



Financial Resources

The District is funded by annual appropriations from the State and the County. The remainder is generated through delegation agreements for other state and local programs and special projects.

The District is authorized to accept donations and bequests, subject to the approval of the State Conservation Commission.

The District's Environmental Education Program is funded by the sale of bird seed. Quality bird seed can be purchased at the District office.



The District is governed by a board of directors consisting of a representative of Jefferson County Government, three farmer members, and three public members. Associate directors assist the board in its mission.

Individuals are recommended for board membership by nominating organizations having interests in natural resources conservation. County Commissioners appoint the directors who, in turn, appoint associate directors. All serve on a voluntary basis.

District Team

Directors:

Chairman – Todd Beers
Vice-Chairman – Porter Duvall
Secretary/Treasurer – Allen Campbell
Commissioner Member – Herb Bullers
Theresa Shick
Terry Shields
Tom McFarland

Associate Directors:

Laura Lynn Yohe
Jerry Chamberlin
Becky Gaston
Tom Kundrich
Dennis Day
Director Emeritus – George Miller

Staff:

District Manager – Shaun Wessell
Executive Director – Deborah Wilson
Administrative Assistant – Melissa Buck
ACT/Nutrient Mgmt Spec – Megan Whitlatch
Resource Technician – Carl Johnson
Watershed Technician – Dana Grabowski

Protecting our Resources for Future Generations



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In 1945, Pennsylvania state legislators recognized the need to support grassroots conservation efforts. As a result, the Conservation District Law was passed, and county conservation districts were created. Today, there is a conservation district established in every PA County except Philadelphia.

Established in 1946 by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, the District operates under the direction of the State Conservation Commission, which was created by the General Assembly to provide for the conservation of soil, water and related resources of the Commonwealth.

The District coordinates local, state, and federal resources to provide technical assistance to individuals, volunteer organizations and local governments.



The Conservation District's educational activities target farmers, municipal officials, homeowners, teachers and students, along with many other audiences.

Activities range from participating in large community events, to hosting professional workshops and technical training sessions, to going out in the field to provide one-on-one assistance.



Programs & Services

- Reviews of project plans, issue permits, and inspect earthmoving projects to assure that erosion and sedimentation controls are properly installed and maintained;
- Participate in the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program;
- Assist in development of projects designed to reduce or eliminate pollution from abandoned mines;
- Educate developers, engineers, contractors and other professionals to implement best management practices to protect water quality;
- Assist landowners in resolution of complaints arising from earthmoving projects;
- Conduct annual Envirothons: a program in which students learn about our natural environment through competitive events;
- Offer technical assistance on farms where manure and fertilizer are applied, to insure environmental standards are being met;
- Assist farmers in developing farm plans required by the state to address soil and manure management.
- Review Stormwater Management Plans to assure compliance with local ordinances and the Jefferson County Act 167 Plan;
- Provide volunteer organizations technical assistance & assist with funding acquisition.