



CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OF WASHINGTON STATE

your window to healthy lands

Delivering common-sense conservation for the common good.

WHY WE MATTER

Common-sense conservation for the common good means **meeting people where they are** — local services, shaped by local voices, to address local needs.

Our landscapes range from shorelines to river valleys to mountains to sagebrush plateaus.



Planting trees for salmon is a priority in some areas, while thinning trees for wildfire mitigation is a priority in others.



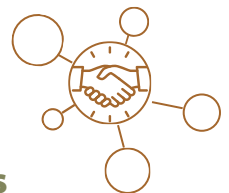
Millions of Washingtonians face drought, while others have been hit by devastating floods.



Common sense tells us a **one-size-fits-all** conservation policy won't deliver for the common good.

WHO WE ARE

Conservation districts are **local hubs of accessible natural resource services and expertise** for our communities.



Our teams of conservation experts work neighbor to neighbor, empowering people with customized solutions that deliver healthy ecosystems and locally grown food.

ONE NETWORK, 45 STRONG

No other entity matches the reach of our conservation delivery system.



Our **45-strong conservation district network** reaches every corner of the state, delivering common-sense conservation services that respect and reflect each community.

Localized services, statewide accountability

STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

Conservation districts are a unique governmental subdivision of the state. They were established by statute (RCW 89.08) in 1939 to ensure relevant conservation services and associated public benefits are available to all areas of Washington.

State and local accountability is embedded in conservation district structure and governance to fulfill this duty.



FUNDING

Base state funding for conservation district operations and projects is administered by the **Washington State Conservation Commission**.

However, a more sustainable level of state funding is needed. Each conservation district spends significant time seeking additional public and private funds, but it's not enough to meet rising demand for essential services.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Conservation districts comply with **strict performance measures** and **formal state audits**.

The State Conservation Commission employs a list of 15 statutory requirements that each conservation district must meet to receive funds from the agency. The Washington State Auditor's Office regularly audits conservation districts to ensure proper fiscal controls and use of public funds.



YOUR PARTNER IN CONSERVATION

Scan the QR code (scc.wa.gov/conservation-district-map) to find the local conservation district serving your constituents.