

LAND USE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

Provide leadership by promoting conservation of natural resources for land use and sustainable development in accord with the integrity of our natural resource base. Promote a collaborative relationship with stakeholders involved with economic development and resource management for sustainable growth.

- Set up a system for regular and ongoing communications between the District, the Pike County Office of Community Planning, the Pike County Economic Development Authority, the Pike County Commissioners and Municipal officials.
- Discuss and implement land use tools that promote natural resource conservation, green building technologies and conservation design while accommodating growth.
- Work to improve communication and coordination of the permitting & review process with municipalities, Department of Environmental Protection and other cooperating agencies.
- Actively monitor the legislative process, particularly at the State level, for proposed rulemaking or regulatory changes and environmental legislation to ensure Pike County's natural resource conservation interests are represented and regularly communicate with local, state and federal legislators to provide assistance and guidance on natural resource issues of concern.
- Provide proactive assistance to landowners helping to nurture a better understanding of their personal role in land use protection.
- Develop a natural resource guide for community associations and lake communities which highlight the connections between land use, soil conservation and health, groundwater and surface water protection, and an understanding of watersheds.
- Consider natural resource needs not just within Pike County, but across watershed boundaries and seek opportunities to work with regional partners addressing these needs particularly as they relate to the District's mission.
- Support Pike County's Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program, Agricultural Land Preservation Program and other efforts to protect open space and sensitive natural resource areas.
- Develop and provide opportunities for public input on conservation issues of concern.

