

Resolve to Conserve

It is hard for us to accept that there are threats to our environment. There are many conservation concerns that affect us locally as well as nationally. Resolve to pay more attention to the activities of our daily life, individually and collectively, that have implications for the environment. Conservation is a way of life whether you live in an urban or rural setting.

Some simple changes you can make that will make a difference:

- Burn fossil fuels efficiently in your vehicles and in your home.
- Decrease your use of electricity.
- Consume water as if it is in limited supply.
- Make use of yard waste without burning it or sending it to a landfill.
- Dispose of household, garage, and garden hazardous waste in a manner that keeps it out of our surface and groundwater.
- Support forested areas and plant trees.
- Control erosion of topsoil faster than it can be replaced.
- Protect recharge areas for community and private wells.
- Keep waste materials, including tires, out of waterways.
- Plan development without using prime farmland.
- Care for waste treatment and septic systems properly.
- Conserve the soil at construction sites.
- Provide for run-off from streets and parking lots so that pollutants are not carried into streams and rivers.
- Seal properly unused wells.
- Control insects and weeds without chemicals.
- Manage animal waste and fertilizers.



Conservation is a work in progress. It is not a one-time act; it is a way of life. We dare not act as if these issues do not exist. As we enjoy the resources we have, we need to resolve to do our part to keep the conservation process going, to protect our natural resources for all of us.