply Today!**

## SWCS Student Updates

### Student T-shirt Contest



Get ready to vote in the 2024 SWCS Student T-shirt Contest! We'll showcase the top submissions on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), where you—our community of students, conservation professionals, and supporters—can vote for your favorite.

The design that receives the most votes will be available in the SWCS Bonfire store's fall campaign, with proceeds supporting future SWCS initiatives. This is a perfect opportunity to get involved, make your voice heard, and celebrate the incredible talent in our student community!

Online voting open: October 21–25

### Professional Development Webinar Series: Schedule Change



Don't miss out on season three of the Student Professional Develop Series hosted by [MANRRS](#) and the [National Association of Conservation Districts](#)! Register today to get a leg up in your conservation career.

Due to scheduling conflicts, we had to postpone this month's webinar. Below are the updated dates for the Professional Development Series.

All webinars are hosted Thursdays at 1 p.m. EST.

- **Session 9: The Impact of Mentorship: Building Future Leaders** | [November 14, 2024](#)
- **Session 10: Mastering the Art of Building Good Habits** | [January 9, 2025](#)
- **Session 11: Crafting a Standout Resume: Your Path to Success** | [February 13, 2025](#)
- **Session 12: Job Search Strategies: Finding Your Perfect Fit** | [March 13, 2025](#)

[Learn More & Register!](#)

### Student Chapter Primary Contact Form



We want to make sure your student chapter has all the resources they need to have a successful year! The person filling out this form and those they list as co-leaders will receive leadership and planning resources from SWCS. We recommend having an advisor fill out the form.

[Submit Form](#)

### Edge-of-Field Webinar: Batch & BUILT! Helping Farmers Manage Their Edge-of-Field Practices

You have the edge-of-field practice installed, so now what?! Join us on October 24, from 1-2:30 p.m. CT, to get expert tips on post-installation management and FREE tools to help simplify your work, including a template outreach letter, management calendar, and more.

And the best part? As an SWCS member, you can attend for FREE!

[Register](#)

Hosted by SWCS, the Agriculture Drainage Management Coalition (ADMCAgricultural Drainage Management Coalition), and Christopher Hay Consulting, this is your chance to learn from top experts in the field, connect with peers, and walk away with tools you can apply right away.

**Bonus:** Need CEU credits? A certificate of attendance will be provided upon request. After the webinar, just email [events@swcs.org](mailto:events@swcs.org).



## Technical Assistance for Conservation: Landscape Report and Synthesis



SWCS is proud to serve alongside leaders in agriculture and forestry on the Advisory Committee for the [Technical Assistance Accelerator for Conservation initiative](#) led by the Meridian Institute. The objective of this initiative is to evaluate and define the broader conservation technical assistance system and identify models and strategies to overcome challenges.

As part of this initiative, the Meridian Institute recently released a report, [Technical Assistance for Conservation: Landscape Report and Synthesis](#). This first-of-its-kind report synthesizes existing research and identifies key trends and challenges to provide a comprehensive view of the US technical assistance for the conservation system. [Learn more](#) about their findings and this initiative.

## 2025 Emerging Leaders Program



SWCS is excited to welcome the 2025 cohort of the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP)! There are several opportunities for you to support and interact with this next generation of conservation professionals.

- **Mentorship:** These participants will be seeking guidance and support from seasoned professionals like you! Reach out and be a mentor to share your experiences in conservation leadership. Whether it's one-on-one mentoring, joining a virtual mentoring session, or offering feedback on their projects/events, your insight is invaluable.
- **Host Networking Sessions:** Consider hosting a local or virtual networking event or office tour in collaboration with ELP participants. This gives them a

chance to engage with other SWCS members in your area and build professional connections. It's also a great way to strengthen local conservation networks.

- **Event Collaboration:** ELP participants will be planning and hosting conservation events in their areas this spring. If your organization is looking to collaborate on outreach or educational programs, this is a perfect opportunity to engage with ELP participants to co-host events.

Reach out to [renee.bouldin@swcs.org](mailto:renee.bouldin@swcs.org) with any questions or to get more involved.

## Journal of Soil and Water Conservation Updates

### Seeking Physical Sciences Research Editor

The JSWC seeks a dynamic individual specializing in conservation physical sciences to serve as its next Research Co-Editor. This position will review submissions on the physical sciences, oversee the work of Associate Editors, and make final manuscript decisions. In addition, this position will join Research Co-Editor J. Ar buckle (social sciences) in chairing the Editorial Board, developing opportunities to attract high-quality submissions, and setting a vision for the direction of the journal that increases its impact and reputation. This is a three-year term with the possibility of renewal. Co-Editors receive an annual honorarium of \$4,000 with complimentary SWCS conference registration.

Are you or someone you know passionate about scientific research and publication? A great communicator? Have editorial and peer-reviewing experience? Learn more about the [Research Editor's role](#) and apply or nominate a colleague by **January 15, 2025**.

