

**Good conservation starts
right under your feet**



CLACKAMAS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Good dirt. Clean water.



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The beautiful Mt. Hood Territory in Clackamas County is the home of our watershed, foodshed, woodshed and energys shed. Conserving our precious resources will have local, national and international benefits. We can each make a difference in conservation by starting with what's right under our feet.

To sustain our soils, water, land, air and energy resources, the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District provides resource conservation technical services to landowners and local community partners. The District also works with multiple landowners to enhance the triple bottom line, making our county a place where our communities, environments and economy thrive together. These projects focus on the regional watersheds, food/agricultural economy (foodshed), value-added forest products industry (woodshed), and the local production of renewable energy (energys shed).

Communities, Environment and Economy Thrive Together

The District follows principles that help our communities, environment and economy thrive. This triple bottom line guides the District's programs, technical assistance, projects, enterprises and research and development activities.

The District helps local communities and landowners in conservation activities. It fosters partnerships with local governmental and non-governmental organizations, and teams with other organizations to save resources and protect working farmland, forestland and scenic landscapes.



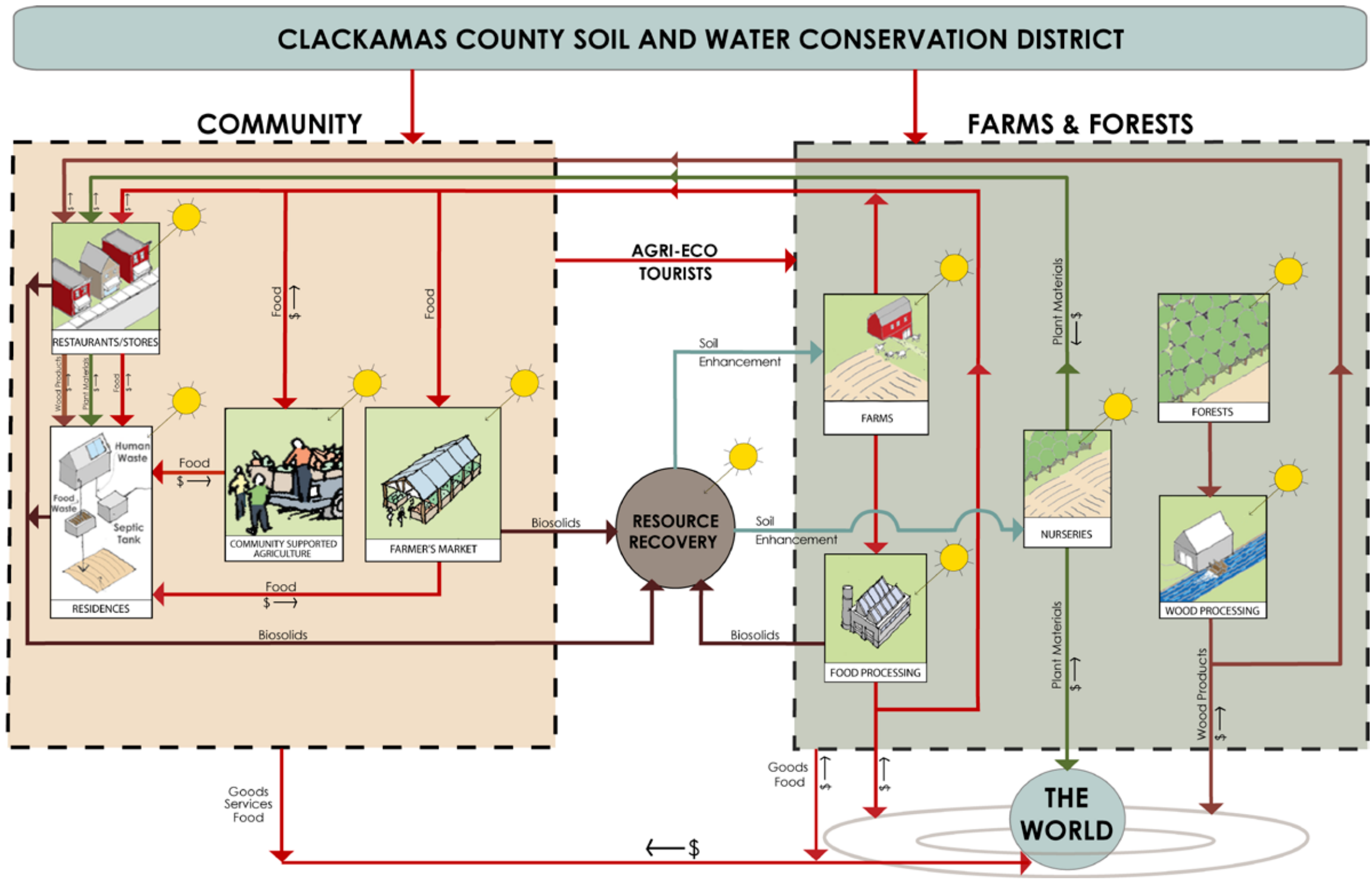
The District promotes the sustainable use of natural resources by reducing soil loss and improving soil health; keeping water clean and in ample supply; reducing the miles that food travels from farm to table; controlling weeds; enhancing biodiversity and wildlife habitat; and encouraging the use of easily dissolved chemicals and chemical-free alternatives.



