

Partnership by Design

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was established in 1935 as the Soil Conservation Service in response to the Dust Bowl. There were folks that knew that the best way to help local people choose conservation and reduce soil erosion was to involve and empower them. In 1937, the first county Conservation District was formed to link federal agency resources with the local farmers. Since then, nearly 3000 Conservation Districts have been organized, including the ten county Conservation Districts we have in New Hampshire.

This partnership between NRCS and the Conservation Districts is one that was carefully designed. This unique and productive relationship continues to be a model for providing Federal resources at the local level.



Our partnership was created to help farmers conserve their soil. Today we still work with farmers and other landowners with conservation on private land.

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Or visit <http://www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov>

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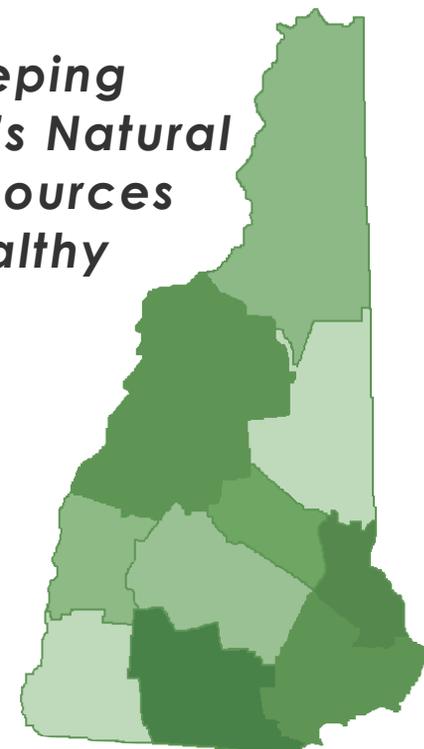
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A Partnership That Works

Keeping NH's Natural Resources Healthy



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The formation of NRCS (then SCS) and the Conservation Districts recognized that conservation was a problem shared by society. Solving conservation problems was often beyond the means of a single landowner and, therefore, needs cooperation and public support. The partnership of Conservation Districts and NRCS is a way to help.

The Conservation Districts



The Conservation District logo — look for road signs that mark your entry into a conservation district.

Conservation Districts are the medium by which cooperation can take place — through landowners, state agencies, Federal agencies, programs, grants, and a variety of other partners. Districts provide help to landowners and others on resource management, land-use planning, and detailed soils information. Districts set the local priorities, administer grants, facilitate fund leveraging, and provide a variety of outreach services.

Through the legal powers given to the

Districts, they are in a position to seek funding from public and private sources. The Districts are independent, non-profit, semi-governmental entities.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS provides technical standards and guidance on conservation problems. NRCS has soil conservationists, soil scientists, biologists, foresters, and engineers to assist with conservation planning and implementation.

As an agency within USDA, NRCS can also provide Federal funding for many projects.

With the Districts providing the guidance on conservation priorities, this funding can be allocated to those resource needs that are most pressing.

Working together, the NRCS/Conservation District team can really get some conservation on the ground!

The Natural Resource Concerns

Conservation priorities have changed since the years of the Dust Bowl, but the cooperation remains. NRCS and the Conservation Districts in New Hampshire are working on the following current conservation issues :



Keeping water clean is a partnership priority all over the state.

- Water quality
- Farmland protection
- Nutrient management
- Watershed education
- Ecosystem restoration
- Reducing erosion and sediment runoff in rural and urban communities
- And many others



Local agricultural viability is one of the partnership's main concerns.

Keeping New Hampshire's Natural Resources Healthy

That's what this partnership is all about. Please contact your local NRCS-county Conservation District office to find out more about this unique partnership, to volunteer with us through the Earth Team Volunteer Program, to obtain soil information, or to find out about the resources available for private land conservation.

Contact the NRCS-District office in your county for more information (on back).

See more of our work on the NRCS website www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov