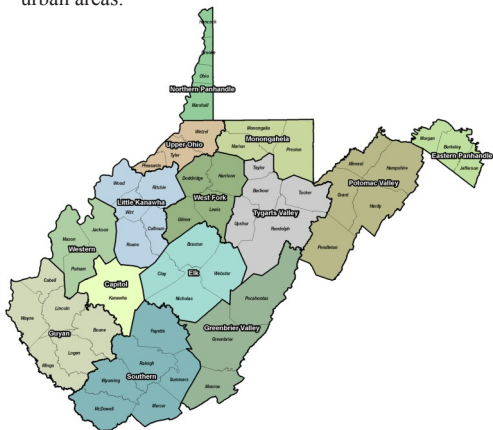


# What are Conservation Districts?

Across the United States, nearly 3000 conservation districts, 14 in West Virginia, are helping local people to conserve land, water, forests, wildlife and related natural resources. Known in various parts of the country as “soil and water conservation districts,” “resource conservation districts,” “land conservation committees” and similar names, they share a single mission: to coordinate assistance from all available sources, public and private, local, state and federal, in an effort to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns.

Conservation District Supervisor is an elected county position in West Virginia. In West Virginia, 114 volunteers serve as supervisors on the governing boards of conservation districts. These local boards operate under the guidance and with the support of the West Virginia State Conservation Committee, through the Conservation Agency, and develop and implement programs to protect and conserve soil, water, woodland, wildlife and other renewable natural resources, including backyard conservation in urban areas.



*“The major and final responsibility for achieving soil and water conservation rests with the people who own or operate the land.”*

W.R. Keyser, Supervisor  
Southern Conservation District 1949-1962

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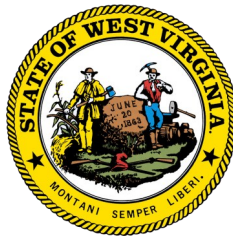
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*"Man and nature must work hand in hand, the throwing out of balance of the resources of nature throws out of balance also the lives of men."*

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**



## Conservation District Supervisor

*As Conservation Districts are legal sub-divisions of state government, a Supervisor is expected to carry out the charges given in the Conservation Districts Law (Chapter 19-21A) of the West Virginia Code. These responsibilities include:*

1. Attend 12 regularly scheduled Board meetings per year.
2. Attend District committee meetings.
3. Work with local work groups.
4. Coordinate with watershed associations and other interest groups.
5. Be actively involved in the financial management of the District.
6. Be available to speak at schools, workshops, field days and other functions.
7. Participate in committees, such as equipment, legislative, operations, conservation education, finance and grassland committees.
8. Represent the District at local public meetings regarding conservation of natural resources.
9. Have weekly contact with the District Office.
10. Participate in annual Operation and Maintenance inspections, coordinate improvements and help secure funding.
11. Effectively work with legislators to promote local conservation of natural resource needs.
12. Actively promote conservation programs to the community.
13. Familiarize and become active in overall needs of the Operation, Maintenance & Repair Program, where applicable.

### Conservation District Mission

*The mission of the Conservation Districts is to provide local self-government leadership and initiative in the development and conservation of soil, water, and related resources. A balanced planning, education and management program that protects, restores and improves those resources will be accomplished in cooperation with landowners, government agencies and private organizations.*



### How much time is required?

Supervisors must attend 12 regularly scheduled board meetings, as well as committee, training and other specially called meetings and functions.

Supervisors who accept additional responsibility (District officers, directors, etc.) and attend additional state and national meetings usually contribute more time.

### What are some of the things I will be doing?

Although Conservation District activities will vary according to the needs of the local area, here is a list of some common activities.

- Helping implement farm conservation practices to keep soil in the fields and out of waterways.
- Protecting groundwater resources.
- Planting trees and other land cover to hold soil in place, clean the air and provide cover for wildlife.
- Managing and maintaining flood control, recreation and water supply dams.
- Reaching out to communities and schools to teach the value of natural resources and encourage conservation efforts.