



Weston County Natural Resource District 2016-2017 Summary



Education Program

WCNRD offered 10 workshops, many natural resource activities including our 2nd Annual National Trails Day Hike and Fall Colors Hike, and sponsored 9 kids from Weston County to attend the Black Hills youth Camp. There were 702 participants at these outreach events. We also send out a quarterly newsletter of current events and offer Barnyards & Backyards free of charge. We supplied the Newcastle Elementary School with Earth Day bracelets for teachers to use in classes in the Spring.

Hazardous Waste Program

WCNRD hosted the 10th annual Hazardous Waste day to promote safe and proper disposal at the Newcastle location in September 2016. We also started a partnership with MyWaste to make the app live for residents in Weston County to make recycling information readily available year round. This event cost \$29,000 this year.

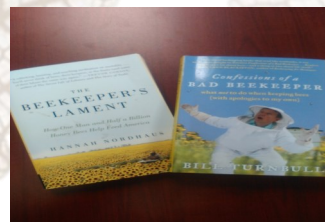


Water Program

WCNRD offered our annual Rural Well Water testing at no charge to 19 residents to ensure safe drinking water. We also had 5 landowners participate in our Rural Cost share program to promote solar well development and fencing to improve range management and better grazing systems in our district. WCNRD hosted 3 project meeting for the Beaver Creek Watershed study with 51 landowners and 88 projects.

Wildlife Habitat Program

WCNRD continues to sell and bird houses and bat houses to the public made by WHCC. We have also donated 7 books total to the Weston County Library that were wildlife and natural resource related. We offer free wildlife escape ramps to landowners.



Forestry Program

WCNRD received grant funding to assist landowners in thinning over 577 acres of timbered ground. We also support and serve on our local tree board and participate in Arbor Day in May of 2016. WCNRD offered community tree grants in which 1 entity participated conservation seedling tree sales in the spring of 2016.