

The Mid-South RC&D Council is one of nine RC&D Councils in Alabama. It serves Autauga, Bullock, Butler, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, and Montgomery Counties and provides support for:

1. **Community Development:** Creating jobs, sponsoring training, improving or acquiring community facilities such as recreational structures, sewage treatment plants, water systems, and roads.
2. **Land Conservation:** Helping improve soil quality, reducing soil erosion, reducing sediment in water supplies, and maintaining open lands for the use and enjoyment of future generations. .
3. **Water Management:** Working to protect water resources by encouraging wise water use, controlling flooding, and improving the quality of local water supplies .
4. **Land Management:** Working to protect agricultural land, forest land, fish and wildlife habitat, and potential energy sources.

Making A Difference in Communities

The purpose of the Mid-South RC&D Council is to accelerate the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas.

RCD Areas in Alabama



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MID-SOUTH RC&D COUNCIL

What is RC&D?

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is a unique program that helps people protect their natural resources and improve their economy, environment, and quality of life. Local RC&D councils bring people together to plan and implement projects that will make their communities better places to live.

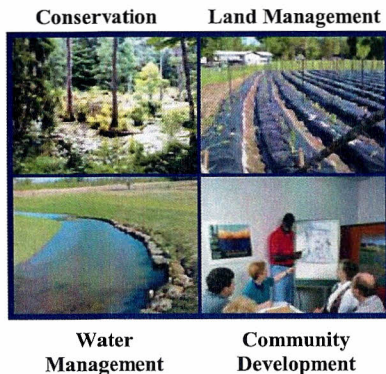
How Does Mid-South Work?

People and planners are brought together in Mid-South to identify and implement solutions to a range of local issues, and work to better harness natural resources, thereby developing new opportunities that help sustain our communities.

The local County Commissions and the Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD's) Board voluntarily sponsor and support Mid-South along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and many other partnering agencies and organizations. Priorities and policies however, are established by local Council members composed of community leaders in soil and water conservation, government, and community development.

Mid-South Mission

"To act as a conduit for the execution of local goals for the collective benefit of the region through the exchange and partnership of ideas, leadership, assistance and resources."



Making it Happen—

Local People Working Together

The strength of the RC&D program is bringing diverse groups of local people together to identify needs and solve community problems. Community leaders volunteer to establish RC&D councils. These councils represent sponsoring organizations within a multi-county region. Strategies are determined and the project are implemented. Community pride and a desire to help people change their communities for the better is a key part of RC&D project success.

The Benefits

RC&D projects may create new jobs in agriculture, forestry, tourism, and other industries. Projects may focus on natural resource issues, or work to improve community development, economic growth, or the quality of life in an Alabama community. All are designed to make communities more viable, productive, and better places to live.

Finding the Right Resources

Mid-South provides assistance to projects by seeking and coordinating assistance from a variety of public and private sources. Assistance may include coordinating technical help and providing financial resources, if needed, as available. It could involve a financing package that includes donations, grants, or cost-sharing. Mid-South provides a vehicle for achieving goals and completing projects.

PAST PROJECTS

SenioRx: Partnership Medication Program

The Mid-South RC&D Council and the SCADC Area Agency on Aging jointly implemented the elderly medication program. Today, over 2,023 clients in the eight county area have received life sustaining medication, and collectively saved over \$12,674,946 in prescription cost.



Plasticulture Program

The Plasticulture/Marketing Sustainable Agriculture Program was developed to promote agriculture among small producers in the central portion of the state. The program provided a direct link between production and consumption of food. The program has enabled over 68 new farmers to better achieve profitability.



Montgomery Water Festival

With education as the emphasis, water festivals are held annually for local youths and teachers. These popular programs carried out in partnership with local conservation districts and involve over 2,800 participants, represent a hands on conservation effort.



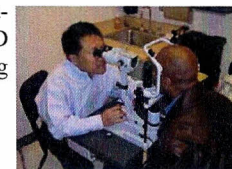
Adullam House

Based at a Christian home for children of incarcerated men and women, this project helped educate students on the how's and why's of conservation. Participant learning is aided by the Council's recent purchase of seven new computers.



Black Belt Eye Care Consortium

The RC&D partners with state and local eye care professionals to coordinate eye care including vision screenings, eye exams, eyeglasses, vision aids, education, surgeries and other prescribed treatments. In 2009, over 500 patients in our planning service area have received vision examinations, referrals for chronic eye disease, glasses at no charge and educational services. The Mid-South RC&D council assisted the group in purchasing diagnostic equipment.



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