

Pennsylvania's Conservation Districts

Fact Sheet

Overview

Pennsylvania's conservation districts were established in 1945 when the General Assembly passed the Soil Conservation District Act, commonly known as the Conservation District Law. Today there is a conservation district established in every Pennsylvania county except Philadelphia.

The state's 66 conservation districts have served as leaders, addressing local natural resource concerns at the county level.

Conservation Districts were initially established to promote the value of conserving soil and water to farmers. Today's districts have evolved; their areas of interest and expertise involve almost every area of natural resource conservation imaginable.

The Mission

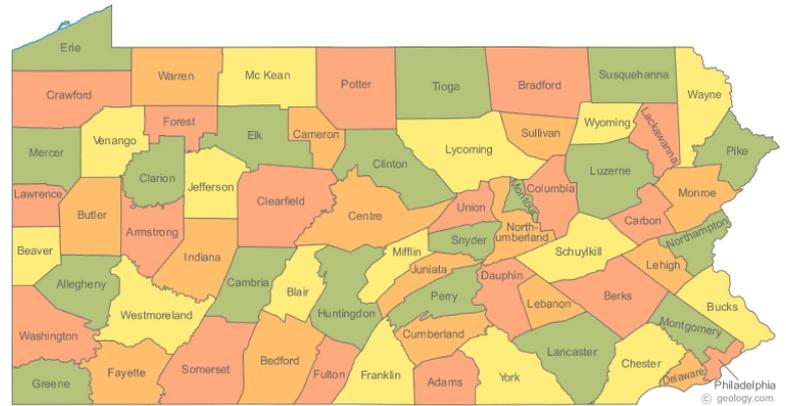
County conservation districts work to help people and communities take care of the natural resources in their area including soil, water, wildlife, trees and other plants. Using natural resources wisely helps to ensure their availability well into the future.

Conservation districts stand ready to offer technical assistance and educational guidance to landowners and managers, local governments, teachers, students and people from every walk of life. They can provide information and help on matters such as reducing soil erosion, protecting water quality, acid mine drainage, or preventing hazardous situations such as floods.

County conservation districts are efficient and effective. They work with private citizens, partner with state and federal government agencies, and facilitate the work of many private organizations and other conservation districts.

Conservation districts work to better the community as a whole. They help citizens identify available natural resources and establish plans for their wise use.

66 Counties (all but Philadelphia)



Programs

Conservation districts implement a variety of programs, and provide assistance for a range of issues unique to their county, such as:

- Abandoned Mines
- Agricultural Land Preservation
- Chesapeake Bay Program
- Dirt & Gravel Roads Program
- Environmental Education
- Erosion & Sedimentation Pollution Control
- Floodplain Management
- Forest Management
- Nutrient Management Program
- Stormwater Management
- Waterway Protection
- West Nile Virus Surveillance Program
- Wildlife Management

Each Conservation District is led by a Board of Directors made up of local people from all walks of life. These volunteers study county natural resource issues and make decisions which enhance and protect the local community.

Contact Information

Visit this link to find your county conservation district:

<https://tinyurl.com/FindCD>