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Preserving Iowa Resources

CDI provides guidance and support to local Soil and Water Conservation Districts who put conservation practices on the ground that protect environmental resources. CDI's mission is to promote conservation on all of Iowa's land, urban and rural.

Telling the Story of Conservation

CDI implements critical projects that promote soil health and water quality, at a time when these resources continue to be threatened. Help us share the story of conservation with all Iowans, including farmers, absentee landowners, legislators, urban residents and youth.

**CDI is grateful for these
continuing partnerships:**

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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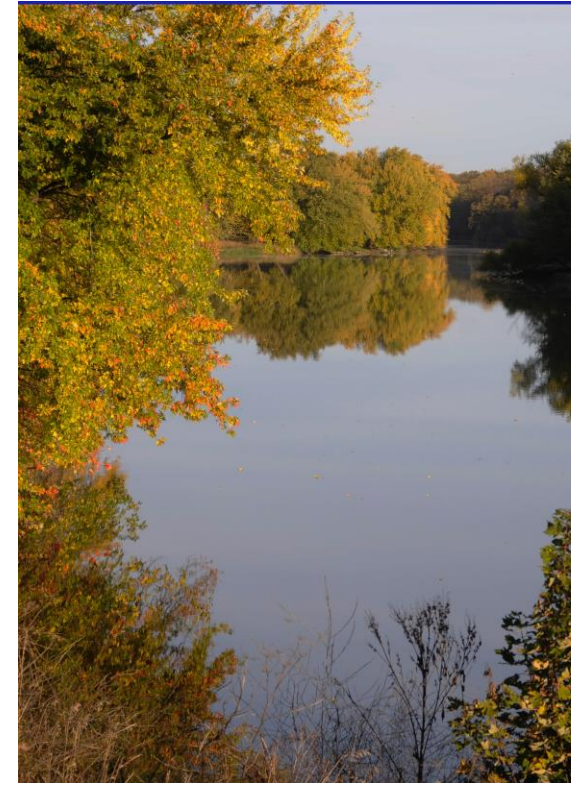
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**Conservation
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**Take care of the land and
the land will take care of you.**

--Hugh Hammond Bennett



Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI)

Sustaining Iowa Lands Serving Iowa Citizens

The 500 locally elected soil and water conservation district commissioners – five commissioners for each soil and water conservation district in Iowa, who serve without salary – comprise the Conservation Districts of Iowa’s (CDI) membership. CDI’s day-to-day operations are governed by an Executive Board and nine Regional Directors. The CDI Regional Directors each represent 9-13 counties.

Each district’s local work is supported by the dedicated staff at CDI’s office in Des Moines, led by the Executive Director who – coordinating with CDI partners – is responsible for oversight of programs and policies that impact Iowa’s agricultural environment. Your tax-deductible contribution to the Conservation Districts of Iowa helps secure the future of Iowa’s land and water resources by sustaining a firm financial foundation to support their efforts.

Your Donation Makes a Difference

By donating to the not-for-profit Friends of Conservation Districts of Iowa, you are supporting: scholarships for Iowa college students studying in a natural resources field, a state-wide poster contest, regional and state Envirothon contests, promotion of environmentally friendly public policy, and local Field Days that keep the focus on sharing current science with Iowa farmers.

Scholarships and Poster Contest >>>

CDI sponsors an annual state-wide scholarship program that awards more than \$9,000 in college scholarships to high school seniors who plan to major in a conservation-related field. And for young minds interested in applying their artistic skills to promoting sound environmental practices, CDI sponsors a statewide poster contest based on a national conservation theme. Prizes are awarded at all grade levels.

Envirothon >>>

Each year, CDI supports regional and state-wide Envirothon competitions, a natural science-based competition for Iowa high school teams. Envirothon helps students cultivate a desire to learn more about our natural resources through competitive events. Teams take an in-depth look at wildlife, aquatic ecology, forestry, soils/land use, and current environmental issues that affect our natural resources. CDI sponsors the state champions’ trip to the national competition.

Public Policy >>>

CDI supports our districts and commissioners by working at the state and national level to make changes to agricultural and conservation policy. The best way to guide local control of land issues is through government policies that balance current science with the need for economic security and prosperity for communities and landowners. CDI works in the trenches to advocate for passage of sound conservation government policy.

Field Days >>>

Farmers have questions. Local CDI-sponsored Field Days offer answers. Farmers want fields rich with healthy soil, water systems that drain free of harmful chemicals, and land passed to the next generation in better condition than when they first put plow to plain. But to accomplish this, they deserve a profitable return on their investment. Field Days demonstrate real-world sustainability processes that educate and motivate.



Soil health and water quality for Iowa’s future. >>>



CDI Mission: The Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) informs, educates and leads Iowans through our local soil and water conservation districts to promote conservation of natural resources. >>>