



Helping People Help the Land

Creating Tribal Conservation Districts

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Function of a Tribal Conservation District

To make available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, & focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for: conservation, development, restoration & preservation of soil, water, air, plants, animals, and related resources.





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Tribal Law – usually by Resolution

**NRCS - ONE agency within United States
Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

ONLY AGENCY WITHIN USDA THAT IS NON-REGULATORY

**USDA - Secretary recognizes Tribal
Conservation Districts with 3-way MOU**

- Tribal Government
- Tribal Conservation District
- Department of Agriculture



□ USDA

- Federal – to meet Tribal needs at the Department level
 - Agencies within USDA: NRCS, RD, RMA, FSA, USFS, etc.





Tribal Conservation Districts

☐ Assistance to develop a Tribal Conservation District:

- ☐ NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service**
- ☐ INCA – Indian Nations Conservation Alliance**





Assistance to Tribes and Districts

□ NRCS:

□ Technical Assistance

- Web Soil Survey
- Conservation Planning
- Plants Database

□ Financial Assistance

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

□ New Tribal Districts:

- Meeting facilitation
- Capacity Building
- Conservation planning



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