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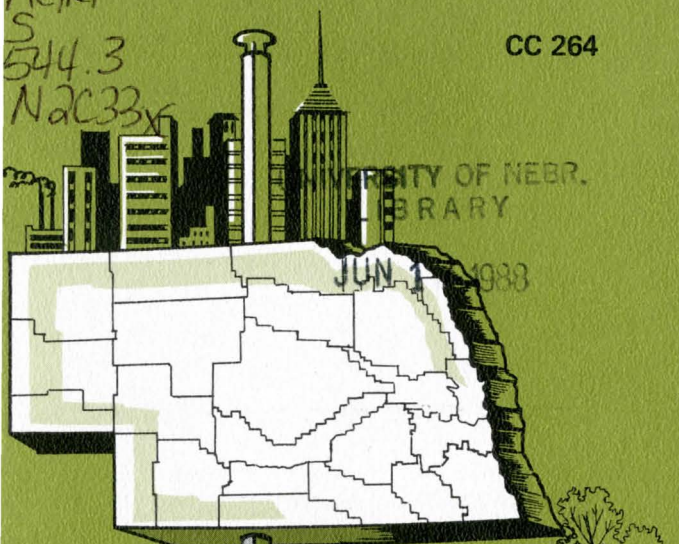
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NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICTS

A GUIDE
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The Good Life in Nebraska

The "Good Life in Nebraska" depends on the way we take care of our two most important natural resources—land and water.

Nebraskans require clean water to drink and use.

We need flood control to protect our lives, our roads, bridges, and personal property.

We need places to relax, play, swim, fish, and hunt.

We need greenbelts and wildlife sanctuaries so we can enjoy the scenic beauty and wonders of nature.

We need to prevent storm runoff from backing up into our yards and streets.

We need to prevent costly and unsightly erosion along a stream or road near our homes.

We need to prevent soil from a new subdivision from being deposited in our streets and yards.

We do not want to risk our present and future income by using less than the best farming and ranching techniques.

We do not want to lose our valuable topsoil.

We do not want rainfall to rush off our land and cause harm to others.

The way we use our resources can cause problems. We need to work together to solve or prevent those problems.

NEBRASKA NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



The Nebraska Legislature authorized creation of 24 Natural Resources Districts. These Districts cover the entire state and are governed by locally elected directors who establish resources management policy. Their authority includes taxing and staffing for resource planning, programs, and projects. Districts, because of their unique position, have the ability to coordinate land and water programs with Federal, state, and local resource organizations.

You elect the directors of the Natural Resources Districts. You pay the taxes that support the programs. The Districts will be what you want them to be.



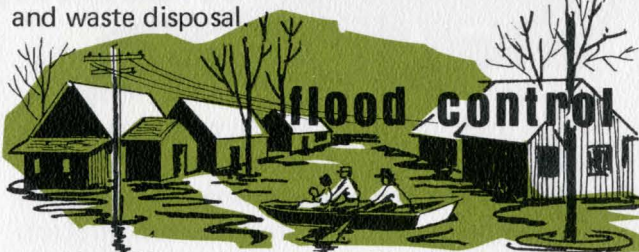
Your Natural Resources District may:

- ...Provide information and services to help protect your land from erosion and your roads, bridges and other public facilities from the effects of erosion sedimentation.
- ...Help with tree planting and grass seeding for conservation programs.

...Provide funds to construct permanent soil conservation practices.

...Help in obtaining soils data for communities and individuals.

...Employ scientists to map and interpret soils for agricultural use, urban development, and waste disposal.



Your Natural Resources District may:

...Sponsor, coordinate, and help in the planning of Federal, state, and locally funded flood control projects.

...Provide local cost share funds to individuals or communities for flood control activity.

...Construct flood control projects.

...Inform the public about and encourage the implementation of flood plain regulation.

...Provide technical advice on land uses within flood hazard areas.



water use efficiency & water quality

Your Natural Resources District may:

...Provide currently available water quantity and quality information.

...Sponsor or conduct demonstration programs on improved water management by individual users.

...Conduct training and educational programs on water quality and provide financial help to install some types of water quality control practices.

...Work with land owners and operators toward voluntary cooperation in groundwater use, or, that failing, impose groundwater

regulations to protect against groundwater depletion and to maintain groundwater quality.



improvement project activity

Your Natural Resources District may:

... Help in solving special problems you or your community may experience with water and land resources by helping you establish, operate, and maintain improvement projects such as:

... Water systems in water-short areas.

... Storm drainage for croplands.

(Costs of such projects would be paid for by revenue producing activities or by assessment against property benefited.)



recreation

Your Natural Resources District may:

... Help communities develop water-based recreation, often as a part of multi-purpose resources development projects.

... Assess recreational need, and plan, sponsor and implement additional facilities when appropriate.

... Protect and enhance the natural environment, an important factor in recreation development.



education

Your Natural Resources District may:

... Carry out educational programs to

inform you and your neighbors about water and land resources.

...Work with schools, with civic groups and with other public and private organizations to insure that each Nebraskan is aware of his resource heritage.

...Conduct training programs.

...Educate through the use of television, radio, and printed media.

...Help with formal education.

...Provide knowledgeable participants for programs about resources.

...Discuss your personal resources needs with you.

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