

Montana Conservation District

I represent the locally-led and largely non-regulatory districts to address general natural resource issues, by helping local people match their needs with both technical and financial resources, to the benefit of all Montanans.

The State Montana passed legislation creating the conservation districts in 1939 to provide for local control of natural resource management programs and activities. Montana ' s 58 conservation districts cover all counties and include more than 70 municipalities that have petitioned to be included within district boundaries.

Funded by both local and legislature based on the finical need of the district, where figure varies around the state from \$2,500 to, in a few counties, \$100,000. In almost all districts, the amount generated locally is required to meet the expectations of the citizens living in the Conservation District.

Working closely with the Conservation and Resource Development Division and the Natural Resource Conservation Service who assist Conservation districts supervisors in carrying out their authorities and programs, facilitate and the interchange of information, activities, and cooperation between districts. From each district they govern local regions in many areas such as these:

- [The Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act](#)
- [Water Quality](#)
- [Watershed Planning, Local Watershed Councils, and Coordinated Resource Management Efforts](#)
- [Riparian Management](#)
- [Federal Conservation Programs](#)
- [Conservation Education](#)
- [Urban Conservation](#)
- [Saline Seep Reclamation](#)
- [Rangeland Resources](#)
- [Forest Practices](#)
- [Water Reservations](#)
- [Conservation Equipment](#)

This is all in addition to the long-standing CD roles such as educating landowners about sound conservation practices, tree planting and putting on outdoor classroom educational activities for school children.

I will support legislation that provides protection and benefits the natural resources of Montana.

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