

# STEWARDSHIP WEEK 2024

NACD's 69th Stewardship Week will be held April 28 to May 5, 2024.

**The National Association of Conservation Districts Stewardship Week, an annual program since 1955, stands as one of the nation's largest initiatives dedicated to promoting the conservation of natural resources. Occurring between the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, Stewardship Week serves as a reminder of our personal responsibilities to safeguard our precious natural resources.**

During Stewardship Week, local conservation districts and their state associations, educate the public on the importance of soil health, water quality, pollinator habitat and other conservation topics. Classroom activities such as the annual Poster Contest are hosted to honor and recognize efforts in conservation at the local level.

**This year's theme "May the Forest Be with You Always" focuses on the resilience of our forests. Forests play many roles in sustaining our planet, serving as sources of oxygen, carbon storage, and hubs of biodiversity. They protect soil and water resources, prevent erosion, purify contaminants, and sustain healthy watersheds.**