

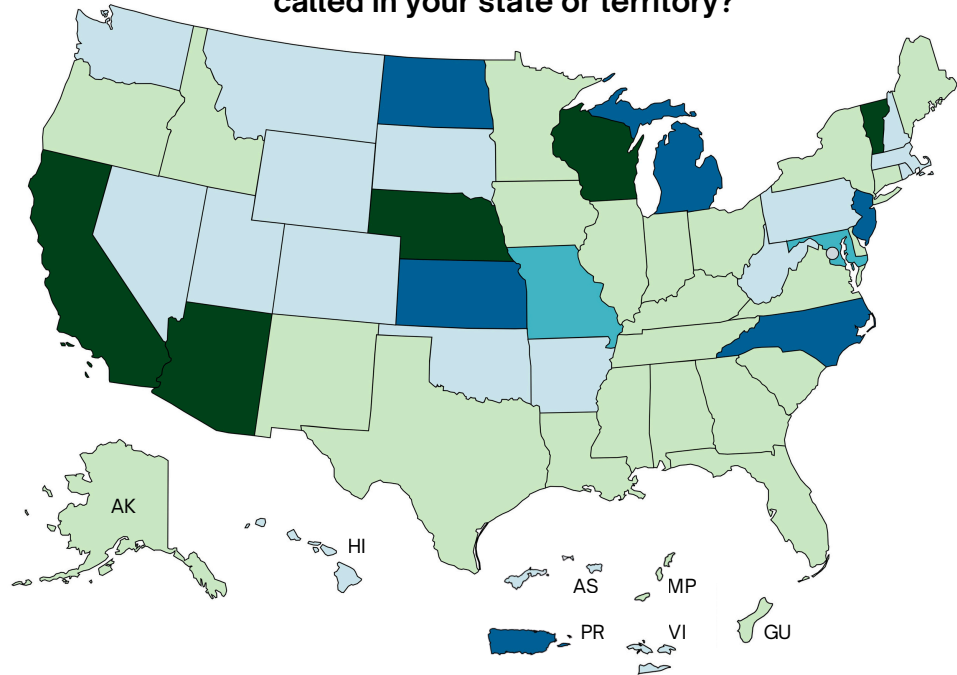
# Quick Guide to Conservation Districts

## Almost every county in the U.S. has a conservation district.

Conservation districts are subdivisions of state government that work with public and private landowners, government entities, and others to coordinate local conservation efforts.

Though they share a mission, districts in different states may go by different names depending on the state law under which they were established.\* For a complete list of the enabling legislation in each state, please visit the National Association of Conservation Districts webpage at <https://www.nacdnet.org/about-nacd/about-districts/>.

## What are conservation districts called in your state or territory?



Conservation District

Soil & Water Conservation District

Soil Conservation





Soil Conservation District

Other

Land & Water Conservation Departments (WI)  
Natural Resource Conservation District (AZ)  
Natural Resources Conservation District (VT)  
Natural Resources District (NE)  
Resource Conservation District (CA)

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Every conservation district has different priorities depending on geography and state law. Among others, district responsibilities generally include:

-  Ensuring soil health and productivity
-  Protecting water and air quality
-  Conserving critical habitat like wetlands
-  Educating the community on natural resources and conservation practices

## OTHER DISTRICTS

Many municipalities have additional special districts that, while independently focusing on different issues, may also share priorities related to natural resources or the environment. These can include:

- Flood Control Districts
- Watershed Conservancy Districts
- Fire Protection Districts
- Water Districts
- Irrigation Districts
- Parks and Recreation
- And others!