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REASONS TO SUPPORT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



1. Conservation Delivery Infrastructure - Every county in the state has an SWCD office, making our delivery system top-notch in creating local solutions to local concerns.

2. Technical Know-How - Our team is trained in providing solutions to prevent soil erosion, manage animal waste, control run-off, help protect water quality and more.

3. Track Record - For more than 80 years, Soil and Water Districts in Ohio have been the local boots on the ground to provide resources for farmers and communities.

4. Not Just for Farmers Anymore - While the early model of conservation districts provided solutions for farmers, today's districts provide resources for our cities and suburbs to reduce erosion and sedimentation problems in our waterways.

5. Trusted Resources - Farmers believe in conservation districts, viewing them as a trusted resource for assistance on matters of conservation.

6. Partnerships - Our districts work with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the USDA-NRCS to maximize opportunities to provide conservation assistance to people throughout Ohio.

7. Voluntary, Incentive-Based Solutions - Districts work with producers on programs like H2Ohio, EQIP, CRP and other to provide resources in natural resource concerns.

8. Educating our Youth - Many of our districts work with schools to provide educational programs for students in our state. In addition, we have one of the nation's strongest Envirothon programs for high school students.

9. Locally-Led - Since the 1940's, our districts have been governed by five locally-elected supervisors ensuring that local leadership is involved in conservation solutions.

10. Matched Dollars - In Ohio, soil and water districts funding at the local level is matched by the state and is often complimented with federal dollars. So each dollar is a matched investment.



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