



# Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

## KY Conservation District Quick Facts

- There are 121 Conservation Districts in KY.
- KY has 847 public elected officials dedicated to the conservation of natural resources.
- Every citizen in KY lives within a Conservation District.
- Working at the "grass roots" level to establish conservation programs.

## Current KY DOC Field Representative Areas



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[WWW.KYConservation.com](http://WWW.KYConservation.com)

## Direct Aid for Conservation Districts

1. This money is appropriated to the conservation districts to assist each of them in carrying their statutory authority and is distributed based on how the district complies with the oversight requirements of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission (audit requirements, reports, scheduling, etc.).
2. Direct Aid funds match local funds in hiring needed technical and administrative staff to assist the citizens in each county to address conservation and environmental issues.
3. This money helps districts maintain office space in each county, especially those who no longer have a USDA/NRCS office in their county.
5. This allows districts to provide additional financial assistance to landowners to address conservation concerns and address other environmental concerns in their communities. (Fallen Animal Pickup, Metal Recycling, etc.)
6. These monies roll over several times in the local communities.
7. 30+ counties are administering the CAIP Program in cooperation with the Agriculture Development Board, and Governors Office of Ag Policy is encouraging more districts to help administer the program.
8. These funds help pay for required audits for conservation districts

**1996 to 2007:**  
**\$1,150,000**  
**General Fund Dollars**

**2008 to 2010:**  
**\$1,000,000**  
**General Fund Dollars**

**2011 to 2017:**  
**\$975,000**  
**General Fund Dollars**

**2018 to 2019:**  
**\$907,300**  
**Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

# Kentucky Soil Erosion & Water Quality State Cost Share Program



**1995:**  
**(Start of Program)**  
**\$650,000**  
**Restricted Fund Dollars**  
**From KDA**

**1996:**  
**\$ 1,150,000**  
**Restricted & General**  
**Fund Dollars**

**1997 to 2002:**  
**\$11,150,000**  
**Restricted, General &**  
**Tobacco Settlement**  
**Dollars**

**2003 to 2008:**  
**\$9,550,000**  
**Federal, Restricted &**  
**Tobacco Settlement**  
**Dollars**

**2009 to 2020:**  
**Gradually Dropped To**  
**\$2,500,000**  
**Tobacco Settlement**  
**Dollars**

1. These funds are used to carry out practices to keep producers in compliance with their Ag Water Quality Plans. To reduce soil erosion, decrease nutrient runoff and to make our streams cleaner. This impacts everyone in the state.
2. State Cost Share also provides financial assistance to landowners under the "Bad Actor Clause" of the Ag Water Quality Act to carry-out corrective measures to keep them in compliance with the Act.
3. Clean water is essential to enable today's farmers to supply food resources for future increasing populations.
4. These monies roll over several times in the local communities also, as local contractors, seed and fertilizer suppliers and supply providers are used to carry out these practices.
5. 2018: 1784 applications for \$13 million in requests.
6. From 1995-2013 a total of 44,104 applications were received and 14,187 were approved for funding of a total of \$124,039,833.31.