

## Polk SWCD Directors

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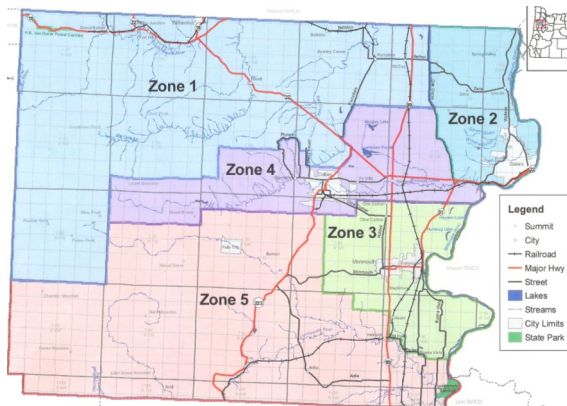
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*The Polk SWCD is an equal opportunity  
provider and employer.*

## Get Involved!

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 / Office work**

### Donations

Money or material donations go toward scholarships, educational materials, the annual meeting, or the SWCD General Fund.

### Contact Information

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**T**he 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.

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.***

## Programs

### **RCCP: North Willamette Valley Upland Oak Restoration Partnership**

Landowners with oak habitats in Polk and Yamhill counties have an opportunity to participate in voluntary conservation that will improve existing oak habitat.

By implementing various conservation measures and controlling invasive species, landowners can transition marginal sites into more valuable habitat and create properties that can be considered for long-term protection by a variety of funders.

RCCP plans will include activities such as:

- Invasive weed removal/understory clearing
- Removal of competitive tree species such as Douglas fir
- Thinning of small oaks to release larger open grown oaks
- Slash treatment
- Planting of native shrubs, grasses and forbs
- Fencing for livestock management

### **CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)**

Eligible land for Oregon's CREP includes cropland and pastureland along a stream where a riparian buffer can be planted. Lands classified as forest or woodland are NOT eligible.

For additional information or to determine eligibility please contact your local FSA office or call Polk SWCD (503) 623-9680.

## 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.
- **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 assistance to scout groups and school clubs, as well as technical presentations concerning natural resources for both youth and adults during field days and outdoor education classes.
- **Workshops:** The Polk SWCD offers a variety of workshops on many aspects of rural living, conservation, technical assistance and land management. Call the office to find out what is coming up!

## 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:** The second Wednesday of each month at 6pm at our office. 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's accomplishments for the past year, and hear what is in store for the future.

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