

Missouri Parks & Soils Sales Tax

1/10 of One Percent

Dust Storm

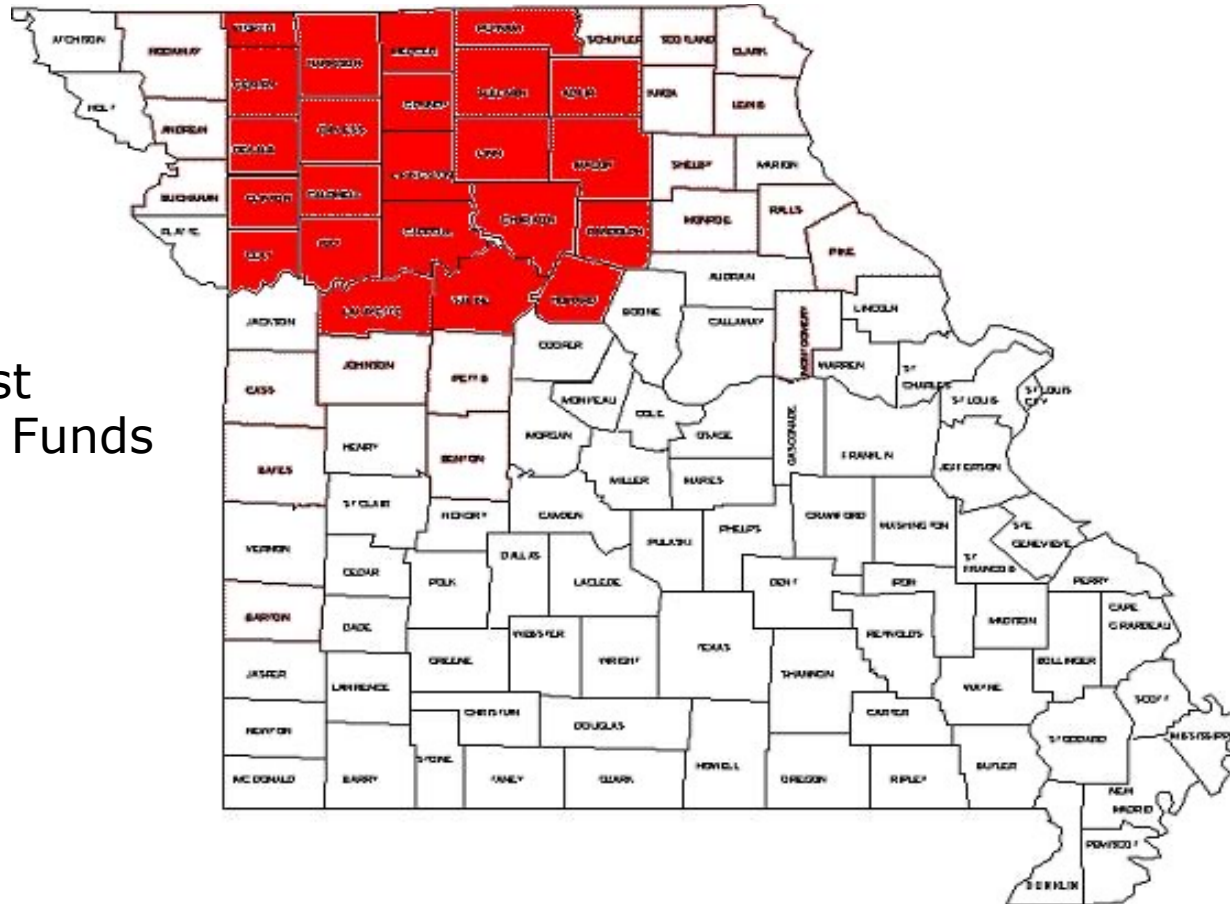





A ton of soil spread across an acre would be as thick as a dime and cover a football field.




