



NORTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Who we are:

Soil and water conservation districts are governmental subdivisions of the state, established and organized under N.C. General Statute 139. District boundaries follow county lines. The state has 95 single-county districts and one multi-county district in the northeast portion of the state.

Each soil and water conservation district has a Board of Supervisors comprised of elected and appointed officials who set a course for the natural resource conservation program in their district. Soil and water conservation districts also employ staff, including technical experts, who provide support to develop and implement conservation programs.

Local districts bring together technical experts and private landowners to plan and implement sound conservation practices, provide comprehensive conservation leadership to communities, and are the primary vehicle through which voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs are delivered on both agricultural and non-agricultural lands. To accomplish their conservation mission, districts work to leverage financial assistance from local, state and federal sources.

What we can do:

- Secure and leverage resources from governmental agencies and private sources to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners and communities for conservation practices. Cost-share programs include Federal Farm Bill Programs and the state's N.C. Agriculture Cost Share, Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program, and Community Conservation Assistance Programs.
- Obtain and administer grants for local projects that achieve natural resource conservation priorities. Grant sources include Clean Water Management Trust Fund, EPA 319, N.C. Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation and others.
- Conduct outreach and education programs for all age levels. Programs include classroom presentations and environmental field days, poster, essay, speech, and slide show competitions (local, area and state levels), Envirothon, continuing adult education and landowner training.
- Coordinate land conservation activities. Authorities include owning land, holding conservation easements and monitoring conservation easements.



Protecting natural resources through partnerships...

Your local soil and water conservation district strives to develop working relationships with nonprofit organizations, land trusts, corporations and other government agencies with an interest in protecting our natural resources. Districts are diverse in the programs they offer and in their local conservation priorities.

*Do you have a project idea related to conservation?
Are you looking for local support or partnership
in the community?*



Contact your local soil and water conservation district today to see how we can help!

YOUR SWCD NAME
YOUR SWCD ADDRESS—LINE 1
YOUR SWCD ADDRESS—LINE 2
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Long-term no-till



Water control structure



Marsh sill



Bioretention area



Rain garden



Water supply well

“One of the best, and certainly the most promising, of the devices yet invented by man for dealing democratically and effectively with maladjustment in land use, as well as for carrying forward positive programs of desirable conservation, and for maintaining the work, is the soil conservation district. “

*Dr. Hugh Hammond Bennett,
the father of the soil
conservation movement*