

Financial Resources

The District is supported by annual appropriations from the Commission and from 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 Environmental Education Program is funded by the annual Bird Seed Sale. Quality bird seed is made available in the fall and throughout the year.



“Sustainable Forestry Initiative Workshop”

Administration

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.

The District Manager is responsible for day-to-day operations of the district. Due to budget restraints the District staff has been reduced to a Watershed Specialist/Resource Technician, an Ag Conservation Tech/Nutrient Mgmt. Specialist, and an Administrative Assistant.

District Team

Directors:

Chairman – Herb Landes
Vice-Chairman – Porter Duvall
Secretary/Treasurer – Allen Campbell
Commissioner Member – Paul Corbin
Jack Corbin
Tom McFarland
Theresa Shick

Associate Directors:

Doug Catalano Steve Carrier
Chris Mitterer Terry Shields
Laura Lynn Yohe Jessie Beatty
Richard Bowser Matt Ferut
Jerry Chamberlin Claire & Rusty Orner
Director Emeritus – Andrew Laska
Director Emeritus – George Miller
Director Emeritus – Bill Keown

Staff:

District Manager – Deb Wilson
Administrative Assistant – Missy Buck
Watershed Specialist/Resource Tech – Shaun Wessell
ACT/Nutrient Mgmt Specialist – Jim Berry

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Conserving Our Natural Resources For Future Generations



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Jefferson County Conservation District

In 1945, Pennsylvania state legislators recognized the need to support grass-roots 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 Pennsylvania 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, private organizations and other government agencies.



“Dirt & Gravel Road Project”

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



“2009 Cover Crop Field Day”

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.



“Pipe Replacement”

Programs & Services

- Review 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 Road Program** to help reduce the pollution potential of dirt roads;
- 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;
- Assist landowners in resolution of **complaints** arising from local earthmoving projects;
- Conduct annual **Envirothons**: a program in which students learn about our natural environment through competitive events;
- Work with the **Jefferson County Sewage Association** to enforce Act 537;
- Offer **technical assistance on farms** where manure and fertilizer are applied, to insure environmental standards are being met;
- Assist farmers in developing and implementing **conservation and nutrient management plans** and installing Best Management Practices;
- Provide **volunteer organizations** technical assistance & funding acquisition.

