

**The Concept:** RC&D is a unique program that helps people care for and protect their natural resources in a way that will improve the area's economy, environment, and living standards. It provides a way for people to work together to plan and carry out activities that will make their area a better place in which to live.

**The Process:** To carry out the RC&D concept, diverse groups of local volunteers are brought together in a unique partnership to find solutions to their problems. The structure for this process involves:

- ◆ Identifying problems
- ◆ Establishing goals and objectives
- ◆ Developing alternative plans
- ◆ Implementing plans

Local people are best able to determine needs and create solutions for their communities and rural areas. The strength of RC&D is in the commitment of people to solve their own problems.



## Creating Solutions for Communities and Their Natural Resources

Each RC&D Council defines its own goals and objectives to meet local needs. The Randall RC&D Area Plan emphasizes the following Elements and criteria:

### **LAND CONSERVATION**

- The purpose of which is to control erosion and sedimentation.

### **WATER MANAGEMENT**

- Provides one or more clear environmental or conservation benefits, the purpose of which is to provide for the conservation, use and quality of water, including irrigation and rural water supplies;
- Mitigation of floods and high water tables;
- Repair and improvement of reservoirs;
- Improvement of agricultural land management;
- The improvement of water quality.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- The purpose of which is to improve the development of resources-based industries;

- Protection of rural industries from natural resource hazards;
- Development of adequate rural water and waste disposal systems.
- Improvement of recreation facilities;
- Improvement in the quality of rural housing;
- Provision of adequate health and education facilities;
- Satisfaction of essential transportation and communication needs.
- Promotion of food security, economic development, and education.

### **LAND MANAGEMENT**

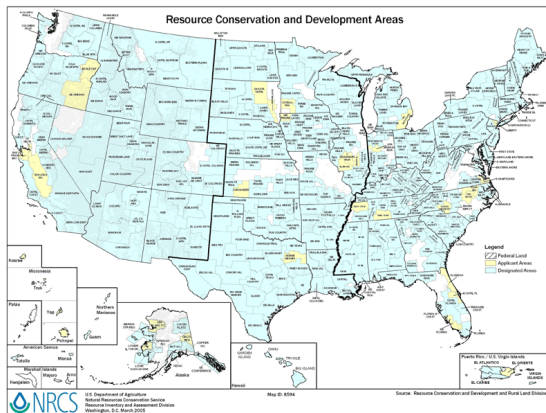
- The purpose of which is energy conservation, including the production of energy crops;
- Protection of agricultural land, as appropriate, from conversion to other uses.
- Farmland protection;
- Protection of fish and wildlife habitats.



**Mission:** “To provide leadership and assistance to communities, local units of government, and individuals to conserve the natural resources, improve the environment, and develop economic opportunities”.

**Since 1964**, the Randall RC&D has been providing assistance to the six-county area of south central South Dakota. Authorized in January 1965 by the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the RC&D program was administered through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). USDA funding was suspended in April 2011. Future USDA funding is unknown, however, Randall RC&D is still receiving funds through other sources. Many agencies contribute to the success of the program.

**Resource Conservation and Development Councils** serve their communities in all 50 states and US territories. RC&D Councils are local volunteers who identify, address and solve the challenges needed to sustain and improve the quality of life in their own communities.



## YOU CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

**There is a place for you in the RC&D. You can make a difference by volunteering to help your local RC&D “Make Things Happen!” People from all walks of life are getting involved and you can join them. You may already be part of an organization that could sponsor a project that provides public benefit in your area. Your local RC&D can provide technical assistance and grant resources to coordinate the efforts of your local community with private and public organizations who can help carry out your activities.**

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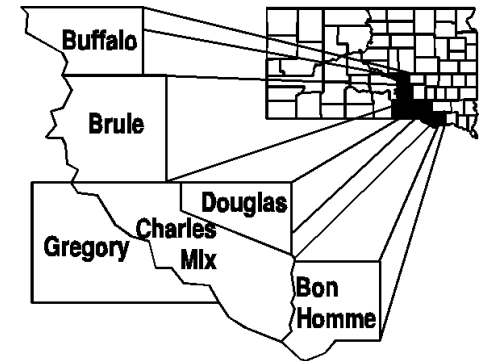
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Serving the South Dakota counties of



*ACCELERATED CONSERVATION  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
THROUGH LOCAL INITIATIVE  
AND LOCAL ACTION*