

The stewardship support program is administered by the Napa County Resource Conservation District with assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Services offered through the RCD largely rely on grant funding and are subject to change over time.



The Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a local non-regulatory agency whose mission is to promote responsible watershed management through voluntary community stewardship and technical assistance. Since 1945, the RCD has facilitated natural resource conservation through community involvement, education, technical expertise and scientific research. The RCD is committed to utilizing voluntary, cooperative and scientifically sound methods to ensure that the natural resources of the watersheds within the District are sustained, restored and protected while supporting the long term economic and social vitality of the region.



The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides conservation plans, engineered designs, and technical consultation to private landowners and managers. The NRCS also frequently works with landowner/local government partnerships toward development of voluntary, pragmatic approaches to resolving conservation problems. All NRCS services are provided free-of-charge.



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Promoting responsible watershed management through voluntary community stewardship and technical assistance.

Are you interested in working with others to make a difference in your watershed?



The Napa County Resource Conservation District can help

The RCD can help you work with others to develop and accomplish watershed goals.



The Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have been assisting with conservation and restoration of natural resources in Napa County since 1945. Cooperative watershed stewardship groups, a collaboration of local stakeholders working together to address local resource issues, were initiated in Napa County with the formation of the Huichica Creek Stewardship in 1988 with coordination and facilitation assistance from the RCD and NRCS.

The Huichica Creek Stewardship became a national model for resolving natural resource issues in a collaborative way. Several watershed stewardship groups followed the example of Huichica and are currently addressing resource issues in Napa County through collaborative stewardship groups.

Forming a collaborative stewardship group is not always easy. Like all collaborative efforts addressing complex issues, it requires active communication and participation. In an effort to help interested stakeholders in developing and maintaining watershed stewardship groups in Napa County, the RCD and NRCS provide a number of services: group development, mapping, watershed education, monitoring, technical assistance, project funding and community outreach.

The services described in this brochure are examples of what the RCD and NRCS can offer at little or no cost. Additional services may be available upon request.

Group Development

Save time and increase your chances of success by receiving individual assistance in establishing a stewardship group. Learn about the successes of other groups and how they proceeded; define an appropriate area for group development; receive assistance in contacting interested participants; access and become familiar with local watershed communication tools; and get sample stewardship materials. NRCS can assist with group development and RCD can provide up to 20 hours of assistance.

GIS Mapping

Get a broad perspective on your watershed by taking advantage of the RCD's Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping abilities. RCD staff can produce watershed maps containing information such as parcel lines, stream networks, road locations, etc. GIS and its mapping applications are particularly helpful in conveying watershed information and initiating conversation.

Watershed Education

RCD and NRCS resource professionals are available to give educational presentations or tours to stewardship groups. The presentations pertain to resource issues of interest in Napa County including water quality, soil erosion, weeds, rural roads, wetlands, creek banks, restoration practices, and steelhead and salmon.

Meeting Facilitation

On occasion, a group may need assistance in facilitating a meeting or two. RCD and NRCS staff can help with this. If the facilitation needed is beyond our expertise, we will help find an alternate facilitator to meet your needs.

Water Quality Monitoring Training

Begin to monitor basic water quality parameters in your watershed by taking advantage of the RCD's Volunteer Water Quality Training. Receive one-on-one or group training plus equipment.

Technical Assistance

The NRCS and RCD have resource professionals, including soil conservationists, biologists, and hydrologists, who can help with your watershed assessment, monitoring, planning, and project implementation needs.

Project Funding

The NRCS offers a variety of funding opportunities to help you enhance and protect watershed resources. In addition, the RCD will assist you in finding alternate funding sources and help you write grant proposals to obtain the funding you need.

Community Outreach and Coordination

Share your watershed stories, learn about what others are doing in local watersheds, and locate potential partners to help meet your watershed needs at an Annual Stewardship Forum. Plus, get your success stories out to others through publicity on our website and in *Conservation News*, a quarterly publication of the RCD & NRCS.

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