



### Other Accomplishments



#### POLLINATOR INITIATIVE

- Resource Specialist achieved Pollinator Partnership Steward Certification
- 285 individuals
- 2 additional organizations
- >15 acres worth of seed distributed
- 4 additional grants
  - Helena Community Gardens
  - Feathered Pipe Foundation



#### Stream/Shore Projects

The Blake Project is the latest in a number that we've assisted with on Lake Helena



#### MCDEO

With Board support, our Administrator devotes 10-15 hours per week leading the Montana CD Employee Organization to the benefit of all CDs in Montana

### 2024 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Lewis & Clark Conservation District prioritizes outreach and education efforts, as two of our six main priorities. Every contact that we have with landowners, land managers, and others, is viewed as part of our education and outreach efforts.

Even the stream permitting program is viewed as “value added”, providing education to applicants not only about their projects and how they could be done better, but also to better inform them as to other resources that we can provide.



#### Montana Matters Youth Outdoor Experience



#### 2024 Rain Barrel Workshop



#### Gold Country Master Gardener's Symposium



#### Willow Fascine Installation

### Project Summary and Results

#### 2024 To-Date:

- 17 presentations with the Rolling Rivers Trailer
- Over 75 individual Education and Outreach events
- Five different Streambank projects
  - Almost 2100 feet of bank improvement
  - Willow fascines
  - Sprigging using our hydraulic Willow Stinger
- Website~8300 users
- Facebook>9400 reached
- Instagram>830 users reached

#### Key Partners

- Sun River Watershed Group
- Lake Helena Watershed Group
- Helena Community Of Resource Educators (Helena CORE)
- Prickly Pear Land Trust
- Missouri River CD Council
- East Helena School District
- Lincoln School District
- Augusta School District
- Landowners
- Water Quality Protection District
- Gold Country Master Gardeners

# History of CD

Charter Date-June 25, 1948

## Main Efforts

- Education & Outreach to youth and adults
- Stream Projects
- Fire Recovery Projects
- Flood Recovery Projects
- Stream Permitting

# Fun Facts

- We have 6 watersheds in our district and our supervisor area boundaries are mostly drawn on those lines
- Our fiscal year is the same as the calendar year
- The district doesn't include the 1948 boundaries of municipalities
- The district straddles the Continental Divide
- We require 310 permits on Canyon Ferry, Hauser and Holter Reservoirs

# Board & Staff

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Start Year</u>
Jeff Ryan-Chair.....	2014
Karl Christians-Vice Chair.....	2021
Jeanette Nordahl-Treasurer.....	2016
Sarah Howe-Cobb.....	2015
Stan Frasier.....	1997
John Baucus.....	2020
Vacant position.....	

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Start Year</u>
Chris Evans, District Adm.....	1999
Joe Kremer-Herman, Res Spclst.....	2023

# 2024 Statistics

<u>310 PERMITS</u> 40 permit applications 9 Complaints 1 Emergency	<u>SUPERVISOR STATS</u> ~ 900 Hours & over 3500 miles traveled	<u>SHORE/BANK WORK</u> 2080 Feet of shore protected/enhanced
<u>ROLLING RIVERS TRAILER</u> 17 Presentations	<u>EDUCATION/OUTREACH</u> Over 75 Outreach & Education Events	<u>POLLINATOR INITIATIVE 2024</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 96 participants and &gt;4 acres of seed distributed</li> <li>• Grants for 2 other entities</li> <li>• Pollinator Steward Certification for Resource Specialist</li> </ul>

# Funding Sources

- CDG-23-3762-Feathered Pipe Pollinator 1-\$8,278.00
- CDG-23-3744-District Anniversary Grant-\$6655.00
- CDG-24-3779-Blake Shoreline Project-\$7090.00
- CDG-23-3743-Helena Community Gardens Pollinator-\$3276.00
- CDA-24-0151-Permit reimb/Dues-\$7500
- CDG-24-3792-2024 Education Grant-\$5000.00
- 23G-19-3637-Rolling Riv Trlr Maint-\$5250.00
- CDG-24-3806-Threemile Project-\$50,000.00
- RD-LCCD-665-MCDEO Employee Recruitment & Retention-\$84,700.00
- CDG-24-3798-Feathered Pipe Pollinator 2-\$4492.00
- RITP-24-0209-Threemile Dam Planning-\$62,400.00
- RRG-21-1774-Willow Ck Feeder Canal-\$125,00.00
- WMG-22-0092A-Improving Strx & Capacity for CD Support-\$20,778.00

# 2024 Budget

- County Mill Levy~\$160,000
- Permissive Mill Levy for Benefits-\$12,000
- Sponsorships~\$2000
- Grants~\$160,000

# Priorities for 2025

## Goal 1

Expand our Pollinator Initiative Program

- add a seminar for landowners to participate in to learn more about preparing for, planting, and maintaining a pollinator plot
- increase the seed amount

## Goal 2

Rosgen Stream Training for Resource Specialist

Rosgen stream training for our Resource Specialist, to better equip him to work with landowners on stream projects

## Goal 3

Finalize Policies & Procedures Manual

Finalization of our P&P manuals to better facilitate staff and supervisor transition over time