

SOIL AND PLANT SCIENCE DIVISION
Technical Soil Services
South Central Soil Survey Region

**Stephenville, Texas, Major Land Resource Area (MLRA)
Soil Survey Office**

**Soil and Plant Science Division (SPSD) and NRCS Staff
Educate Members at the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and
Rotary Club Meeting**

Purpose

Abigail Kortokrax, soil scientist, and Mackenzie Moore, District Conservationist, from the Stephenville, Texas, MLRA Office, provided an education talk in Dublin, Texas, on January 9 at the 2024 Soil Health and Conservation Planning event held by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. The networking event gathered both business owners and professionals with a shared interest in learning more about the SPSD and NRCS and generalized information on soil health and conservation planning.

Background

The 2024 Soil Health and Conservation Planning event took place at the Station in Dublin Texas (fig. 1). The Dublin Chamber of Commerce President invited the Stephenville, Texas, MRLA Soil Survey Office to come out and present at their first meeting and networking event of the year. Around 20 individuals showed up to learn more about the SPSD and NRCS. On top of sharing information about what the SPSD and NRCS has to offer, Kortokrax and Moore gave a quick talk on soil health and conservation planning. The talk left time at the end to provide an opportunity for discussion and for many members ask questions.

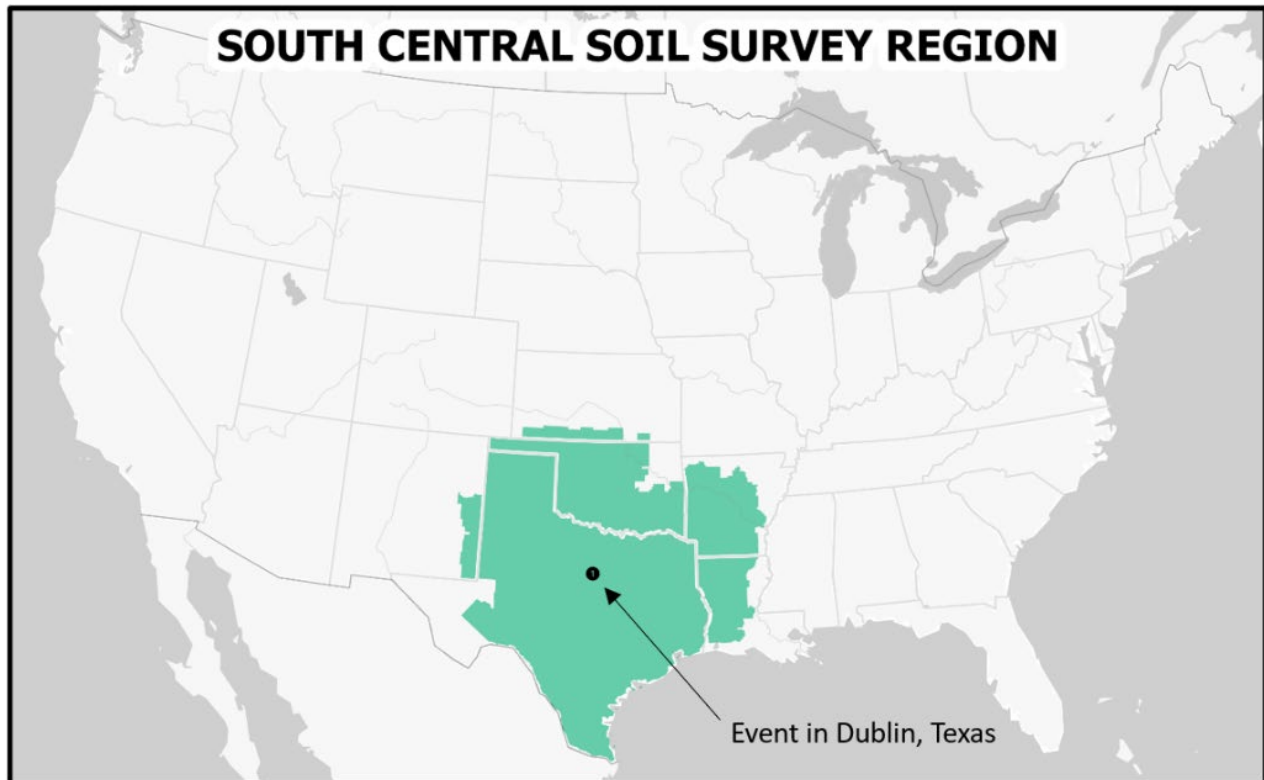


Figure 1.—Map of the South Central Soil Survey Region with the location of the event.

Key Outcomes

The SPSD and NRCS elevated the members knowledge on soil science and soil conservation topics. Members gained insight into the SPSD and NRCS history as well as basic soil health and conservation practices. After the talk, members were able to network with one another, ask questions, and discuss open-ended topics. The SPSD and NRCS staff provided information during these discussions, responded to questions, and highlighted the scientific resources available through our agency. Members walked away from the networking event and talk with more knowledge about the NRCS and SPSD and how to better care for their land.