## What's a Conservation District?

Across the United States, nearly 3,000 conservation districts—almost one in every county—work directly with landowners to conserve and promote healthy soils, water, forests, and wildlife. They all share a single mission: to coordinate assistance from all available sources—public and private, local, state, & federal—to develop locally-driven solutions to natural resources concerns.

As units of state government, Conservation Districts have a long history of providing trusted service in a "non-regulatory" way—which means we are only here to help, not to get anyone in trouble.

### **BECOME A BOARD MEMBER**

Are you dedicated to conserving the natural resources and agricultural lands of the Granite state? Then, consider becoming a supervisor. Our boards are made up of farmers, businessmen, and concerned citizens and usually meet once a month. Contact your local District for more information.

# New Hampshire Conservation Districts

## **Belknap County**

603-527-5880; www.belknapccd.org

### **Carroll County**

603-447-2771; www.carrollccd.org

## **Cheshire County**

603-756-9282;

www.cheshireconservation.org

### **Coos County**

603-788-4651 x5;

www.cooscountyconservation.org

## **Grafton County**

603-787-6973; www.graftonccd.org

## **Hillsborough County**

603-673-2409 x100;

www.hillsboroughccd.com

### **Merrimack County**

603-223-6020; www.merrimackccd.org

## **Rockingham County**

603-679-2790; www.rockinghamccd.org

### **Strafford County**

603-749-3037; www.straffordccd.org

### **Sullivan County**

603.504.1004; www.sccdnh.org

## Consider

your role in conservation.



The 10 New Hampshire Conservation Districts can help.





















#### **CLIMATE RESILIENCE GRANTS**

The NH Conservation Districts have launched a farm viability program to improve the resilience of NH farms in the face of extreme weather events and a changing climate. Direct grants to farms to invest in on-farm infrastructure, equipment, and innovative practices will support farm profitability and long-term viability.

### **FARM FUTURE FUND**

The mission of the NH Farm Future Fund is to provide funding for farm viability planning in concert with the conservation of important agricultural soils. This program will leverage the singular opportunity of putting a conservation easement on farmland to also invest in the future viability of the farm business.

### **CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS**

Conservation Districts are uniquely responsive to emerging resource concerns, and have partnered successfully with other districts and partners to implement: Conservation Innovative Grants (CIG), Specialty Crop Block Grants; NH Soil Health Partnership programs; Regional Conservation Partnership Programs (RCPP), and Farmland Protection Initiatives.





### **EQUIPMENT RENTALS**

Many Districts provide low cost farm equipment rentals. Check your district website to see what each county offers.

#### **CONSERVATION PLANNING**

Districts can connect farmers and landowners to conservation planners. They can provide conservation action and management plans, technical assistance, connections to financial assistance, and connections to other growers for peer collaboration.

## **PLANT & SEED SALES**

Do you need plants for conservation work, pollinator gardens or your back yard? Then, check out District plant sales. Held each spring and fall They feature a variety of quality plants including fruit trees, berry bushes, wildlife plants, trees & shrubs, and bulbs. These annual fundraisers support local conservation efforts.

## Sign up for your county's newsletter.

And receive the latest updates on resources, funding and programs.

### **EROSION CONTROL WORKSHOPS**

Districts provide training opportunities for professionals working in soils, erosion control, water quality, public works, consulting, and engineering.

### **DEMONSTRATIONS**

We support farmers and growers by hosting a variety of programs focused on best practices that highlight innovative tools and techniques.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Do you like to get your hands dirty in the garden or farm, enter data, design promotional materials, cook food for events, serve on boards, or take photographs? Whatever your skill set, we can use it!

### **NH ENVIROTHON**

Inspiring teens since 1992 to make responsible environmental and natural resource decisions through real-world, hands -on educational experiences.

