

Conservation Planning

A conservation plan is a land management tool to help you manage your operation profitably while protecting the natural resources on your land.

The choice to develop a conservation plan is completely up to you. This process is totally VOLUNTARY! The landowner makes all the decisions, implements the plan, and has complete control over what is done and when (within the guidelines of local permitting).

While conservation planning is ideally suited for farm operations, and is widely applied on farm land, the same concepts are used to develop forest conservation plans, water quality plans, and wildlife habitat plans. The Conservation District is here to help you successfully develop and implement your own conservation plan.

What is a Conservation District?

Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) were formed in response to the massive soil erosion crisis of the Dust Bowl in the 1930s which was undermining the value and productivity of agricultural lands. Congress realized that only active, voluntary support from landowners would guarantee the success of conservation work on private lands. Oregon responded by creating districts which work hand-in-hand with private landowners, as well as state, tribal and federal agencies and local organizations to meet the needs of the landowner and to achieve local, statewide and regional conservation objectives. SWCDs are governed by locally elected officials, accountable to the electorate.

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**Who we are . . .
What we do . . .
How we can help you . . .**

Locally led conservation.

Planning & Support
Forest—Farm—Rural Residential
Soil & Water Management
Soil Health
Water Quality
Wildlife Habitat
Watershed Health & Restoration
Invasive Species Management
Noxious Weed Control
Nutrient Management
Animal Health

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What is involved in a conservation plan?

Why do we need Conservation Planning?

Good water and soil quality, and wildlife habitat are important to providing a healthy environment in which to live. It helps to ensure an ongoing supply of the food, water and other resources we need to survive and it contributes to a good quality of life.

While multiple efforts are underway to reduce pollution and protect water and soil quality, a complete solution requires action on all fronts. How you manage your land has a direct impact on everyone who lives downstream from you and on the products they provide back to you. With individual landowners caring for the water, soil, and wildlife on their lands, we can protect the complete system.

What good is a Conservation Plan for me?

- Save money over the long term as your land becomes more productive and operations more efficient.
- Ensure better natural resource quality for you, your animals and your neighbors.
- Increases your property value.
- May assist you in meeting regulatory requirements.
- Improves animal health and productivity.

- Contributes to plant, crop and tree vigor while working to eliminate invasive plants and reduce resource usage.
- Educational, fun and rewarding to know you are improving your land for future generations.
- May open the way for funding and tax incentives for restoration and protection of natural resources.
- Gain higher market value for your products.

What support can I expect from the District?

Conservation Planning assistance goes through distinct phases.

1. First is the site visit. A District Conservation Planner will visit your site to assist you in identifying resource concerns, determining objectives, and developing a site map.
2. The second phase is formulating and evaluating alternatives. The District Conservation Planner can call upon expertise from a number of state and federal agencies to provide expert advice, and to help you select a course of action that best meets your needs and objectives.
3. The third phase is implementation. As needed, the District can help with expert advice, and with locating funding sources to assist in certain cost share programs. On-going monitoring and evaluation can help you revise and update your conservation plan.

I request conservation assistance

Please provide information that would be helpful to our Conservation Planner in assisting you.

Property Size

- Less than 10 acres
- 10 to 50 acres
- More than 50 acres

My primary concerns

- Land Productivity/tilth
- Soil erosion
- Animal Health
- Water runoff
- Riparian/streamside areas
- Wildlife habitat

I have on my property

- Residential
- Farming (crop/produce)
- Livestock
- Forest

Please

- Mail information
- Call for a site visit
- Notify me of workshops

Comments:

Name

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