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Farm and Ranch

Conservation plans, soils information, specialized equipment, salinity control plans, re-vegetation, non point source pollution solutions, municipal sludge application, wind strips, conservation tillage, field windbreaks.

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Woodlands and Forests

Fire rehabilitation, forest management plans, wildlife habitat, living snow fences, riparian areas, stream bank protection, living barns, Project Learning Tree.

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Counties, Cities & Towns

Soils information, water quality & quantity, subdivision plans, noxious weed management, erosion & sediment control, xeriscaping information, flooding risks, mined land reclamation, developing new plant species, renewable resources & alternate energy, small acreage education.

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Environmental Education

Educational materials, education facilities, teacher workshops, scholarships, range judging, youth camps, career days, tours, riparian trailer demonstrations, soil stewardship materials, stencil a drain programs.

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Conservation Districts

What can they do for me?

Conservation Districts (CDs) trace their formation to the 1930s when national attention was focused on the soil erosion crisis of the Dust Bowl.



The governing board of supervisors for each of the 76 CDs serve 4 year terms and are elected by local landowners. They give of their time and talents voluntarily and work closely with teachers, government and business leaders, landowners, students and others interested in natural resources.

Conservation Districts work to prevent soil erosion, wise water usage, wildlife habitat preservation, weed control, and many other public conservation and education programs.

CDs work with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to administer the Environmental Quality Incentives Program designed to facilitate the application of long-term conservation practices.

CACD and the National (NACD) keep CDs informed of legislation and lobby on issues impacting landowners.



On the Farm and Ranch

CDs help landowners and operators develop conservation plans which include grazing and cropping systems, irrigation water management, rangeland improvements and tree planting.

Mesa, Delta, Shavano, Dolores, Mancos and Bookcliff CDs are assisting landowners in the development of salinity control plans.

Nearly 2 million acres of cropland were planted to grass under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and CDs are searching for ways to keep many of these acres in grass as the ten-year contracts expire.

CDs assist landowners with remote livestock watering facilities using photovoltaic systems as a source of power for pumping water. They also help in development of alternate power usage and renewable resources such as wind, solar and hydro-power.

In the Woodlands & Forests

In cooperation with various agencies and groups CDs have planted over 300 living snow fences which help keep many miles of county, state and interstate roads free of snow.

CDs have sponsored numerous riparian area workshops to promote the protection and restoration of riparian areas along our streams and rivers.

CDs cooperate with the Division of

Wildlife to assist landowners in the establishment of trees and vegetation for wildlife habitat.

Forest management assistance is provided through the Forest Land Enhancement Program.



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In our Counties, Cities and Towns

CDs provide soils information needed for sound land use planning. Soils information is essential for building location, septic tank design, roads and many other activities.

Erosion and sediment control ordinances those regulating plowout of grasslands have been developed and passed in various counties with the assistance provided by the CDs.

Mined land and reclamation plans are viewed by CDs and recommendations given for site preparation and seeding mixtures.

New species of vegetation for reclamation purposes are provided by the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center.

In the Field of Environmental Education

Conservation and educational material is supplied by CDs & presentations are given to schools, Arbor Day activities, and teacher assistance with various educational workshops and outdoor programs.

Scholarships are given by the CDs for young people and teachers to attend conservation camps, teacher workshops, and other events such as Camp Rocky - www.camprocky.colostate.edu

Conservation tours and special projects are organized and implemented by CDs to demonstrate to local landowners, educators and youth a variety of soil and water conservation practices.

"Nothing.. compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it was for us..."

Theodore Roosevelt

