

# “May the Forest Be with You, Always”



*In 2024, we celebrated the 69th Annual Stewardship Week* with the theme “[May the Forest Be with You, Always](#)“. The Stewardship Week 2024 theme underscores the critical interplay between soil and water conservation and the resilience of our forests. Forests play multifaceted roles in sustaining our planet, serving as sources of oxygen, carbon storage, and vibrant hubs of biodiversity. They function as steadfast protectors of soil and water resources, preventing erosion, purifying contaminants, and nurturing [healthy watersheds](#).

In today’s context, marked by environmental challenges, resilient forests are indispensable in fostering a sustainable world. The phrase “[May the Forest Be with You, Always](#)” signifies our commitment to responsible forest stewardship, emphasizing their enduring strength and adaptability

Throughout Stewardship Week, conservation districts across the United States actively participate in various ways to celebrate and promote these vital natural resources.

## **Why Stewardship Week?**

Each spring, NACD and thousands of dedicated conservationists organize a multitude of outreach events and educational learning experiences for students and adults in order to increase awareness about the importance of natural resource conservation. During Stewardship Week, local conservation districts and their state associations, along with partners, educate the public on the importance of soil health, water quality, pollinator habitat and other conservation topics. Different classroom activities, field visits and community events are hosted to honor and recognize efforts in conservation at the local level.