

# What is a Conservation District?

A Conservation District:

- Is local government, a legal subdivision of the state [Utah Code 17D Chapter 3];
- Is governed by a board of five elected supervisors;
- Connects state and federal programs to landowners/managers, communities, and other entities;
- Protects soil, water, air, and other natural resources;
- Uses voluntary, incentive-based approaches to deliver technical, financial, and educational assistance.

The conservation movement grew out of the “Dust Bowl” days in the early 1930s, when soil erosion created an unprecedented ecological disaster. President Franklin D. Roosevelt recommended that all states pass legislation allowing the creation of conservation districts. Utah passed the state’s Soil Conservation District Law in March 1937.

Today Utah has 38 conservation districts, divided into seven administrative zones. Each board holds regular, open meetings to direct the district’s business and gives direction, priority, and support to local, state, and federal conservation programs.

The Utah Association of Conservation Districts is the voice for the districts in Utah. To learn more about UACD, your local conservation district, and opportunities to get involved in conservation in your community, go to [www.uacd.org](http://www.uacd.org).

Need more information? Contact your local zone resource coordinator.

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# UTAH'S CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



Who Are They? What Do They Do?



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# Programs

## USDA Farm Bill:

- Agricultural Management Assistance Program
- Conservation Innovation Grants
- Conservation Reserve Program
- Conservation Stewardship Program
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
  - Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program
- Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
- Grassland Reserve Program
- Wetlands Reserve Program
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

## State of Utah:

- Agriculture Resource Development Loans
- Basin States Salinity Control Program
- Non-point Source Implementation Grants
- Utah Grazing Improvement Program

## Bureau of Reclamation:

- Water Conservation Field Services Program

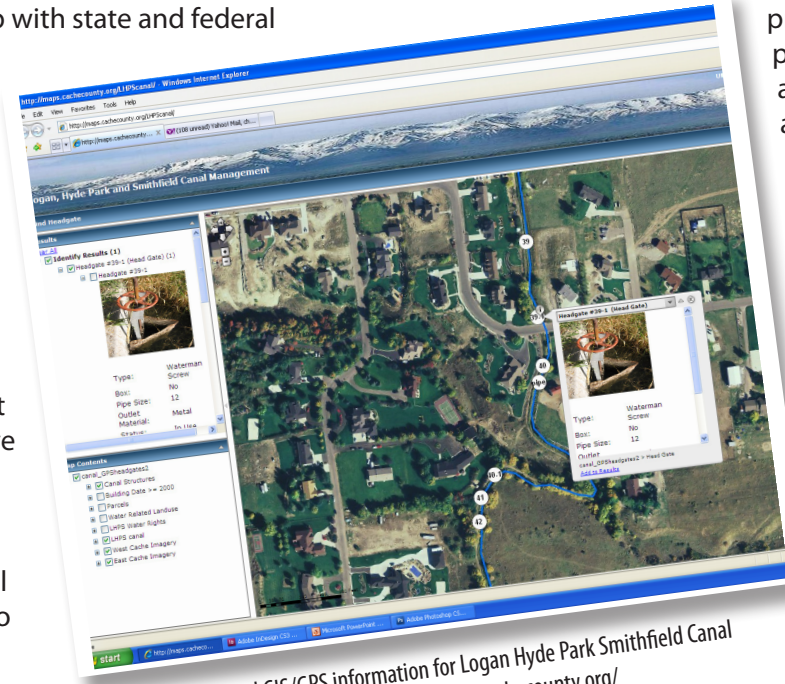
## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:

- Partners for Fish & Wildlife

For more information about the available programs in your area contact your local resource coordinator or visit [www.uacd.org](http://www.uacd.org).

# What do they do?

Utah's conservation districts identify local resource needs and provide support in obtaining the resources to address those needs. Districts work in partnership with state and federal land management and conservation agencies to obtain educational, technical and financial resources to plan and complete conservation projects. These projects implement practices to improve resource condition and management in a range of areas, from protecting soil and water quality to enhancing fish and wildlife habitat to reducing the impacts of municipal storm water.



Web based GIS/GPS information for Logan Hyde Park Smithfield Canal located at <http://maps.cachecounty.org/>

Available government programs often provide incentives such as technical and cost-sharing assistance to implement projects. Conservation planning, engineering, and GIS/GPS services are available from the Utah Association of Conservation Districts. Districts promote and fund educational activities for children including fairs, field days, and in-classroom presentations. They also offer scholarships to local high school students and sponsor teams participating in the annual Utah Envirothon and Nature High Camp.



UACD officials meet with members of government to provide information on conservation issues and advocate for good stewardship.



Hands-on educational events inform students about natural resource issues, multiple use management and conservation.