

# Washington Association of Conservation Districts

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- Association Mission, Programs  
and Authorities

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*How Does WACD Fit Into This Process?*

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# Powers of Conservation District Supervisors

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- Conservation district supervisors may designate an area, state and national association as coordinating organizations

# WACD Mission

(WACD Strategic Plan, 2013)

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- WACD is a voluntary, non-governmental association to serve as the collective voice of conservation districts, and to advance the purposes of conservation districts and their constituents by providing leadership, advocacy, representation, influence, information, and products & services, and by protecting and advancing the locally-led principle.

# WACD Vision

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- Protect and conserve natural resources for future generations.

# Who is WACD?

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- Member Conservation Districts
- Elected Supervisor Leadership – Board of Directors
  - Executive Officers
  - Area Directors
  - WADE President
- Committees
- Staff and Consultant Services

# Association Purposes

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- Provide district supervisors, staff, and partners with timely information, education, training, and leadership.
- Represent conservation districts at state, regional, and national level to protect and promote conservation districts' interests, stability, roles, growth and support.

# Association Purposes

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- Serve as a link between conservation districts and their state and federal partners, tribes and other organizations to preserve and advance the locally-led principle and the role for districts.
- Facilitate the resolution of natural resource-related problems working through partnerships and providing direct influence.

# Association Purposes

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- Serve as a communication link among conservation districts to help keep districts informed, build unity, and improve coordination of collective action.
- Inspire and educate conservation district supervisors to a full understanding and acceptance of their responsibilities for leadership and local governance.



# Why Get Involved Here?

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- WACD promotes conservation districts' role as part of a balanced system to address natural resource concerns. This system is out of whack.
- WACD seeks solutions that emphasize these system parts (regulatory and incentive-based) working together most effectively - *results, costs, landowner role.*

# WACD Goals Here

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- Better define how conservation districts can perform our role in assisting landowners and land managers in meeting water quality and economic objectives.
- Clarify water quality objectives to identify a clear “goal line” that we all can work toward.

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- Bring working clarity to “substantial potential to pollute”.
- Establish clear and distinct roles for agency(ies) and conservation districts in delivering technical assistance.
- Clean up the “accountability problem”.

# Closing

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- Questions?

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