

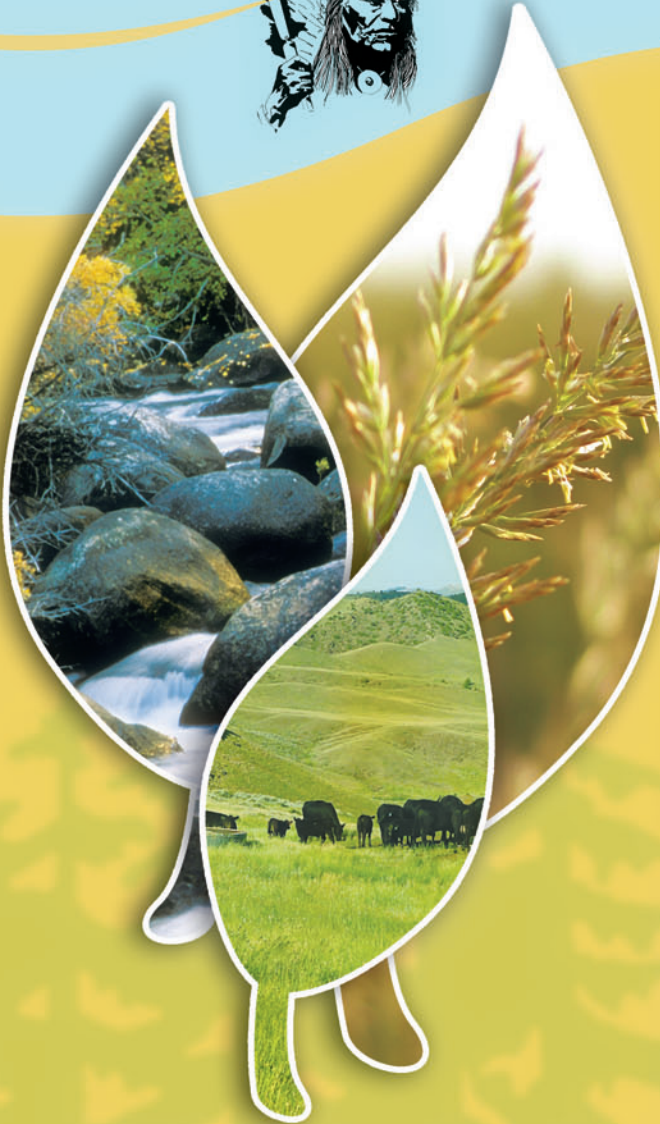
What does WCCD do?

The Washakie County Conservation District (WCCD) provides leadership for the **conservation of Washakie County's soil and water resources**, promotes the control of soil erosion, promotes and protects the quality of our local waters, promotes and offers **cost share assistance** to reduce siltation of stream channels and reservoirs, promotes wise use of our water and all other natural resources, provides education for enhancing wildlife habitat, protects the tax base, and promotes the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of our county through a responsible conservation ethic.

...and why do they do it?

During the 1930's, the Dust Bowl made the need to conserve natural resources, particularly soil, very clear. Agencies ranging from Land Grant Universities to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration researched and implemented conservation practices throughout the nation. Eventually, the Soil Conservation Service, now named Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), was created under the Soil Conservation Act of 1935 to develop and implement soil erosion control programs. At times agencies working with conservation had ended up competing with each other, so local leadership was needed to coordinate their efforts and tie them into local conditions and priorities. Because of this, the President developed a model Conservation District Law, for consideration by state governments. In March 1941, the Wyo. State Legislature passed an enabling act, which established conservation districts in Wyoming. Conservation districts were to direct programs protecting local renewable natural resources.

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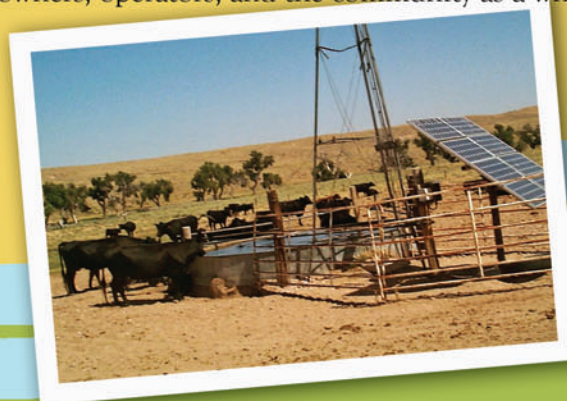
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-  hiking
-  boating
-  camping
-  gardening
-  swimming
-  fresh vegetables
-  clean water
-  ...breathing?

If so, you already benefit from the work of conservation districts!

A conservation district focuses on **natural resource problems and solutions**. There are 3000 conservation districts in the United States and 34 located throughout Wyoming. These districts assist in:

- ◆ Implementing farm and range conservation practices that keep soil and pollutants from reaching waterways.
- ◆ Conserve and restore wetlands, which purify water and provide habitat for birds, fish, and numerous animals.
- ◆ Protect groundwater resources.
- ◆ Plant trees and other land covers to hold soil in place, clean the air, provide cover for wildlife, and beautify neighborhoods.
- ◆ Provide local conservation leadership, teach the value of natural resources and encourage conservation efforts.

Each district focuses on **issues important to resource concerns specific to the communities they represent**. Districts are led by local citizens and answer directly to land-owners, operators, and the community as a whole.



Get Involved in our Programs!

WCCD offers many programs to educate and assist citizens with natural resource solutions. We use local tax dollars and grants to offer funds to help residents with a multitude of projects. For more information on our cost share programs, please visit www.washakiecd.com. Some of the programs we offer include:

Education

- Water Cycle/Watershed
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Recycling
- Bats
- Workshops

Seedling Trees

- Conservation Grade Seedlings
- Weed Barrier
- Windbreak Plans

Water Resources

- Water Quality Improvement
- Water Quality Assessment

Waste Management

- Christmas Tree Recycling
- Ten Sleep Recycling
- Hazardous Waste Collection

Range & Irrigated Land Management

- PV Solar
- Soil Moisture Sensors
- Rangeland Health Assessment
- Small Water Projects

