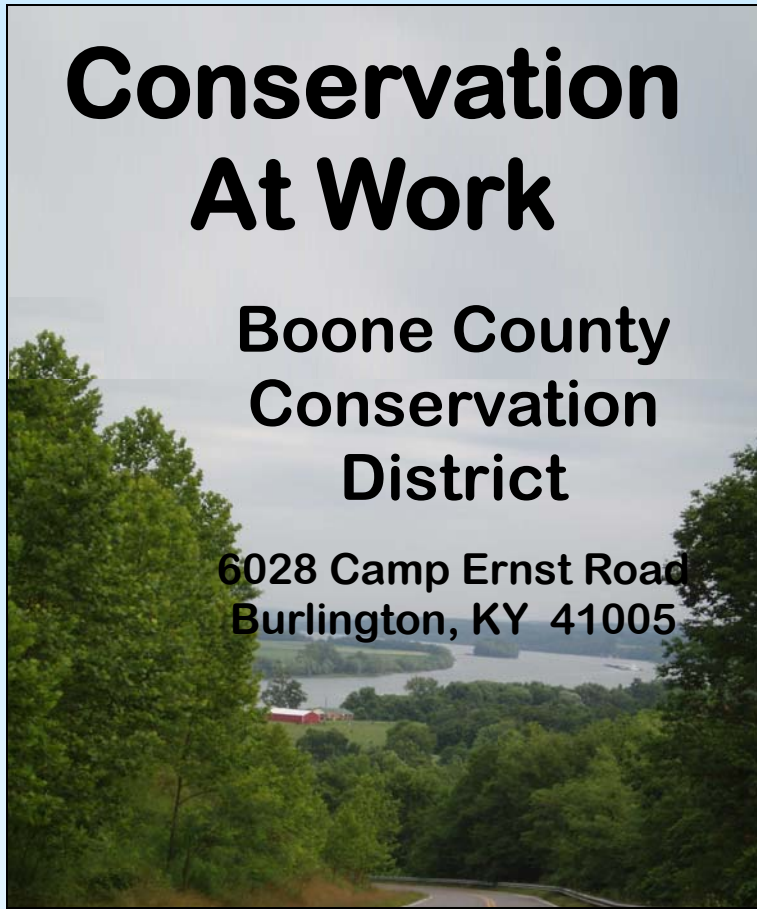


# Conservation At Work

## Boone County Conservation District

6028 Camp Ernst Road  
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**Your Conservation  
District is working to  
ensure that  
the resources  
we enjoy today  
are here to provide for  
the needs of tomorrow.**

Kentucky Conservation Districts are governmental subdivisions of the state, organized under Kentucky Revised Statute 262. Conservation Districts are responsible for protecting our soil, water and other natural resources.

The Boone County Conservation District was established 1942 by a petition and subsequent vote of the citizens of the county. Seven locally-elected officials who serve a four-year term, without pay, govern the conservation district.

### Conservation Goals



Improve the water quality in streams currently listed on Div. of Water 303 (d) List of Impaired Waters so they can be removed from the list and function as healthy waterways and watersheds.



Reduce soil erosion on all lands to levels rated as tolerable for those soil classes.



Increase participation in the Kentucky Agricultural District Program and promote the value of agriculture and working lands as part of a healthy green infrastructure of the County.

Farmers and other landowners can receive technical and often financial help to reduce soil erosion, prevent water pollution, and maintain and improve the productivity of our farmlands and forests. They also receive assistance with writing and carrying out their Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plans.

Assistance is available to everyone, including homeowners, businesses, schools, cities and other local government, and organizations.

Conservation Districts are also your local link to information for natural resource and land use management through the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Department for Fish and Wildlife Resources, and other federal and state agencies.

### The Boone Conservancy Mine Site

The Boone County Conservation District secured a grant to help with restoration of the old mine site near Bellevue. Over 3,500 trees have been planted, along with native grasses and other plants. The site presents special conservation challenges, but the community will be rewarded with a new recreation and conservation area in the future.



### No-Till Warm Season Grass Seeder

In partnership with the Ky. Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Northern Ky. Chapter of Quail Unlimited, and Kentucky Division of Conservation, the Conservation District purchased a no-till warm season grass drill to rent. The fluffy nature of the seed requires specialized equipment to plant it in large areas. Native grasses and native grass mixtures that include forbs need to be planted between April 15 and June 30.



### Tree Planting and Stream Restoration

The Boone County Conservation District secured a grant to help the Boone County Parks Department and Northern Kentucky University Center for Applied Ecology with a stream restoration project on Allen Fork in Boone Woods Park. Hundreds of tree seedlings have been planted and work will begin on restoration of this degraded stream very soon. Trees were also planted on the South Fork of Gunpowder Creek and England-Idlewild Park in cooperation with the Boone County Parks Department. The Conservation District purchased a tree planter through this grant, which is available for rent.



### Conservation for Agriculture

Farmers receive technical and financial assistance through local, state and federal programs administered by the Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service. These programs not only help farmers solve soil erosion and water quality issues on their farms, but help them restore, enhance, and protect the natural resources in their care. With the transition away from tobacco, many farmers are concentrating on livestock production and alternative crops. Due to the variety of soils and terrain, each farm presents unique natural resource management challenges and opportunities. This past year, over 1,400 acres of agricultural land in Boone County were treated with a variety of conservation measures.





### Rain Garden and Rain Barrel Project

The Boone County Conservation District is assisting the Boone County Extension Service and Master Gardener volunteers with a rain garden and rain barrel project at the Ellis Extension Center. Water from the roof of the Ellis House will be routed into the garden or captured in the rain barrel for use later to water the gardens. This helps reduce storm water runoff and aids in groundwater recharge.



### Big Bone Lick State Park

The resident bison herd was relocated to a new management area in April 2006. The former 18-acre pasture was adjacent to Big Bone Creek. The new 30-acre pasture was renovated with cool and native warm season grasses. A rotational grazing system with a water system was also developed. Moving the bison made a restoration project for a wetland area along Big Bone Creek possible, helping in recovery efforts for Running Buffalo Clover, a Kentucky endangered plant.

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### Central Park Wildlife Viewing Area

Visit the new wildlife viewing area in Boone County's Central Park on Camp Ernst Road. The trail through the area starts behind the ball fields and winds through native grasses and wildflowers. The Boone County Conservation District provided technical expertise and some funds for the project, which is meant to highlight the restoration of native grassland species. Visit the area and see how many birds, plants, butterflies, insects, and other creatures you can find!



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