

FARM PLANNING PROGRAM

What is a Farm Plan?

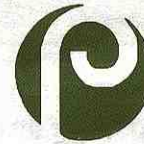
A Farm Plan is a comprehensive, customized document that defines land use and application of best management practices on your property. A farm plan defines the resources in a simple, easy to understand manner.

What does a Farm Plan do?

A farm plan is documentation of land use and resource management on the farm. It states how natural resources are managed and what measures should be taken to provide efficient use of those resources without their depletion. The development and implementation of a Farm Plan will aid you in keeping your farm in compliance with local, state and federal regulations. A farm plan is a requirement for State and Federal "cost share", farm viability and environmental enhancement programs.

TREE & PLANT SALE

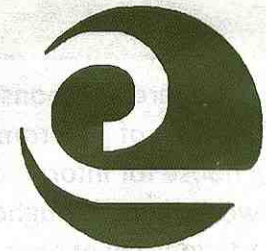
Each year since 1970, the PCCD has sponsored a **Tree, Shrub and Plant Sale** in the spring to encourage planting for erosion control, wildlife food and cover, windbreaks, and beautification. The proceeds from our annual sale support the District's Conservation Programs. The District, in cooperation with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offers free technical assistance to land owners in Plymouth County. Individuals are assisted with conservation plans for land use; in particular, erosion control, forest management, wildlife habitat enhancement and farm resource management. Issues such as water quality, water conservation and waste disposal require great attention. The District helps individuals and communities by sponsoring workshops and conferences for leaders and landowners relating to soil, water and other important natural resources.



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WHAT IS A DISTRICT

A conservation district is a legal subdivision of state government, responsible under state law for conservation work within county bounds. The purpose of districts are: to focus attention on land, water, and related resource problems; to develop programs to solve them; to enlist and coordinate help from all public and private sources, and to make all citizens aware of the interrelationship between human activities and the natural environment. In Massachusetts the district's governing body is a seven member elected board of supervisors. Any landowner or land occupier of the county is eligible. The Division of Conservation Service in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs employs staff to assist districts and provide guidance.

HOW THE DISTRICT WORKS

It is the district board's responsibility to plan and direct the district programs, obtain assistance, coordinate the help of governmental agencies, assign priority to requests for assistance and serve as a clearing house for information. Most of the districts' operating funds are obtained from fund raisers and workshops throughout the year. The Plymouth County Conservation District meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at 15 Cranberry Highway (Route 28), West Wareham. All are welcome!

The district's effectiveness is due to our ability to work with local, state, and federal agencies to solve problems. Some of the cooperating agencies are: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Extension Service, Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association, RC & D, DEP, Fish & Wildlife, Audubon Society, MACC, Mass. Dept of Agriculture, UMASS Cranberry Experiment Station, and the Cranberry Marketing Committee.

WHAT DISTRICTS DO

Programs include workshops on environmental concerns, plantings for erosion prevention, food and habitat for wildlife, conservation plans for landowners, water quality and supply, designing and installing conservation practices, on-site reviews, monetary support of environmental and agricultural organizations both private and public, and soils information.

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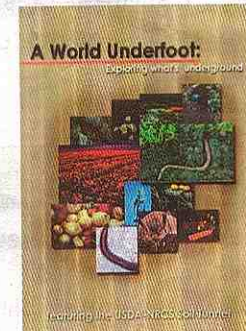
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Other District Programs



The District sponsors Hydric Soil Workshops for local engineers, conservation commission members and boards of health.



The "Soil Tunnel" is a mobile interactive educational display and teaching tool for grades two through five. Its' design allows children to crawl underground amid stones, roots, insects and animals wearing a miner's headlamp to get a unique perspective of life underground.

The District also sponsors or supports:

- The Environthon
- Erosion Control Planting
- USDA Soil Mapping
- Local, State & National Conservation