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**Candidates Needed for the Lancaster Soil and Water
Conservation District Commissioner in the 2022 General
Election**

This year the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District will have two District Commissioner positions on the November 2022 General Election ballot.

People interested in running in the General Election for the position of Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner must submit a petition of names of 100 qualified electors (registered voters) of the district or 1 percent, whichever is lesser to the Lancaster County Voter's Registration Office by **noon, July 15, 2022.**

If you have any questions about the election process, please call the Lancaster County Voter's Registration Office at 803-285-2969.

Conservation District Commissioners are non-salaried officials. Candidates must be registered voters in the county in which they are seeking office. This position is non-partisan.

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The conservation district is managed by a five-member board. These individuals serve as Conservation District Commissioners in each of the state's forty-six Soil and Water Conservation Districts. In South Carolina, conservation district boundaries are the same as county lines.

Conservation districts were created in 1937 by federal and state law for the purpose of managing natural resources. The idea is that local citizens can best protect and conserve the natural resources in their communities.

Each year Conservation District Commissioners volunteer thousands of hours promoting soil and water conservation practices in urban and rural areas, and combating erosion and storm water problems. Their tasks include planning and directing a conservation program, assigning priority to resource development and serving as a community clearinghouse for information and services on natural resource issues. Regular board meetings are held, usually monthly, for setting priorities and planning with the cooperating agencies' staff.

Through a partnership with the federal and state agencies, technical, administrative and financial assistance is provided through conservation districts by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (federal) and the S. C. Department of Natural Resources (state).

The mission of the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District is to enhance awareness of natural resources by educating school children, citizens and community leaders about conservation and environmental issues.

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For more information, contact Amanda Roberts, District Manager for the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District, at 803-286-4455, extension 100 or look at its website www.lancasterswcd.com. The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

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