The District strengthens the economy by encouraging local business development and the purchase of local products and services. These services support energy conservation, clean energy generation and the development of renewable energy.



The District uses the Civic Ecology concept to understand the relationships between urban and rural communities and related conservation priorities in Clackamas County and beyond. This whole system approach focuses on planning, building and managing community systems in such a way that they naturally enrich and sustain each other. Landowners and communities are key to the success. Local expertise, labor, supplies, products and services are used.



CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

The District provides technical assistance to landowners (rural acreages, small and large farms, nurseries, woodlots, forests, private, public, institutional and non-profit) in a variety of conservation priorities identified with key partners, including:



Water

- Quality
- Quantity
- Reuse
- Stream
- Groundwater
- Stormwater
- Well and septic
- Ditches and bioswales



Habitat

- Riparian
- Forest
- Upland
- Wildlife



Nutrients

- Fertilizers
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Manure
- Composting
- Cover crops



Soil

- Erosion
- Productivity
- Mud management



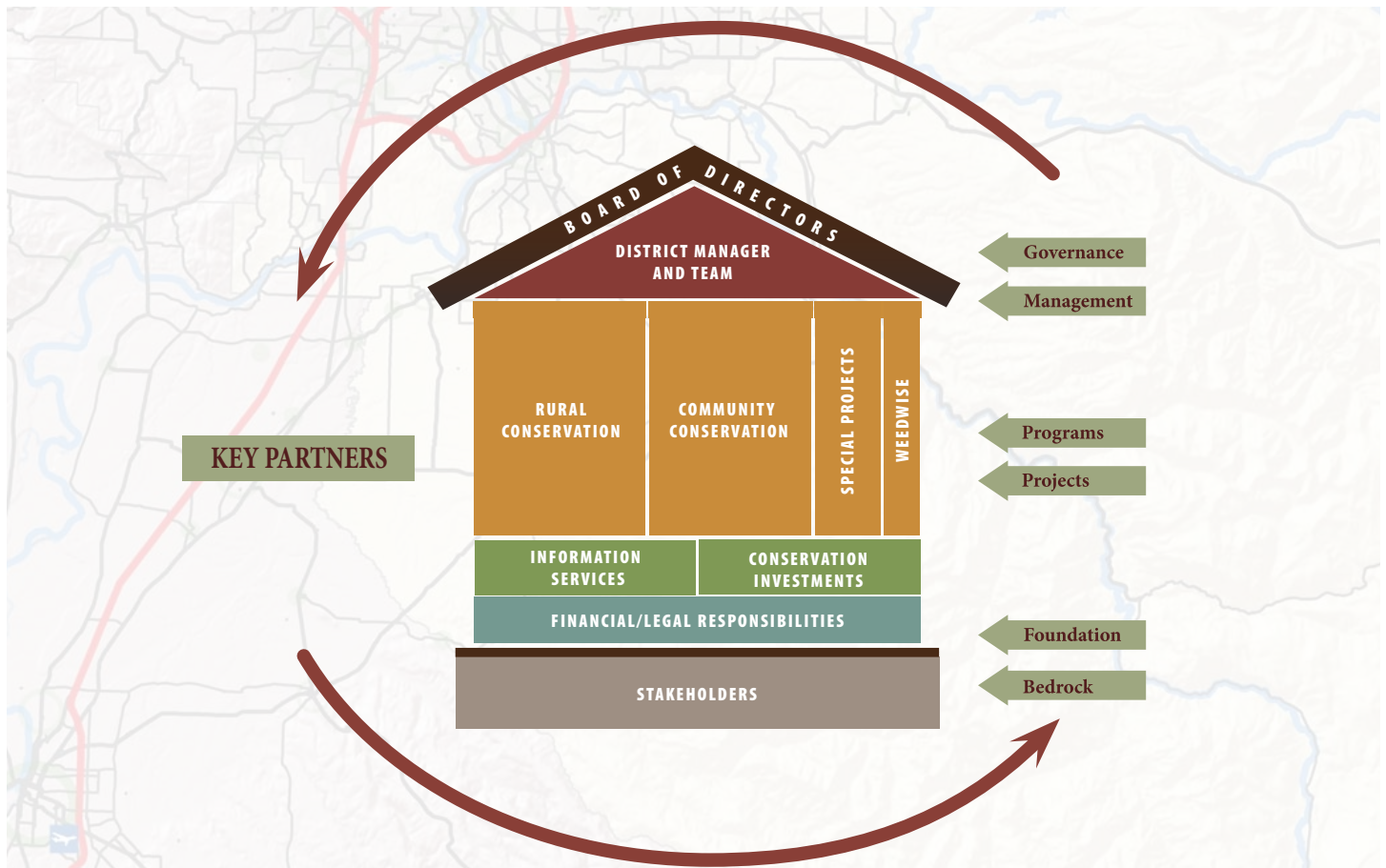
Land

- Farms/nurseries
- Rural acreages
- Forests
- Pastures
- Heavy use areas
- Land use
- Conservation/easements



Energy

- Conservation
- Renewable
- Hydro
- Wind
- Geothermal
- Biomass
- Cellulosic



Clackamas County District and Program Structure

All program components include technical assistance to individual landowners, projects involving multiple landowners, income generating enterprises and research and development activities.

RURAL CONSERVATION

Focuses on small and large farms, nurseries, rural acreages and woodlots. Initiatives include:

- Rainwater Catchment
- Mud & Manure Management
- Forestry
