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# **Creating Tribal Conservation Districts**

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**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

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# Function of a Tribal Conservation District

**To make available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, & focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for: conservation, development, restoration & preservation of soil, water, air, plants, animals, and related resources.**





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**Tribal Law – usually by Resolution**

**NRCS - ONE agency within United States  
Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

**ONLY AGENCY WITHIN USDA THAT IS NON-REGULATORY**

**USDA - Secretary recognizes Tribal  
Conservation Districts with 3-way MOU**

- Tribal Government**
- Tribal Conservation District**
- Department of Agriculture**



## USDA

- Federal – to meet Tribal needs at the Department level
  - Agencies within USDA: NRCS, RD, RMA, FSA, USFS, etc.





# Tribal Conservation Districts

☐ **Assistance to develop a Tribal Conservation District:**

☐ **NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service**

☐ **INCA – Indian Nations Conservation Alliance**





# Assistance to Tribes and Districts

## **NRCS:**

### **Technical Assistance**

- Web Soil Survey
- Conservation Planning
- Plants Database

### **Financial Assistance**

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

### **New Tribal Districts:**

- Meeting facilitation
- Capacity Building
- Conservation planning



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