



2009 SOIL STEWARDSHIP THEME

The BEDIAS CREEK Soil & Water Conservation District encourages you to think about your personal responsibility to be a good steward of the natural resources, including SOIL, during its annual Stewardship Week celebration. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has proclaimed April 26 to May 3, 2009 as Stewardship Week with the theme "DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil".

Is Soil an important ingredient in your every day life? The answer is yes, and here are a few reasons why: Last night you slept in a building built on soil. You drink water that flows through soil and is cleaned by the soil. You breathe air that comes partly from plants growing in the soil. You even wear clothes made from plants that grow in the soil.

Soils make our lives possible. We build on them, play on them, live on them, eat food grown in or on them, take medicines from them, wear clothes we wouldn't have without soils, drink water that wouldn't be clean without soils, breathe air we wouldn't have without the plants and trees growing in soils. The entire earth - every ecosystem, every living organism - is dependent upon SOIL.

The BEDIAS CREEK SWCD was formed to assist people in Madison, Leon and Northern ¼ of Grimes Counties. They are a sub-division of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Districts and a member

of the National Association of Conservation Districts which oversees the Stewardship Week program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. NACD represents the nations 3,000 conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country.

Since the Dust Bowl of the 1930's the protection of SOIL from erosion and degradation has greatly increased through the formation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and several state and federal agencies. These Conservation groups assist landowners and the general public through education and technical assistance as to the importance of the SOIL and how to properly manage SOIL which humans literally owe their very daily existence.

For information about Stewardship Week and conservation, contact BEDIAS CREEK SWCD at 936-348-2666 x3.

You can visit www.nacdnet.org to learn more about NACD and Stewardship Week.