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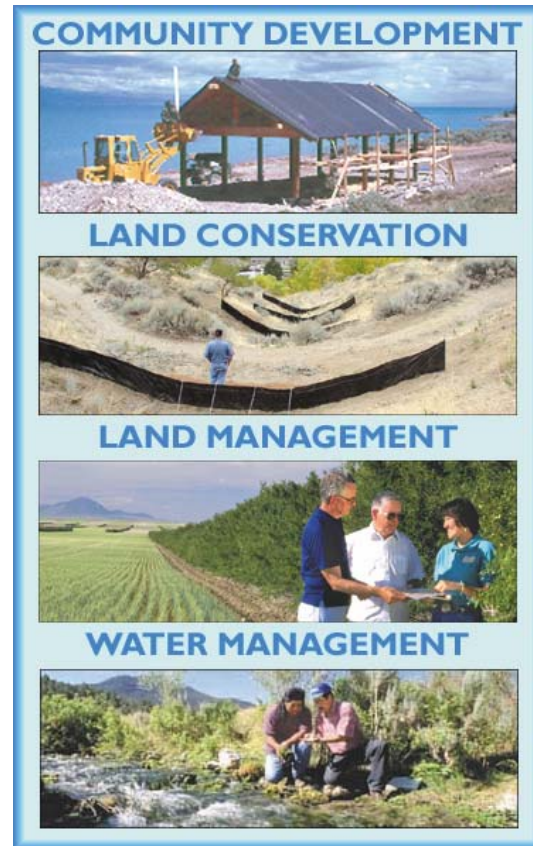
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Resource Conservation & Development



Making communities in Utah
a better place to live

RC&D ...

Making a Difference in Your Community

What is RC&D?

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is a program that helps local people utilize, conserve, and protect their natural resources in a way that enhances environmental and economic conditions in the community. Local citizens and community groups work cooperatively to plan and carry out beneficial projects.

Locally Led Program

No one knows better than local citizens what their most urgent community needs are. Because of this, local people create and organize their own RC&D areas, define their own goals, and work with a broad range of public and private entities to achieve their objectives. People make the choices for their community in the areas of land conservation, water management, environmental enhancement, community development, or any issue unique to their area. In every case, local people are the decision makers.

How Does RC&D Work?

RC&D Program services are provided through local RC&D councils made up of volunteer representatives from sponsoring units of government or other groups. RC&D councils identify needs and then plan projects to address them. Councils draw upon public and private resources for funding, technical expertise, or input. RC&D councils in Utah also receive technical and organizational support from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, which assigns a coordinator to help them plan their activities and provide project assistance.

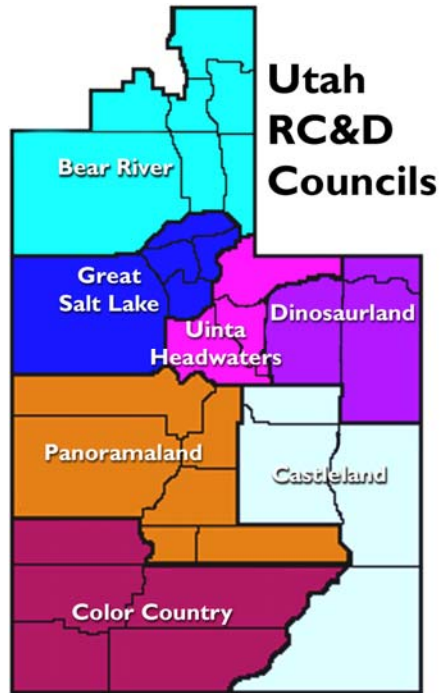
RC&D councils are organized as non-profit corporations. This allows them to accept grants, gifts and contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations and other organizations. An RC&D can assist in:

- Organizing individuals or groups to solve problems or take advantage of opportunities
- Planning community projects
- Grant applications and fundraising

You Can Make a Difference

Become involved with your local RC&D and make your community a better place to live, work, and play.

Examples of RC&D Projects in Utah



Bear River RC&D

To help rehabilitate stream banks in Northern Utah and Southeastern Idaho, the portable “Waterjet Stinger” is made available through



the RC&D to plant woody cuttings. The gasoline powered stinger pressurizes on-site water into an erosive force captured in two hand-held planting wands that create a hole for each cutting. At an initial cost of approximately \$1500, the Stinger has generated nearly \$1000 in fees over the past three years.

Castleland RC&D

An estimated 40% of Navajo families have no running water in their homes and must make many trips to the nearest reliable water supply. While the collection of rainwater is a very old practice, it is largely underutilized in this region today. The Castleland RC&D assisted Sky-water Systems to construct three rainwater collection systems benefiting families at Monument Valley and Navajo Mountain. Plans are to construct rain water systems at Navajo Mountain that will benefit six extended families.



Color Country RC&D

To promote tourism along Scenic Byway 12, a corridor management plan was developed that led to its designation as an “All-American Road” under the Federal Highway Administration program. The byway offers historic, cultural, archaeological, natural, recreational, and scenic values for both visitors and residents. “Utah’s Scenic Byway 12 – A Journey Through Time” is one of only 29 “All-American Roads” in the country.



Dinosaurland RC&D



With education as the emphasis, weed and water conferences are held annually for local producers. The popular PAWS-On program (Plants, Animals, Water and Soil) is a hands-on conservation education effort carried out in partnership with the local conservation district and involves over 5000 participants with 25 partners who provide funding, facilities, supplies, presentations and transportation.

Great Salt Lake RC&D

Serving the Wasatch Front, this council has begun Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs that provide a direct link between production and consumption of food. Supporters cover a farm’s yearly operating budget by purchasing a share of the season’s harvest. CSA members commit to support the farm throughout the season, and assume some of the costs, risks and bounty of growing food.



Panoramaland RC&D



The RC&D coordinates and shares resources to inventory, treat, rehabilitate, monitor, and prevent the spread of noxious weeds. The Sanpitch Cooperative Weed Management Area was formed so members could see their specific weed treatment needs in context with the larger geographic needs. Members are able to share technical expertise and resources to discover and implement weed control solutions.

Uinta Headwaters RC&D

The council helps communities forge partnerships with local and state agencies to get resources to establish a wildfire interface plan that protects rural homeowners. At-risk communities are trained how to set up a community fire council and put together a fire plan. Then each community is assisted in putting together grant applications to fund the plan. In three years, over \$1 million in federal funding and local in-kind and cash donations were raised.

