



Grants to Conservation Districts

**NRCS and ANRC in partnership for
conservation**

2018 NRCS / ANRC Grant

- 1.2 million dollars NRCS total funding
- 800 thousand for Irrigation Planners
- 400 thousand for conservation education and projects
- 1 to 3 years timeline for completion

Irrigation Planners

Pros:

“On farm” producer outreach

Irrigation management plans

Technology awareness & transfer

Substantial cost & resource savings

Irrigation Planners

Cons:

Shared employee management

Conservation district liabilities

Short to medium term employment

Conservation education and projects

Shared abilities, resources & expertise

Current projects:

- Community & pollinator gardens with interns, outdoor classrooms & high tunnel houses
- Cover crop field days
- Soil sampling technician
- Nutrient management technicians
- Controlled burn training facility
- Silvopasture demonstration facility

Phase 2

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2020

Irrigation Planners

- 2 Additional planners
- 4 refunded planner positions
 - 3-year grant term

New conservation education projects:

- Develop sustainable urban gardens
- Small acreage cover crop demonstration plots and field days
- Nutrient management planning education and field days
- Irrigation technology field days
- Watershed dam education awareness
- Feral hog control education program



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Arkansas needs your partnership!