

District Conservationist DITL Video CC Text

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| [Narrator] Welcome to NRCS. | End: 00:00:04:00 Begin: 00:00:02:00 |
| We protect, conserve, and restore America's natural resources. | End: 00:00:10:00 Begin: 00:00:06:00 |
| We help people help the land. | End: 00:00:18:00 Begin: 00:00:16:00 |
| There are many people who work together on a conservation team. | End: 00:00:25:00 Begin: 00:00:22:00 |
| Take some time to learn about a day in the life of a District Conservationist. | End: 00:00:30:00 Begin: 00:00:26:00 |
| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] For most landowners, the first contact they have with NRCS is a District Conservationist. | Begin: 00:00:35:00 |
| The DC has knowledge of the conservation programs and practices used in their area to address resource concerns. | Begin: 00:00:42:00 |
| They must be able to communicate clearly with landowners the benefits of working with NRCS and implementing conservation practices. | Begin: 00:00:51:00 |
| To develop a path to sustainability, the DC and the landowner work with a Conservation Plan. | Begin: 00:01:00:00 |
| The DC oftentimes works with conservation districts, other governmental agencies, and private conservation groups to achieve the goals set forth in the Conservation Plan. | End: 00:01:18:00 Begin: 00:01:07:00 |
| [Diana, NRCS District Conservationist] Hello. My name is Diana Irizarry. | Begin: 00:01:21:00 |
| I'm a District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. | Begin: 00:01:24:00 |
| Come along with me and other District Conservationists for our day! | End: 00:01:31:00 Begin: 00:01:28:00 |
| [Andrea, NRCS Engineer] Good morning, Joanna! | Begin: 00:01:34:00 |

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| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] Morning, Andrea! Here's a message for you. Will I see you at the staff meeting later? | Begin: 00:01:36:00 |
| [Andrea, NRCS Engineer] Yep. I'll be there at 9, right? | Begin: 00:01:40:00 |
| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] Great! See you then! | Begin: 00:01:42:00 |
| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] This morning we are holding a staff meeting. | Begin: 00:01:46:00 |
| This is a casual meeting to discuss upcoming projects and activities. | Begin: 00:01:49:00 |
| As DC, it is my responsibility to coordinate the efforts of my staff to ensure we are meeting local resource concerns. | Begin: 00:01:53:00 |
| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] Outreach to landowners is a very important part of the District Conservationist's job. | Begin: 00:02:01:00 |
| DCs work hard to create strong relationships with landowners. | Begin: 00:02:07:00 |
| Because we rely heavily on positive, word-of-mouth recommendations between landowners, we strive to maintain a solid reputation for successfully implementing conservation practices. | Begin: 00:02:11:00 |
| DCs also reach out to potential cooperators at local grower meetings and at other organization meetings. | Begin: 00:02:23:00 |
| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] Today, we are meeting with a local beef producer. | Begin: 00:02:32:00 |
| This producer was recently accepted into a contract to exclude the local deer population from his beef herd, reducing the risk of bovine tuberculosis. | Begin: 00:02:35:00 |
| This, and many other problems, are being addressed by new initiatives. Nationwide, our regular programs are being targeted to treat specific issues. | Begin: 00:02:46:00 |
| These initiatives include CCPI, AWEP, TB, Mississippi River Basin, Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and many others. | Begin: 00:02:55:00 |
| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] Conservation districts are one of the closest partners of NRCS. | Begin: 00:03:06:00 |

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| In 1933, when NRCS began, Congress knew that, because a large percentage of the land in the U.S. was privately owned, they would have to devise a system to reach out to private landowners to put conservation on the land. | Begin: 00:03:11:00 |
| The idea of soil and water conservation districts was born. Conservation districts are made up of a locally led board that direct much of NRCS' work by identifying local resource concerns. | Begin: 00:03:25:00 |
| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] Within NRCS, we have many specialists to solve complex resource concerns. | Begin: 00:03:38:00 |
| For example, if I'm out on a site visit at a farm and find a plant that I can't identify, I can take a picture and send it to our state biologist. | Begin: 00:03:44:00 |
| We also have specialists in soils, agronomy, forestry, grazing, engineering, and geology. | Begin: 00:03:54:00 |
| [Joanna, NRCS District Conservationist] As you can tell, the responsibilities of the District Conservationist are many and are broadly diversified. | Begin: 00:04:03:00 |
| Being a District Conservationist gives me a tremendous sense of accomplishment knowing I have contributed to conserving our valuable natural resources. | Begin: 00:04:10:00 |
| I take a great deal of pride in my job, my agency, and my country. In the words of Hugh Hammond Bennett, "Take care of the land, and the land will take care of you." | End: 00:04:32:00 Begin: 00:04:20:00 |
| [Narrator] For more information, please visit our Web site at nrcs.usda.gov . | End: 00:04:40:00 Begin: 00:04:35:00 |
| NRCS is an equal opportunity provider and employer. | End: 00:04:46:00 Begin: 00:04:42:00 |