

Gooding Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Gooding Soil Conservation District was formed in 1945 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance within the District.

Mission (or Function):

- Promote voluntary conservation through an active education and demonstration program designed for assisting cooperators.
- Establish strong, proactive District providing resource leadership and assistance with independent fund sources capable of sustaining staff and programs on a continuous basis.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- The District received a grant to purchase seed and demonstrate a warm and cool cover crop planting to increase soil health. Utilizing unused Community garden plots, a 7 seed warm cover crop was planted in May, followed by a cold crop in September. The goal is to use the demo site as a tool to educate youth and other community members, and recently hosted a Field Day in conjunction with the U of I, providing information on the cost and benefits of cover crops.
- The Gooding SCD High Tunnel Project was completed the end of March 2014 and is currently being tested using 50 Rocky Mountain Juniper - seedlings – potted in 1 gallon containers to utilize for the Trees Against the Wind Projects or possibly sell them to Wood River SWCD for to raise some money.
- Hosted a mock Envirothon to prepare local teams for Idaho Envirothon.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Host workshops, tours, and soil health demonstrations to encourage other Gooding County community members to become involved in soil health and growing local food in their communities.
- Offer “Tree Max” fabric mulch. After initial planting, the success of a windbreak depends mainly on adequate water, weed and pest control. Purchasers may use the fabric laying machine for free with fabric purchase.



**Potted Rocky Mountain Junipers
growing in the high tunnel greenhouse.**

FY 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$17,266
County Funding	\$10,000
Tree Sale	\$120
Fabric Mulch	\$8,000
Total	\$35,386