

# ADAMS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2024-25 Featured accomplishment



*Livestock watering facility installed on shrubsteppe rangeland in southeastern Adams County.*

### Resource concern

Providing sufficient water for cattle has always been a resource challenge for producers in Adams Conservation District. The majority of rangeland in the District is dry shrubsteppe habitat with large remote pastures. A livestock producer needed help installing a watering project that would allow him to make use of additional pastures. Since the land had been fenced off from the stream to protect water quality, the District wanted to assist in getting cattle water access and improve grazing rotation options.

### Featured project

Helping producers to install pipeline and watering facilities provides off-stream water access to their cattle, which minimizes pollutants from getting in the stream. These watering projects also allow producers to use more pastures which increases availability to food and reduces over grazing that can damage plant health and wildlife habitat. This project included installation of water pipeline and a watering facility that helped to improve livestock water access and rangeland health on 1,300 acres.

### Costs & partners

This project was funded by \$47,250 through a Natural Resource Investments grant from the State Conservation Commission.

## Other accomplishments



Helped install cross fencing on a 5,240 acre pasture which allows more options for rotating cattle so vegetation won't be over grazed.



Assisted in installing a pumping plant that improved irrigation efficiency on 225 acres.



Water monitoring to support efforts that improve groundwater recharge, enhance streamside, wetland, and grassland habitats, and protect water quality.

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