- Healthy Horses
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

Focuses on the cities, towns, villages and hamlets of Clackamas County. Initiatives include:

- Low-Impact Development Program
- Golf Course Quality Lawns Program
- Native Plant Salvage Nursery
- Renewable Energy

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Focuses on implementation of the Clackamas County Green Ribbon Committee recommendations. Typically, activities involve development of strategic partnerships. Initiatives include:

- Foodshed
- Watershed
- Woodshed
- Energyshed

WEEDWISE

Addresses the problems of weeds and associated loss of ecosystem services. Improves landscape health through green chemistry, low-impact and low-toxics strategies. Initiatives include:

- Weed Database
- Weed Calendar
- Grazier Cooperative
- Clackamas Weed Research and Development

CONSERVATION INVESTMENTS

Increases internal and external funding capacities. Initiatives include:

- Cost-Share
- Local Partnership Investments Program
- Land Conservation/Easements Program
- Revolving Loan Fund Program

INFORMATION SERVICES

Provides internal and external marketing, training and outreach. Improves the effectiveness of the District in communicating with many stakeholders. Initiatives include:

- Branding
- Communications
- Messaging

Conservation for Clackamas County

Our Vision

Our District is a place where our communities, environments and economy thrive together.

Our Mission

To provide technical and practical services designed to conserve and use resources sustainably today and for future generations.



District staff from left to right: Angela Gazzoli, Jeremy Baker, Cindy Kolomechuk, Rick Gruen, Eann Rains, Clair Klock and Jenne Reische.

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District Directors

Each area of the county has an equal voice.
The District is a unit of local government with an elected board of seven directors who govern the District.

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