Green Hills Area



Area for first
Cost-Share Funds

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- 1982 -- \$600 million bond issue
 - 4% to address erosion problems
= \$24 million
 - Beginning of Cost-Share Reserve Fund

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- Needed Broad Support
 - State Park System was badly in need of funding
 - 1/8 cent too confusing due to MDC Sales Tax
 - Decided on 1/10 for Parks and Soils



Constitutional Amendment

HJR 21

Missouri Voters approved by 50.1%

August 7, 1984

1988 Initiative Petition



5
Signatures
Down,
265,000 to
go



Initiative Petitions for Renewal

Amendment 7

November 8, 1988

68.66%



Initiative Petitions for Renewal

Amendment 8

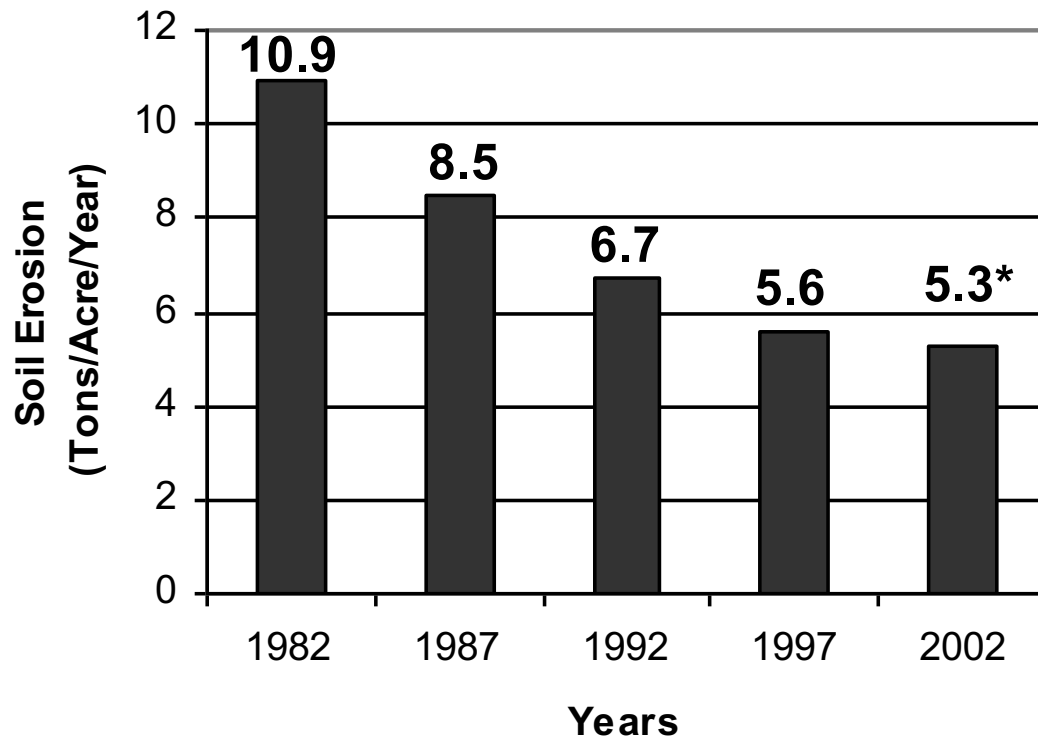
November 5, 1996

66.6%

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- 3.7 million acres still eroding above tolerable rates
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- 26.3 of the 44.6 million acres of land in Missouri are considered agricultural
 - 10.5 million acres cultivated cropland
 - 14.2 million acres pasture and hay land
 - 1.6 million acres CRP land

