

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 3: THE ENVIRONMENT

§ 3226. Powers of District Administrators.

A district organized under this chapter, and the administrators thereof, shall have, in addition to other powers granted in other sections of this chapter, the following powers:

(a) To provide for and encourage surveys, investigations, and research relating to soil and water conservation and to publish and disseminate information concerning such subjects.

(b) To provide for and encourage demonstrations relative to the control and prevention of erosion and the conservation of soil and water resources and carry out preventative control measures, on publicly owned lands within the district with the consent of the occupier of the lands.

(c) To cooperate, or enter into agreements with, and to furnish aid to any agency or occupier of lands within the district as it is feasible to do so, for specific soil and water conservation activities not conflicting or duplicating other activities of the department or other cooperating agencies. Such agreements shall be subject to such conditions as the district may deem necessary.

(d) To review conservation plans, prepared by farm land owners and occupiers, which are a precondition for a contract between them and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; to provide to the U.S. Secretary or his designee a recommendation on the acceptability of farm land owners' and occupiers' plans; such recommendation shall be based upon the district's conservation plan; and to provide when requested by the Secretary or his designee, recommendations on the contract.

(e) To acquire property such as equipment or machinery to introduce soil conservation practices to the agricultural community and to dispose or implement programs such as flood control, irrigation, and/or soil conservation.

(f) To construct, improve, and maintain structures such as sediment ponds or earthen dams, following the requirements of Commonwealth law and proper engineering standards and specifications, these structures being found necessary for carrying out the purposes of soil and water conservation.

(g) To develop conservation plans for cooperators of the district at their request.

(h) As a condition to the extending of benefits, or the performance of work upon lands, the administrators may require contributions or materials or otherwise, to any operation conferring such benefits, and may impose any other reasonable conditions. Such a contribution might be labor for the planting of trees or payment for specific erosion control materials secured by the district for the benefit of its cooperators.

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