

# **Campbell County Conservation District**

**Annual Plan of Work 2022-2023**



## MISSION STATEMENT

*“To provide leadership for the conservation of Campbell County’s soils and water, protect the agricultural resource base, promote the control of soil erosion, promote and protect the quality and quantity of Campbell County’s water and all other natural resources, preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, protect the tax base and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of this county through a responsible conservation ethic.”*

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



The Campbell County Conservation District's five-member volunteer Board of Supervisors is the key to the District's success. The board is comprised of three rural (living outside of a municipality), one urban (living inside of a municipality), and one at-large (either rural or urban member) individuals.

The residents of Campbell County elect the members of the Board during the general election, with each board member serving a staggered four-year term.

*Top Row (Left to Right): Richard Hauber, Chair; Jaime Tarver, Vice-Chair; Brandon Price, Secretary/Treasurer  
Bottom Row (Left to Right): Kim Kretschman, Supervisor; Jeffrey Boardman, Supervisor*

## STAFF



*Cheyenne Love  
District Manager*



*Crystal Kellebrew  
Education Coordinator*

## USDA - NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE



The Campbell County Conservation District is proud to work closely with the NRCS-Gillette Field Office to expand district operations and provide more opportunity for “on the ground” conservation practices to be implemented throughout Campbell County.

*From Left to Right: Tim Kellogg, District Conservationist; Brandon Elkins, Rangeland Management Specialist; Della Elliott, Soil Conservation Technician; Jackie Krakow, Private Lands Wildlife Biologist*

## DISTRICT OPERATIONS

*“CCCD will continue to provide natural resource assistance to the community by continuing to improve the credibility, financial stability, and recognition of the District.”*

- Pursue training and professional development opportunities for both staff and board members to make informed decisions, develop policy, and convey a consistent message.
- Increase community involvement in conservation activities.
- Recognize opportunities to support and partner with local governments, state and federal agencies, and other entities.
- Promote the exchange of information between landowners and natural resource agencies.
- Pursue funding sources to expand and fulfill the conservation needs of Campbell County.
- Increase funding reserves to ensure District stability.
- Enter into formal Memorandums of Understanding or other agreements with partners to establish collaboration in project implementation.



*WACD Water Quality Training in Buffalo, WY*



*WACD Annual Convention in Cody, WY*

## NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS

*“CCCD will continue to provide opportunities for Campbell County residents, businesses, schools, and organizations to implement natural resource conservation practices to address soil erosion, air quality, water quality and quantity, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, rangeland health, and enhancing the natural landscape.”*

- Partner with entities to expand project funding opportunities and the scope of work.
- Coordinate planning and implementation of various “on the ground” conservation projects.
- Provide technical and cost-share assistance on watershed and waterway improvement, rangeland health, forestry management, and wildlife habitat.



# WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM

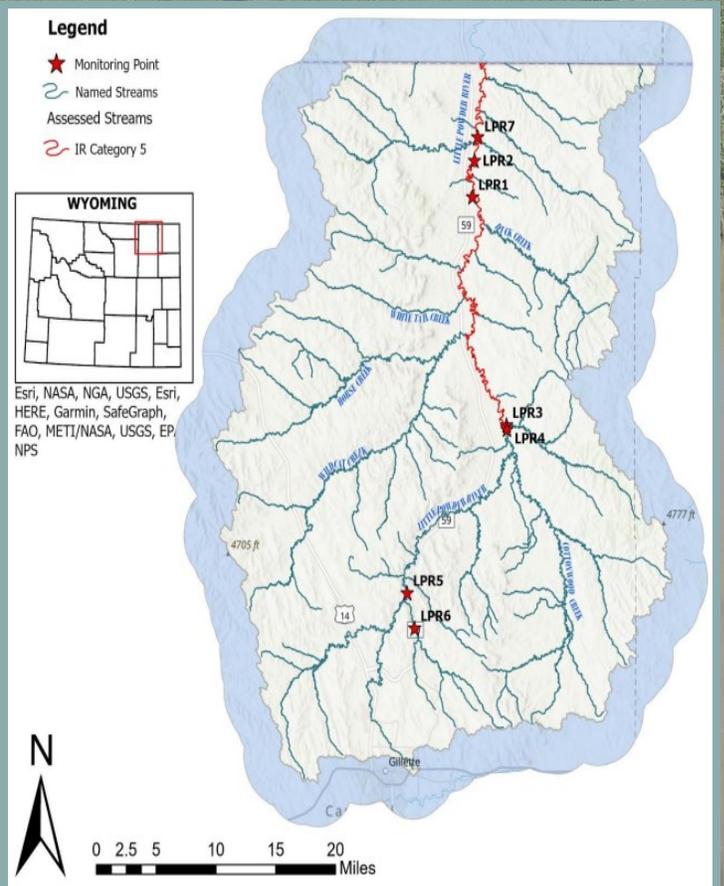
## LITTLE POWDER RIVER



*Originating North of Gillette and flowing over the Montana state line, the Little Powder River (LPR) was classified as a 303(d) “impaired” waterway for fecal coliform in 2006.*

*Since then, CCCD has conducted water sampling at various sites along the impaired reach and will continue to do so under newly-obtained grant funding.*

### What Influences LPR?

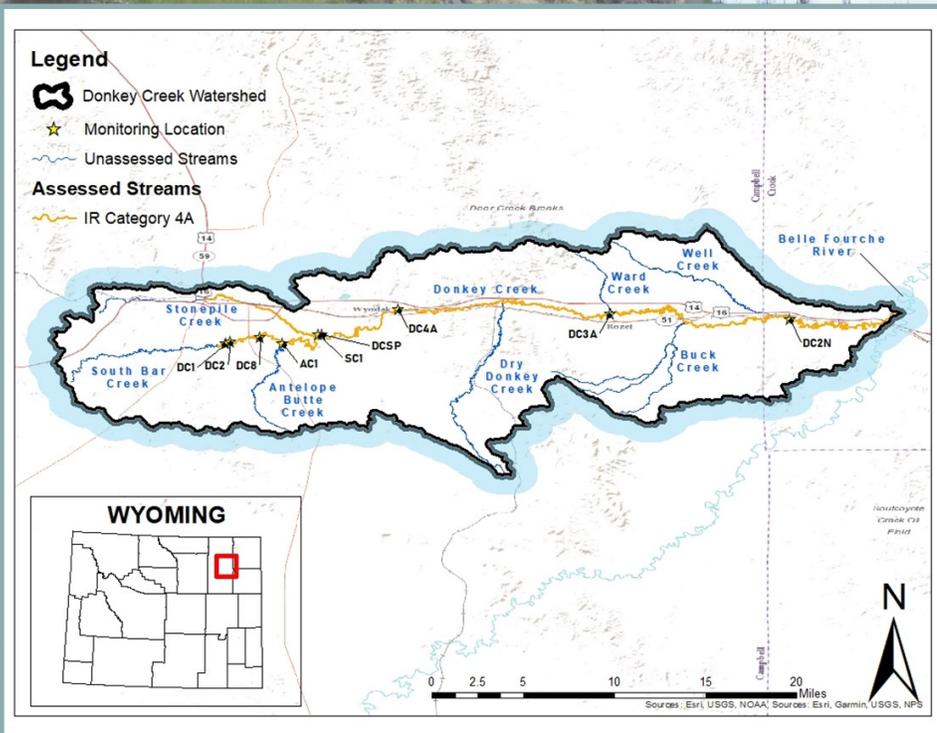


# WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM

## DONKEY CREEK

Flowing West to East over the Campbell-Crook county line, Donkey Creek (DC) was classified as a 303(d) "impaired" waterway for **fecal coliform** in 2000, while Stonepile Creek (SC), a close tributary, was listed in 2002.

In conjunction with Crook County Natural Resource District, CCCD will continue to conduct water quality monitoring at sites along DC, SC, and their tributaries.



