

**Teller-Park Conservation District  
And Natural Resources Conservation Service**

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**Teller-Park Conservation District (TPCD)**

Incorporated in the mid-1940's as a Title 35 Special District of State government, the Teller-Park Conservation District (TPCD) is tasked with helping to protect the natural resources of both Teller and Park Counties. The District is affiliated with, and receives a limited amount of funding from the State Conservation Board which is headquartered in Lakewood. The TPCD was set up as part of the State Soil Conservation Act which resulted from the environmental problems of the Dust Bowl days of the 1930's.

The TPCD has authority, under Senate bill 35, to review subdivisions and mine reclamation permits. It may also become a sponsor or participant in various erosion control or watershed projects as circumstances warrant. Due to its limited funding, rather than spend a small amount of funds on very large problems, TPCD prioritizes its funds on conservation awareness programs and partnering with other resource protection agencies, private groups and units of government.

The programs of the District have been evolving in recent years from serving primarily agricultural producers to increasingly serving urban or suburban residents and small "ranchettes". This is due to the sale or diversion of almost all of the available water to metropolitan areas-water which traditionally had been used to irrigate ranches, as well as decreasing numbers of larger, historic ranches and farms in both counties.

Implementing the Colorado Weed Act, in 2005 TPCD assumed responsibility for weed management in both counties, which includes monitoring and treating noxious weeds along county roads, state highways, public lands, such as USFS, and private lands.

Educational activities sponsored by TPCD include an annual Conservation Poster Contest, scholarships for teachers to attend agricultural workshops and students to attend Camp Rocky located in our own backyard in Divide. The District also owns a River Riparian Trailer and Sno-tel model which travel around the area to demonstrate water conservation and other water related resource issues. The District also provides workshops on weed management, range management and other conservation resource issues.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

A USDA agency, the NRCS was originally formed in 1935 and was called the Soil Erosion Service. It was known as the Soil Conservation Service and was changed to NRCS in late 1995. The NRCS provides technical resource personnel to the local Conservation District to assist with accomplishment of its mission. The NRCS, through TPCD sponsorship, can help public and

private landowners with erosion problems, drainage issues, watershed management, water developments (ponds & springs), irrigation assistance, forest management and similar concerns. Services are free.

To learn more about the services of the Teller-Park Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, please go to our website at [www.tellerparkcd.org](http://www.tellerparkcd.org) or come by our office in Woodland Park.