

Polk SWCD Events

The Polk SWCD hosts, or participates in a number of community events each year. Here are a few:

- **Native Plant Sale** — Each February, get native plants for landscaping at great prices.



- **Board Meetings** — Second Wednesday of each month. Call the office for time and location. Public attendance and input is encouraged.
- **Polk County Fair** — Come see the Polk SWCD booth at the fair every August.
- **Annual Meeting** — A look at Polk SWCD accomplishments for the past year .

- **Poster Contest** — K-12 students compete in a poster contest with a new conservation theme every year



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Get Involved!

Volunteer

The Polk SWCD welcomes all volunteers and works hard to find a position that will be mutually beneficial.

Volunteer positions include:

- **Associate Director** — Officially appointed by the Board to provide knowledge and experience.
- **Intern** — Positions range from paid, school credit, and regular volunteer hours.
 - Outreach and Education
 - Fieldwork
 - In the office
- **Volunteers** — Assists at Polk SWCD events, at the office, and more!

Donations

Money or material donations go toward scholarships, educational materials, Annual Meeting, or the SWCD General Fund.



Contact Information

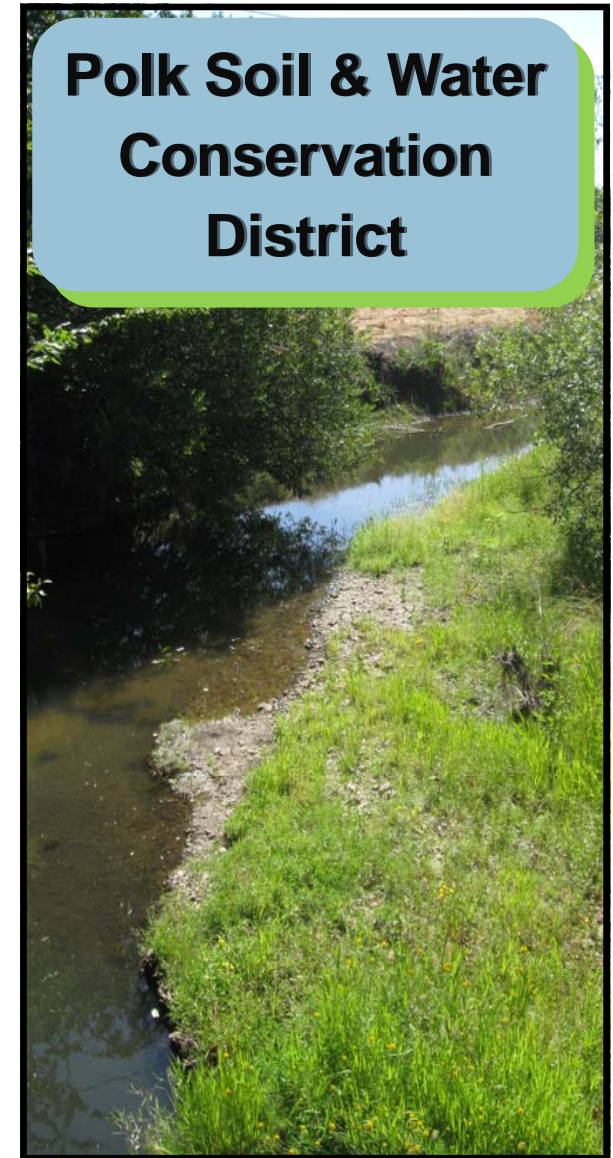
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Polk Soil & Water Conservation District



Promoting Conservation and the Wise Use of Natural Resources in Polk County



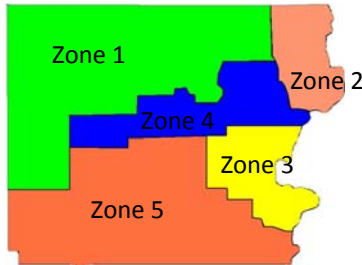
What is a Soil and Water Conservation District?

Across the United States nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts (SWCD's) are helping people to conserve natural resources. SWCD's coordinate assistance from all available sources (public, private, local, state, and federal) in an effort to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns.



Polk SWCD

The Polk SWCD was formed in April 1966. The SWCD is administered by 7 locally elected volunteers representing 5 zones and 2 at-large positions. Polk SWCD acts as liaison between landowners and other agencies helping to accomplish natural resource goals locally.



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Zone 2, Vacant

Services & Resources

The Polk SWCD is a source of local information and education on natural resources. We can provide assistance in the following areas:

- **Technical Assistance** — Site specific land planting, plant, soil, and water information.

- **Land Management** — Plan and implement conservation practices to improve ecosystem health.



- **Funding Opportunities** — Grants and programs coordinated with other agencies to accomplish habitat restoration.

- **Conservation** — Helping landowners protect important wetland, riparian, and oak savanna habitats.



- **Rural Living** — Living in the country can be a wonderful and rewarding experience. But encountering the unexpected can be disheartening. The Polk SWCD has many ways to help with this.



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Workshops

Contact the Polk SWCD office for more information on upcoming workshops.

- **First Step** — Develop a land management plan for your property. Understand natural resources and the planning process.
- **Native Plant Series** — About native plants, their use in landscaping, and importance to wildlife and pollinators. Learn about invasive weeds in Polk County.
- **Pasture, Mud & Manure Management** — Reduce mud and waste, improving animal and pasture health.
- **Irrigation Water Management** — Save money and resources by improving efficiency.



Community and Youth Education

Polk SWCD is committed to providing a variety of educational events and projects. Youth education programs that Polk SWCD offers include, but are not limited to, Eggs in the Classroom, supervision for job shadows, mock interviews, and developing and judging senior projects. We offer assistance to scout groups and school clubs. Polk SWCD is also available for technical presentations concerning natural resources for both youth and adults during field days and outdoor education classes.