### What Influences DC/SC?

Domestic  
Animals

Wildlife

Septic  
Systems

Urban  
Runoff

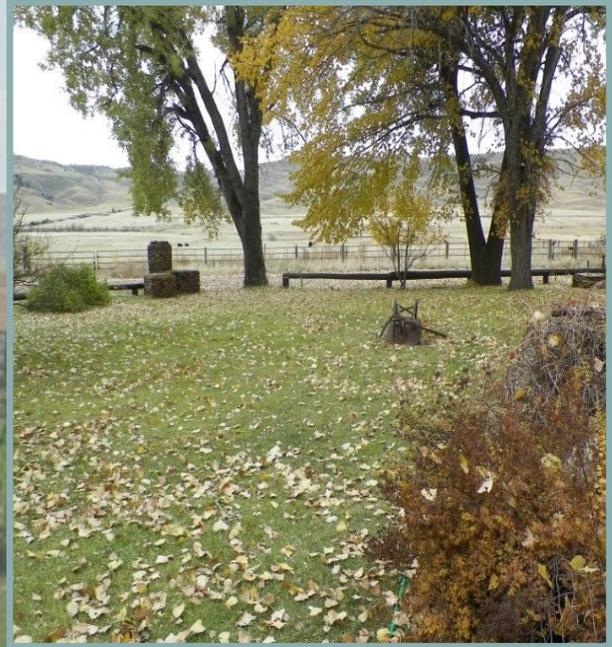
Livestock

## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) will continue to be a priority for CCCD staff; funded through various organizations, BMPs serve a dual-purpose by supporting the landowner while conserving natural resources.



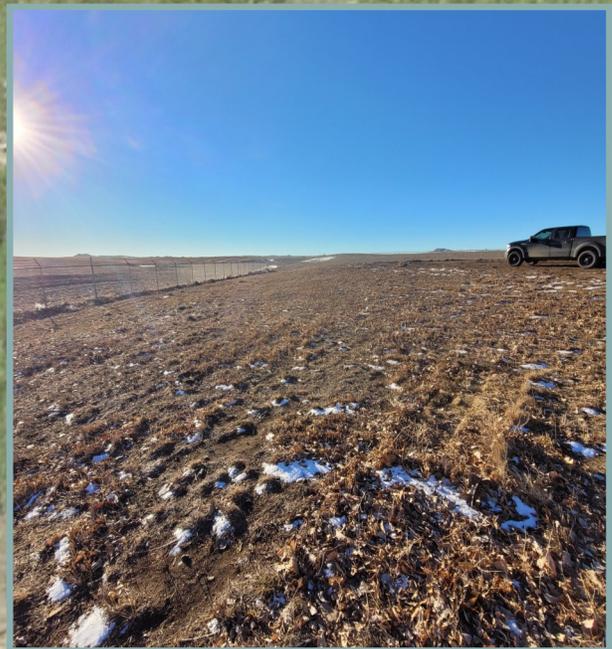
*Riparian Fencing*



*Septic Tank Remediation*



*Stock Tanks*



*Vegetation Buffers*

## FOREST AND RANGELAND RESOURCES

Almost 70% of forested land in Campbell County is privately owned...that's over 200,000 acres in the hands of private landowners!

CCCD staff is working with these forested landowners to ensure they have the information, tools, and resources they need to properly manage their land.

Projects will include;

- ◇ Forestry Field Days
- ◇ Timber Stand Improvement Projects
- ◇ Windbreaks
- ◇ Cover Crops
- ◇ Seedling Tree Sales
- ◇ Rangeland Health Assessments



*Cover Crops*

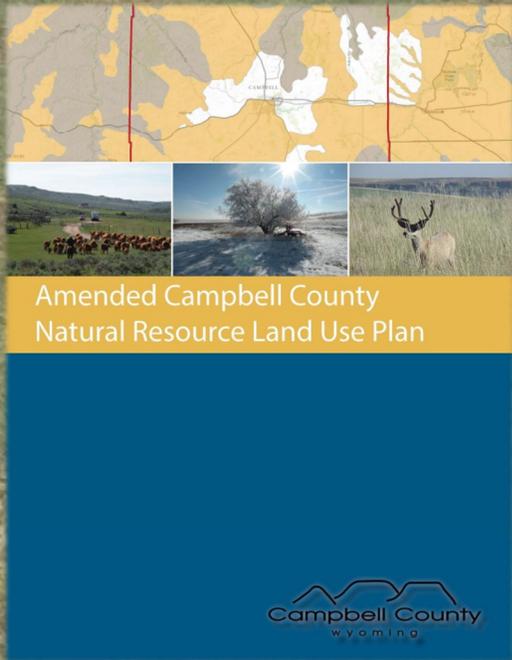


*Eastern Red Cedar Windbreak*



*Deep Pot Cottonwoods*

## LAND USE MANAGEMENT



Proper land use management within a County requires input from a variety of agencies with specialized skillsets and expertise.

