

# Morgan Conservation District 2021 Annual Report



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### Overview:

During 2021, Morgan Conservation District continued operations as best as possible under the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, many of the planned projects, workshops, and events were put on hold due to the circumstances at hand. However, the District was still able to continue with its mission of encouraging the conservation, preservation, and best utilization of natural resources.

### Finances:

The District's primary source of income is in the form of the annual conservation tree seedling and tree planting supplies sales. Additional income sources include assistance from Morgan County Government and the Colorado State Conservation Board.

The primary expenses for the District in 2021 included trees and tree planting supplies, contracting expenses, and office operations.

### Grants:

The District applied for a Boot Brush Kiosk grant with the Colorado Department of Agriculture in 2020 and was successfully awarded the grant. The grant assists with covering expenses associated with the installation of a Boot Brush Kiosk. The District partnered with the City of Fort Morgan Parks & Recreation Department to install the Kiosk at the West Entrance of the Nature Trails at Riverside Park in Fort Morgan in 2021. The District has also been approved for 2 additional kiosks, which will be installed at the East Entrance of the Nature Trails at Riverside Park and the North Entrance of Twamore Trails, a new extension of Riverside Park.

### Projects and Programs:

The District sold 7,900 trees from the 2019-2020 conservation tree seedling sales.

Unfortunately many of the other planned projects and programs were unable to continue in 2021 due to the circumstances at hand.



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### Community Outreach:

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the District participated in Outdoor Educational Day at Baker Elementary School with the riparian trailer.

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the District hosted their Locally Led Workgroup meeting.

The District also continued with their \$1,000 annual scholarship award to a local high school senior or college freshman pursuing an Agricultural field of study.

The District sponsored the Jr. and Sr. Grand Champion of Natural Resources at the Morgan County Fair.

The District sponsored Beaver Workshops with Bird Conservancy of the Rockies.

### Other:

Other activities and operations of the District include the following:

- Completed MOU with NRCS and CSCB
- Co-hosted South Platte River Water Update with Centennial Conservation District on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Assisting with Farming Evolution 2022
- Hosting the 2022 Conservation District Supervisor Election
- Assisted with 6 Soil Maps for Morgan County Planning & Zoning Application Process