### Read the Latest Issue of JSWC



The September/October issue of JSWC features the latest in natural resource conservation research and practice—and Laura Bates's winning photo from the People's Choice Photo Contest, held at SWCS's 79th annual conference, on the cover!

*Note: Beginning in January 2025, SWCS will partner with global academic publisher Taylor & Francis to publish the journal. SWCS members will have complimentary online access to the journal via [Taylor & Francis Online](#); print subscriptions will be available for purchase with SWCS membership. Read the [press release](#) and stay tuned for more information!*

## SWCS Headquarters Clean-Up

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Fall SWCS Headquarters Clean-Up hosted by the SWCS Iowa Chapter! It's always wonderful to come together and connect with SWCS members. We appreciate you taking time out of your day to help keep the headquarters property in top shape, ensuring it remains a beautiful gathering place for conservation professionals.



## Upcoming Events

### [Imagine a Day Without Water](#)

Virtual Event  
October 17

### [Edge-of-Field Webinar: Batch and BUILT! Helping Farmers Manage Their Edge-of-Field Practices](#)

Virtual Event  
October 24 (1:00–2:30 p.m. CT)

### [Virtual New Member Welcome](#)

Virtual Event  
November 6 (12:00–12:30 p.m.)

### [Professional Development Webinar Series Session 9](#)

The Impact of Mentorship: Building Future Leaders  
Virtual Event  
November 14 (postponed from October 10)

## The National Cover Crop Survey Is Open Now!

The Conservation Technology Information Center, USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program, and American Seed Trade Association have officially opened up their eighth survey on cover crops. The past seven surveys in the series have focused on farmers' perspectives on cover crops, and this year they are focusing on the opinions and experiences of the conservation professionals who are advising farmers. The results of this survey will help guide cover crop policy, research, and training.

This survey is completely anonymous and takes about 15 minutes to complete. Plus, everyone that participates will be entered to win one of three \$100 gift cards! The survey closes on **October 31**, so don't miss out on this opportunity to share your experience and help shape the future of the profession.

[Take the Survey](#)

## NRCS Seeking Public Comment on Conservation Practice Standards

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is seeking public comments on proposed revisions to several conservation practice standards by October 24, 2024. Conservation professionals are encouraged to review and provide feedback on updates to practice standards for Irrigation Water Management, Saturated Buffers, and Wetland Creation. Your input is valuable in shaping these important conservation standards. Submit comments through [regulations.gov](#) (Docket ID NRCS-2024-0012) or by mail to help improve conservation efforts nationwide. See the full announcement [here](#).

## New Members

Welcome members who joined in September!

### Arkansas—Razorback Chapter

Ashlyn Brown

### California/Nevada

Charlie Chen

Wenyi Cui

Andrew Gal

Neetha Iyer

Adrian Johnson

Carly Schinhofen

Dan Taverner

Chris Yohannan

### Canada—Ontario

Paige Allen

### Connecticut/Massachusetts/Rhode Island—Southern New England Chapter

Robin Casioppo

Colin Kelly

### Georgia

Tarik Acevedo

Chase Berry

Vontice Jackson

Asa Murray

### Iowa

Morgan Beuter

Heather Sutherland

### Iowa—Iowa State University Student Chapter

Trenton Duncan

Devin Kestel

### Idaho

Erika Mittermaier

### Illinois

Ashley Barry

### Maryland—Maryland Old Line Chapter

Michael Cosh

### Maine—Pine Tree Chapter

Gladys Adu Asieduwaa

### Michigan

Sky Adams

Zach Bates

### Missouri—Show Me Chapter

Lindsey Anderson

### Montana

Leah Fisher

### North Carolina—Hugh Hammond

**Bennett Chapter**

Anuoluwapo Adelabu

Laura Bates

Chelsie Bobbitt

Avi Goldsmith

### North Dakota

Beverly Alvarez Torres

### Nebraska

Madelyn Kopplin

### New Hampshire/Vermont

Jaycee Beaulieu

### New Jersey—Firman E. Bear Chapter

Kate Angelopoulos

### Ohio—All Ohio Chapter

Jocelyn Birt

Rachel Cochran

Amber Emmons

Paige Garrabrant

Heather Torlina

### Pennsylvania—Keystone Chapter

Mikayla DeMatt

Elham Mahmod Por

Kaitlin Raifsnider

### South Dakota

Josh Becker

### SWCS

Daniel Egerson

### Tennessee

Celcilia Albert Black

Binsiya Kallingal

### Texas—Heart of Texas Chapter

Bonny Amin

Nick Boogades

Anup Sharma

Susan Tallman

### Washington—Olympic View Chapter

Lauren Quackenbush

### Wisconsin

Brooke Bellmar

Anthony Busch

## Corporate Partners

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