Missouri Soil Erosion on Cultivated Cropland



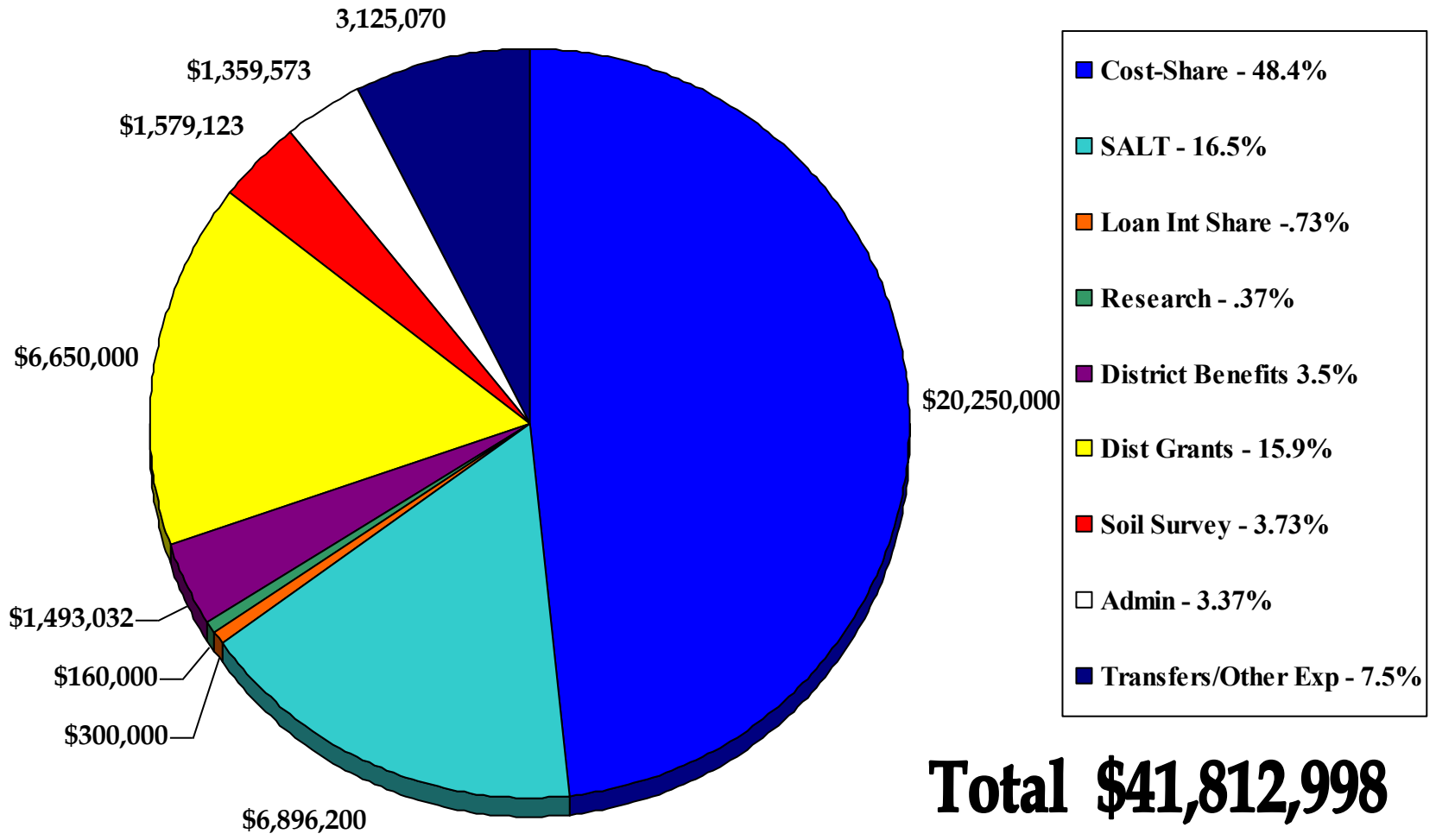
Rates of soil erosion on cultivated cropland in Missouri from 1982 to 2002. Missouri's soil erosion rate has dropped by 5.6 tons/acre.*

****Signifies pre-release estimates based upon the 2003 National Resources Inventory. These estimates are subject to change.***



A \$4.97 billion agricultural industry in Missouri depends on the soil, it is the basis of production agriculture.

Soil & Water Conservation Program FY-06 Governor's Signed State Budget



Total \$41,812,998



Cost-Share Program

- Agricultural Land
- Reimbursement Program
- 50% – 75%
- \$372 Million to 161,000 Landowners
- Over 150,000 Claims Processed



SALT Program

- Watershed Based Approach
- 57 Current Projects
- More than 70 projects have received funding
- Addresses Agricultural NonPoint Source Pollution



Loan Interest Share Program

- Interest Refund Incentive
- Tillage Equipment
- Installation of Conservation Practice
- Based on Current Market Prices



District Assistance

- Office Operation
- Personnel Costs Including Benefits
- \$8.14 Million for 114 Districts
- \$44,000 Base Amount Per District
- 5% Employee Retirement Program
- Employee Health Insurance



Missouri Parks & Soils Sales Tax

- **1/10 Cent**
- **\$78 Million Per Year**
- **Divided Equally by Parks
and Soil Conservation**
- **10 Year Sunset Clause**



Citizens Committee

- Requesting August 2006 ballot
- Preliminary surveys show support for State Parks at 80%
- Survey shows preliminary support for Soil and Water at 44%
- Survey was a mix of 35% Rural, 43% Suburban and 20% Urban



Good for Missouri

- Toolkit of materials will be available through the Missouri Parks Association
- Materials available on the MASWCD web site – www.maswcd.net
- 90 Day Campaign



Promotion Opportunities

- Annual Meetings
- County Fairs
- Advertisements for any other local District event can mention the renewal of the sales tax
- District newsletters can have informational materials
- Newspaper editorials



For more information contact your local Soil and
Water Conservation District, or DNR Soil &
Water Program Office at 573-751-4932.