

## **Missoula Conservation District Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026**

(Adopted April 10, 2023)

**IDENTITY STATEMENT:** The Missoula Conservation District is a non-partisan, publicly elected local Board that oversees a professional natural resources staff engaged in conservation efforts within the Missoula County to protect the multiple uses of land, water, and wildlife for future generations.

**VISION:** To inspire conservation and stewardship of Earth's ecology and natural environments throughout Missoula County.

**MISSION:** The MCD, in partnership with stakeholders, ensures resource stewardship through inspiration education and enforcement within Missoula County.

### **GOAL #1: Enhance water quality.**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Administer and educate around the 310 Law.
- Partner with water quality groups.
- Participate in restoration activities.
- Administer grant programs.

### **GOAL #2: Improve soil health.**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Partner and coordinate with soil organizations.
- Administer no-till drill program.
- Educate landowners.

### **GOAL #3: Promote stewardship of forest, riparian, upland, and grassland habitat.**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Administer grant program.
- Partner and coordinate with natural resource agencies and conservation groups.
- Partner around Montana Native Seed Network.
- Education outreach through Conservation Day Tour.

### **GOAL #4: Maintain and promote agriculture and open space.**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Hold Western Grazing and Agriculture Conference.
- Administer pollinator program.
- Ensure MCD participates in Planning Board process.
- Participate in Small Agriculture Working Group.
- Partner with natural resource agencies and conservation groups.
- Craft a Soil Ordinance to preserve Agriculture land.

### **GOAL #5: Contribute to conservation education programs.**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop and maintain conservation education materials.
- Support youth conservation events and competitions.
- Use grant program to support conservation education.
- Participate in public speaking and outreach events.
- Host workshops and lectures.
- Offer a scholarship to an emerging conservationist.