

# Area I: Cheyenne County

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Cheyenne County Conservation District is in Area 1.

The board of supervisors have a combined total of 97 years of experience and have logged 133 Earth Team hours this year.

Cheyenne County works with six other conservation districts in the northwest promoting tree sales and plantings. Each year since 2011, staff and supervisors distribute the trees to the other counties. This year, the northwest counties added 4,000 trees to the conservation landscape, with each tree being unloaded and delivered by Cheyenne County board supervisors.

Each August, board members and staff conduct a spot check tour of practices cost-shared through the Division of Conservation State Cost Share Programs. One project per year for the last ten years is randomly selected and the group inspects it. NRCS staff also attend and describe the project design to board members. County commissioners also participate in the tour. This year one of the board members, who participates in CSP, explained his cover crops and the reason to plant them to the County Commissioners. The education and promotion is valuable for the conservation district.

In 2021 the Cheyenne County District was awarded an RCPP worth \$2.7 million through NRCS for phreatophyte removal and rangeland practices to reduce aquifer depletion along the Republican River. This RCPP was the first to obligate contracts under the 2018 Farm Bill in the state. As the lead partner, Cheyenne County Conservation District shared responsibilities in working with NRCS to conserve water in the county.

Cheyenne County Conservation District was chartered in 1949.