

PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION



When conservation districts and state environmental agencies work hand-in-hand with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the result is a strong conservation partnership for all of Massachusetts.

United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the federal agency that shows farmers, landowners and concerned citizens how to improve and protect their natural resources. Americans have been consulting NRCS for decades; seeking expert advice on issues like erosion, water quality and soil productivity.



Landowners and NRCS specialists work together on a voluntary basis. The agency introduces people to simple conservation practices and federal conservation programs that can improve water quality and maintain healthy and productive lands. Together they develop a conservation plan that leads to wise stewardship.

NRCS provides assistance directly to citizens and communities who request it. The agency's conservation specialists – biologists, planners, engineers, soil scientists, technicians and geologists – are ready to address your natural resource concerns.

Conservation Districts

A conservation district is a subdivision of state government, established under state law to carry out programs for the conservation and wise management of soil, water and related resources.

There are 14 conservation districts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Each district is governed by a board of supervisors—locally elected citizens who volunteer their time and leadership to the conservation effort.



Conservation district supervisors work directly with NRCS to deliver technical assistance to the people of Massachusetts. Each local conservation district is a voice for the community, providing leadership on conservation issues and establishing priorities for conservation activities and programs.

The NRCS role is to provide technical assistance. When all 14 districts collaborate as a statewide organization, they operate as the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Districts (MACD).

- ✓ Farm planning
- ✓ Technical assistance
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Demonstration projects

The State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources

As part of the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources serves as a resource for local conservation districts. Representatives of state environmental agencies – including Conservation and Recreation, Agricultural Resources, Fish & Game and Environmental Protection, conservation districts have direct access to state resources for targeted delivery at the local level.

The State Commission also provides the mechanisms for regional projects. The

Massachusetts Envirothon is an example of pulling together state and local environmental education resources and producing a highly successful environmental education program for high school students from around the state.



State Commission for the Conservation of Soil, Water and Related Resources

Working closely with NRCS, the state commission provides excellent opportunities to coordinate and focus state and federal programs for conservation work in Massachusetts.

Conservation District Offices

Berkshire Conservation District

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413-443-1776 Ext. 102
www.berkshireconservation.org

Bristol Conservation District

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508-669-6558
www.bristolcd.org

Cape Cod Conservation District

P.O. Box 678
Barnstable, MA 02630
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www.capecodcd.org

Dukes Conservation District

P.O. Box 111
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978-774-5578

Franklin Conservation District

55 Federal Street, Room 290
Greenfield, MA 01301
413-773-0286

Hampden and Hampshire Conservation Districts

195 Russell Street, Suite B6
Hadley, MA 01035
413-585-1000 Ext. 5

Middlesex Conservation District

319 Littleton Road, Suite 205
Westford, MA 01886
978-692-9395
www.middlesexconservation.org

Nantucket Conservation District

P.O. Box 1146
Nantucket, MA 02554
508-228-7244

Norfolk Conservation District

400 Main Street
Walpole, MA 02018
508-668-0995

Plymouth County Conservation District

15 Cranberry Highway
West Wareham, MA 02576
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Suffolk Conservation District

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Boston, MA 02119-1909
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Worcester County Conservation District

52 Boyden Road, Room 100
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