

RC&D Projects
Involve and Improve
Communities and Quality of Life

Abandoned Mine Reclamation--RC&D projects have removed acid, iron and other metals from AMD sites to restore fish habitat, improve drinking water for communities, and improve recreational potential.

Farmers Cooperative Markets--Working together with farmers, RC&Ds have found markets to supplement income for farm families such as through selling produce at roadside markets on the turnpike to Farmers Markets held in communities across the state.

Recreational Trail Development--Hundreds of miles of rail-trail conversions, hiking trails, and wildlife habitat improvements have been established along stream corridors through RC&D community projects.

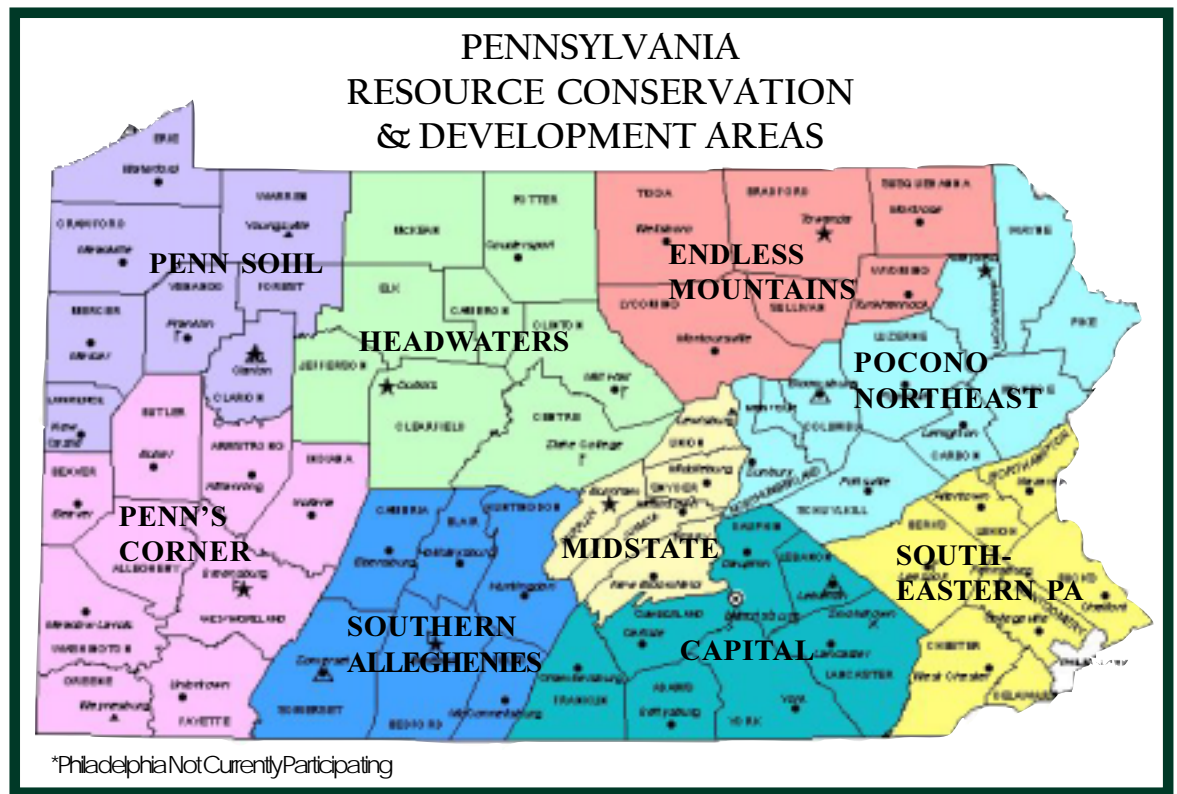
Dry Hydrants--Through RC&D efforts and grant programs, frost-free fire hydrants have been installed in many rural areas to provide a dependable source of water, reduce the threat of fire damage to life and property, and lower insurance premiums for individuals and communities .

Solar Energy Applications--Solar pumping systems provide a source of water for livestock in remote areas. RC&Ds provide cost-assistance to farmers for the installation of those pumps.

Timber Bridges--RC&Ds promote the use and recycling of local wood products such as timber to build bridges on county roads.

Urban Forestry/Wood Products--RC&Ds work with timber producers, harvesters, and markets to increase income to all parties. Some of Pennsylvania's timber resources have been certified which means they are managed using sound conservation measures and are eligible to receive higher prices.

Wastewater Treatment Alternatives/Urban Planning/Composting--RC&Ds help communities improve their infrastructure by assisting with the development of wastewater treatment facilities, recycling programs, and neighborhood parks.



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Vision of Pennsylvania RC&D Councils
We will serve, support, and promote Resource Conservation and Development Councils by nurturing partnerships and by providing innovative and dynamic leadership. The result will be an excellent quality of life in Pennsylvania and a strengthened ability to be responsible for the environment.

What is an RC&D Council?

Resource Conservation & Development Councils are a blend of private enterprise and government in a nonprofit public/private partnership. Program activities are initiated and directed by a volunteer Council consisting of local representatives of government, business, development organizations, non-profit organizations, conservation districts, and individuals. Councils listen to residents in setting goals and establishing programs to strengthen communities, establish needed infrastructures, and improve the economy of their area.

Pennsylvania has eight RC&D Councils with a ninth under application. Each has a unique structure and leadership that reflects their specific region. Councils take an active role in demonstrating emerging activities and technology not widely used in their communities.

Councils have effective professional staffs who research and develop new ideas and opportunities. Programs and projects are facilitated by an RC&D coordinator who is an employee of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and is directed by the local Council. Each Council has a Long-Range Plan and an Annual Plan of Work that address critical issues for their communities. Programs change with needs and opportunities.

Be involved.
Improve your community.
Join RC&D today!

The Key to Tomorrow Is RC&D Today!

- Turn today's challenges into tomorrow's opportunities.
- Work together to make things happen.
- Cooperate—the key to RC&D success.
- Nurture partnerships and provide innovative and dynamic networking opportunities.
- Empower and assist communities in assuming responsibility and meeting economic, social, and environmental needs.
- Provide a grassroots, volunteer organization to work at the local level.
- Work towards the goal of community sustainability.
- Achieve harmony with rural economic development and natural resource protection.
- Make communities better places to live.
- Link concerned citizens, businesses, and government with the resources to solve local problems.
- Improve the quality of life for citizens throughout Pennsylvania.

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