



What are conservation districts?

Natural Resources Conservation Districts (NRCDs) are non-regulatory local organizations that work with private landowners, state and federal agencies, and other partner organizations to promote and implement conservation programs.

Each local conservation district across the nation takes available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focuses them so that they meet the needs of the local working landscape.

The **Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District's mission** is to empower and partner with land stewards and communities on the ground by supporting connections that benefit natural resources, water quality, soil health, and the working landscape in Franklin County and across Northwest Vermont

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Our supervisors are majority long-time Franklin County farmers and friends. Interested in joining our meetings? We would love your input.

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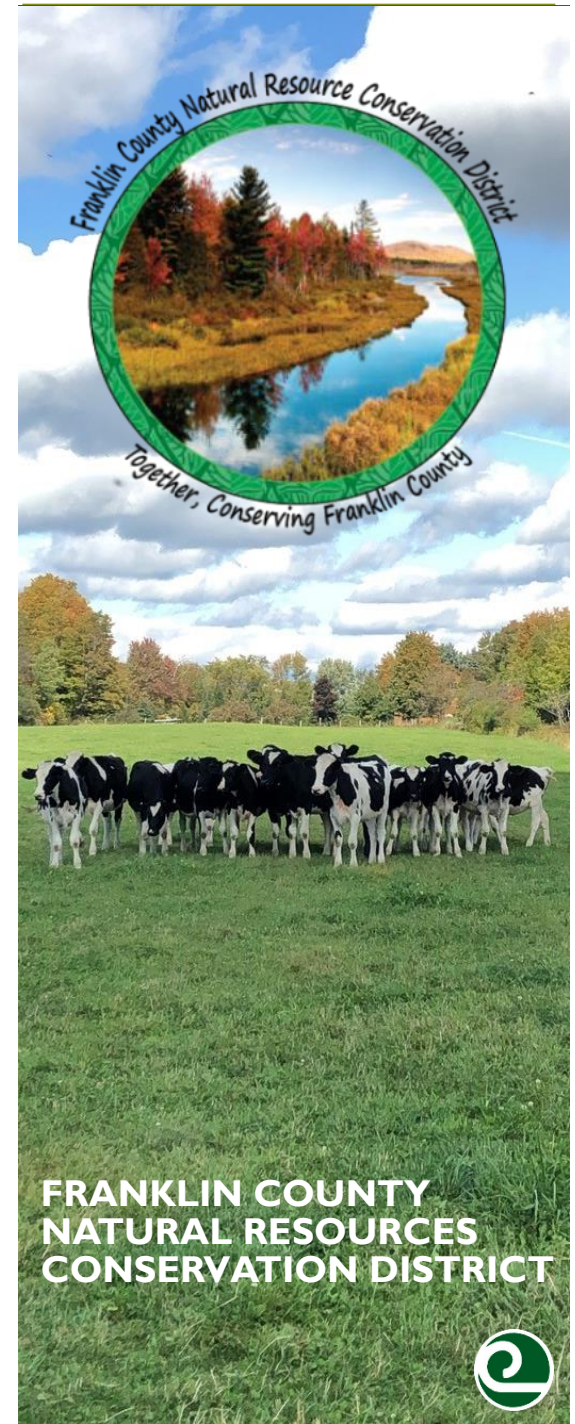
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Locally-led conservation

Our mission is to promote land use that supports human livelihoods and sustains ecological function in Franklin County, VT. We empower and convene landowners and land-users to prioritize and address natural resource concerns through USDA and locally-developed programs. We recognize water quality and the continuance of our land-based economy as key concerns for Franklin County today.

Agricultural Nutrient Management Planning Assistance

Soil sampling, class preparation, and personalized assistance throughout UVM Extension’s winter Nutrient Management Planning class for small livestock farms, all available at no cost to farmers. Participants end the class with a certified Nutrient Management Plan. We also provide support to farms in navigating water quality regulations and assistance programs.

Signs of Conservation

We designed roadside Signs of Conservation to increase public understanding of work being done to improve water quality and soil health. These signs are free in Franklin Co., and \$5 outside the county. Contact us for your own!



NRCS Funding Prioritization

Every year, the local district has the opportunity to revise the local ranking questions used to prioritize applications for financial assistance from the USDA-NRCS. What do you think are the most pressing natural resources concerns in Franklin County, and what practices will best address them?

Workshops & Events

The district holds workshops and events on a variety of topics, from agricultural grant programs to how to plant a tree. Have a workshop you’d like us to host? Let us know!



Annual spring tree sale

Every spring the district holds a bare root tree sale, providing high-quality trees at great prices to landowners throughout the region. Orders accepted each winter through early spring. We also offer trout and other items.

Tree planting & Stream projects

The District offers technical assistance, project management, and access to funding for tree planting projects, stream restorations, dam removals, and other projects to improve water quality, habitat, farm productivity, flood resiliency, and other natural resources. We support tree planting projects along streams, and upland tree plantings on farmland as windbreaks, silvopasture, or other purposes.

