

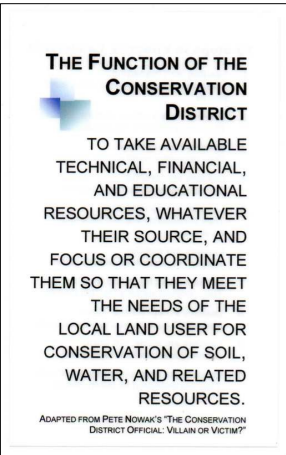


# Natural Resource Issues addressed through CD Projects

**Purpose:** Times have changed and more than likely, so have your local natural resource issues. Identifying and prioritizing natural resource issues can be difficult.

## What CD's Can Do:

CD's have statutory authority to do just about anything that will address the conservation of soil, water, and related resources. Under the Operation of CD's, (MCA 76 -15-401-411) the statute spells out a number of things a CD can do such as:



- Study of problems
- Develop soil and water conservation plans
- Operation of projects and works
- Acquisition and management of property
- Furnishing of supplies and equipment
- Selection, acquisition, and funding of water storage sites
- Rulemaking authority
- Research
- Engineering
- Educational Programs and Events
- Range Programs
- Cooperate or enter into agreements
- Accept donations, gifts, and contributions in money, services, materials
- Construct, improve, operate, and maintain any structures

- Purchase, lease, or manage projects undertaken by the United States or the state within the district boundaries

## Natural Resource Issues:

There are a wide variety of natural resource issues or topics that can be addressed with projects administered or executed by your district. However, keep in mind, the list below is not “all inclusive” of today’s concerns. As times changed, so may local natural resource issues in your district.

- Soil
- Vegetation
- Water Resources—Quality—Quantity
- Changes in land use
- Range Management, Grazing practices
- Methods of cultivation/ growing of vegetation/, cropping/tillage
- Irrigation
- Flood prevention/control
- Drainage
- Fish and wildlife
- Recreation
- Erosion control/erosion prevention
- Development of power
- Supplying water for fire protection, livestock, or public, domestic, industrial, or other uses.



*Identifying Natural Resource issues is a continual process, and not always an easy process. However, when an issue arises, it should be discussed at your board meeting. You can also address it in your long range plan.*

**Remember:** *The natural resource issue should be identified first as a project. Funding will follow!*