

National Conservation District Official Accreditation Initiative Training Elements/Minimum Standards

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Basic knowledge:

- History of the conservation movement: local, state and national
- Conservation Districts: who they are and what they do
- Fiduciary responsibilities
- Roles and responsibilities of local, state and national associations and partners
- Ethics:
 - employee/supervisor relationships
 - acceptance of gifts
 - conflict of interest
 - diversity
 - nepotism
 - confidentiality

Basic responsibilities:

- Understand local, state and federal laws, rules & regulations as they relate to Conservation Districts
- Employee management and development
- Financial training
- Understanding state and national resolutions process
- Awareness of all available conservation programs
- Legislative process training
- Conducting public meetings
- Election process and board member recruitment

Basic operations:

- Lead in assessing local natural resource issues
- Strategic, long-range and annual planning
- Establish operations policies and procedures
- Implement personnel management system

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