CCCD will continue to support land use management in Campbell County through;

- ◇ Subdivision Reviews with Campbell County Planning and Zoning
- ◇ Natural Resources Land Use Plan - Conservation District Seat
- ◇ Small Acreage Issue Team

## URBAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

CCCD is pleased to be a recipient of the National Association of Conservation District's (NACD) Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) grant for the upcoming year.

Thanks to this opportunity, the District will be working with a variety of partners to place a Learning Garden at a local nonprofit.

This will allow the District to expand their operations into the area of urban agriculture while supporting youth in the community.



## NATURAL RESOURCE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

*“CCCD will strive to improve the appreciation of Campbell County’s natural resources and encourage responsibility and stewardship among landowners, members of the community, and youth through outreach and education.”*

- Provide training information on the various aspects of natural resources, land management practices, and funding programs through newsletters, social media, and workshops.
- Provide targeted and well thought-out presentations on a wide variety of topics related to natural resources for landowners, members of the community, educators, and youth.
- Identify and address education needs for both new and established small acreage landowners.



## WATER RESOURCES



Water is one of the most valuable natural resources in Campbell County and beyond...CCCD staff take will take every opportunity available to educate youth about the preservation of this critical element of nature.

Water resource education will be conducted through both events and activities;

- ◇ Mallo Camp
- ◇ EarthEcho Water Quality Kits
- ◇ Enviroscope Model
- ◇ Stream and Erosion Trailer
- ◇ Storm Drain Stickers



*Teaching Water Sampling at Mallo Camp with EarthEcho Water Quality Kits*



*Enviroscope Model at CCPL*

## LAND USE MANAGEMENT

Ag Expo brings together local agriculture-based organizations every year to inform future Campbell County landowners of the natural resources around them. This event is exclusively for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

Youth who attend the Expo will learn about topics such as;

- ◇ Soil Typing
- ◇ Bird Identification
- ◇ Forestry Health
- ◇ Animal Care
- ◇ Campbell County History
- ◇ Weed Management



*NRCS Discussing Soil Types*



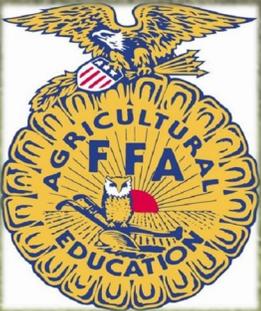
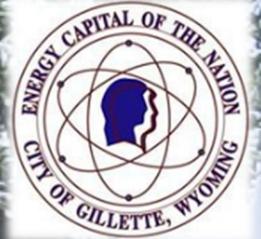
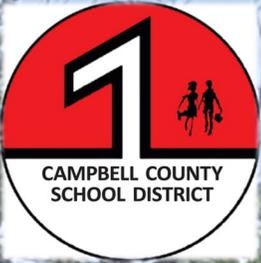
*Weed & Pest Showing How Seeds Disperse*



*WSFD Division 5 Staff Explaining Forestry Health*

# PARTNERSHIPS

CCCD is proud to partner with a multitude of local, state, and federal agencies to increase the amount and quality of conservation work throughout Campbell County.



*The 2022 - 2023 Annual Plan of Work will guide the Campbell County Conservation District in meeting goals and objectives identified in the Long Range Plan (2021 - 2025).*

*CCCD Staff and the Board of Supervisors are committed to conducting activities that best suit the changing natural resource needs within Campbell County, while reflecting the concerns of the local community.*

*We, the Supervisors of the Campbell County Conservation District, as duly authorized by the Wyoming Conservation District Law, hereby adopt this 2022 - 2023 Annual Plan of Work.*

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*Richard Hauber, Chair*

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