

Board Member Duties

While serving on your RC&D board is an honor, board members have important legal and fiduciary responsibilities that require a **commitment of time, skills, and resources**. The dedication and commitment of board members, their working relationship with each other and the staff, and their subscription to the mission and regional concept of the RC&D are what makes an RC&D Council a success.

The function of the White River RC&D Council is to provide governance to the organization, represent it to the community and accept the ultimate legal authority for it. White River RC&D Board members wear two hats. They are **policy board members**, but they also roll up their sleeves and get involved in the work of the organization by **participating in projects and activities**. Board members should expect to **spend four to eight hours per month** on RC&D related activities.

Organizations in Jackson, Washington, Orange and Lawrence Counties with interest in, and concern for, the region's natural and community resources are encouraged to participate in the planning process as sponsors and advisors of the White River RC&D. Board members meet **bimonthly** for updates on activities within the district and **discuss regional issues** impacting the area. Working together, the council **addresses natural resources and community needs** throughout the RC&D area. Through the participation of an extensive representation of people throughout the region, the RC&D council and staff move forward with an awareness of community and resource priorities.

Become a Sponsor Today!

To become a sponsor of White River RC&D, please complete this application and mail along with your \$250.00 annual sponsorship fee to White River RC&D:

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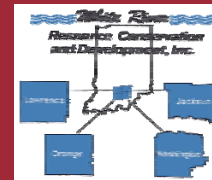
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What is White River RC&D?

- A regional non-profit organization
- Funded by local sponsors and supported, in part, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- A support system for our communities by providing technical, administrative, and financial assistance to community-wide projects and programs
- Project focus is on environmental issues and community development issues
- The answer to all of your community development needs

Building a Foundation.

A strong organization is built on a strong foundation. And, the very core of the RC&D program is its connection with people. The organization is built from the bottom up and we have a sacred trust to remain true to our community. The White River RC&D Council develops programs and services based in three important components:

1. Broad-based public input guides the Council's decisions
2. Services and activities are primarily regionally focused
3. The need is real, not just perceived



The RC&D Concept at Work

The Resource Conservation and Development program is a combination of people, rural and community development needs, opportunities, and solutions. RC&D is a vehicle for local people to deal with issues on a multi-county basis through citizen participation. It is as much a way of doing things—a process—as it is a program. It is action-oriented, directing efforts to solving problems or capitalizing on opportunities agreed upon by communities, public and private organizations, units of government, and the RC&D Council Board of Directors all working together.

The objective of the RC&D Program is to improve the natural resources and enhance the quality of life throughout rural America. This is accomplished as each RC&D Council develops and carries out its own plan which identifies the land conservation, water management, community development, and other needs and concerns of the local people in the RC&D area.

RC&D is initiated, established and directed by local people. It is sponsored by local government entities such as Boards of County Commissioners, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Cooperative Extension Boards, Town Boards, Economic Development Boards, Visitor Center Boards, etc. It is supported in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Natural Resources Conservation Service which provides a Coordinator, Program Assistant, partial office space, and related equipment to assist the RC&D Council to accomplish its goals. There are no federal funds available to the RC&D Councils for operations or expenses—each Council has to seek its own funding sources. The RC&D Program was created by Congress as a provision of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962. RC&D is a successful Federal/local partnership.

Benefits to the Community

RC&D is designed to make communities a more viable, productive, and better place to live. By serving on the RC&D Council, you can help create new jobs in agriculture, forestry, tourism, and other industries. Projects may focus on natural resources issues, or may work to improve community development, economic growth, or quality of life in Indiana. RC&Ds:

- organize local citizens and partners who identify and address local concerns.
- work seamlessly across political and jurisdictional boundaries.
- leverage limited federal and state dollars with private funds and resources to accomplish local goals.
- strive to achieve a balance between economic development and natural resources use and protection.
- can provide an extensive network of technical, organizational, and financial support.
- respond to the needs of local communities, for both conservation issues and socio-economic development.
- are an equal opportunity employer and provider

Annual Dues

Sponsors are requested to pay an annual due of \$250.00. This fee allows one board member representative for each sponsoring organization.