


## RI RC&D OVERVIEW

RI RC&D's Program Objectives address improving the quality of life, including social, economic, and environmental concerns; continuing prudent use of natural resources; and strengthening local citizens' ability to use available sources of assistance through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other Federal agency partnerships.

 The program is administered with support from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with other USDA agencies.

## RC&D PURPOSE

The purpose of the RC&D program is to encourage and improve the capability of volunteer, locally elected, and civic leaders in designated RC&D areas to plan and carry out projects for resource conservation and community development.

Projects relate to the following four areas:

1. Land Conservation
2. Community Development
3. Land Management
4. Water Management

The RC&D program helps people care for natural resources and improve the quality of life in their communities.

The RC&D Area Council consists of volunteers representing public and private sector sponsors and other local organizations.

The RC&D Area Council undertakes community driven actions that are strategically focused on regional resource conservation and economic viability.

RC&D priorities are set by area residents to meet their needs.

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**RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

### MISSION STATEMENT

To fully utilize the human and natural resources of Rhode Island in order to enhance the economic, social, and environmental conditions of the people of this state.

## FUNDING SOURCES AND LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Rhode Island RC&D Council was created in 1972, through authority of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962. (P.L. 87-703).

The RC&D Council received nonprofit status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as specified under Section 501(c)3 in 1993

RC&D Council members receive nomination from the following partnering agencies:

- RI Department of Environmental Management
- RI Department of Administration, Division of Statewide Planning
- Eastern RI Conservation District
- Northern RI Conservation District
- Southern RI Conservation District
- RI Rural Development Council

Funding to carry out the Rhode Island RC&D activities is obtained through sources such as state, federal, municipal and private grants.

The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Inc. is a voluntary program that helps people protect and develop their economic, social, and natural resources.

## CURRENT PROGRAMS

### COVERTS



How sound forest management practices can make wildlife healthier, more diverse, and more abundant.

### FORESTRY FOR THE BIRDS



Forestry for Rhode Island Birds, A Guide for Foresters and Landowners to Manage Woodlots "With Birds in Mind."

### W.O.W.



Skills in woodlot management for women, and for all woodland owners.

### For More Information on RI RC&D Programs

Visit [www.RIRCD.ORG](http://www.RIRCD.ORG)

## PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

- To become a fully informed, energetic, and action-oriented Council capable of identifying and solving area natural resource and economic development problems and needs.
- To assist local sponsors in realizing the full potential of the RC&D Program as a rural development tool.
- To achieve sustainable water quality levels for all uses (drinking, recreational, etc.).
- To achieve the employment potential of area human and natural resources.
- To become financially capable to fund all or portions of RC&D project activities.
- To promote and/or implement projects which encourage recreation, tourism, fish, and wildlife developments, flood prevention, and erosion control.
- To promote the wise use of land and water resources for agricultural, municipal, and industrial use.

## PREVIOUS PROGRAMS

- RI Farm Energy Program Project
- Rhody Wool Project
- Forest Lands Enhancement Program
- RI Agro-Forestry Project
- New York – New England Forestry Initiative
- New England Cottontail Project
- Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook
- Dry Hydrant Program

