

# Alamo Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc.

Saving Our Environment and Enhancing Our Communities!

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## ❖ Who We Are:

Alamo Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc. (Alamo RCD) was created as a unique program that empowers local citizens to help themselves. **Our Mission is to help communities and the people who make them thrive, meet local needs by protecting our water and land resources, encouraging environmental sustainability, promoting agriculture and enhancing the quality of life for all citizens in our ten county area.**

Alamo RCD became a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization in 1993 to address natural resource conservation and community development in **Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson counties.** We embrace over 2.14 million people, making our service area the 26th largest Metro Service Area in the nation and the third largest in Texas. The Alamo RCD Board of Directors establish strategic plans toward program development, increased funding and sustainability on an annual and 3 year basis then work hard toward the implementation of those plans. Alamo RCD has national support as a member of the National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils, which provides management, program and development training within a national network of 375 associated councils.

Alamo RCD assists many constituents and fulfills many needs with a mission emphasis on rural underserved areas. Alamo RCD's "in your back yard" program approach, empowers volunteers to take care of urgent needs near their homes, workplaces, schools and communities. **Alamo RCD's mission focuses on the utilization of local leadership, use of multiple innovative collaborations and locally established volunteerism, making it one of the most impactful environmental & economic "grass roots" efforts today.**

## ❖ Our Goals:

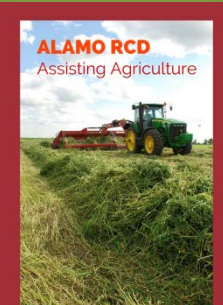
**The goals of our mission are to:** 1) provide agricultural and environmental education to improve water, land and environmental resource management and to protect surface and groundwater quality, 2) expand local community development through assistance to the nonprofit sector, 3) improve and enhance programs for the elderly, children, youth and other needs within our rural communities.

## ❖ Current Programs or Activities

The Alamo RCD diversified mission goals are accomplished within the following programs:

1. **Environmental/Agricultural Education Program:** provides educational workshops, seminars and online outreach to local citizens in areas such as land management, watershed management and protection, wild life management, sustainable agriculture, environmental protection and stewardship and water and natural resource conservation.
2. **Growing Rural Youth Development Program:** works with children and youth within service learning projects centered on "Gardening with a Purpose". Growing Rural links young people to service learning activities, centered on our mission that build leadership, provide academic improvement (Growing SMART) and life skills as youth work toward improving their rural communities by creating community gardens and other gardening projects as they also give back to their community in need.
3. **Senior Assistance Program** provides rural senior citizen populations within the rural areas we serve with improved nutrition, health information, physical fitness programs and enhanced socialization in order for them to live long and productive lives.
4. **Community Development Program** provides development services to the nonprofit community and to service agencies so that rural social service programs thrive, through trainings in Board Governance and Management, Fiscal Management, Nonprofit Leadership, Grant Proposal Writing and Management, Budgeting, Program Management and more.
5. **Farm to Fork Initiative** provides avenues to connect farmers and ranchers as producers to those who consume our food and fiber through Food Policy Councils, community coalitions, rural cooperatives, farmers markets and more.
6. **Youth 4 – Earth FIRST** engages young people, as active citizens, in student led projects that improve the environment, provide academic enrichment and assist their communities. The vision of this program is to provide a future where every individual becomes a lifelong environmental steward who will play a positive role in building and maintaining environmentally resilient communities.
7. **Disaster Relief:** assists those who have been impacted negatively due to a natural or manmade disaster that effects whole communities in our Service Area. This program is active only in a time of community need.

**Alamo Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc. (Alamo RCD)** has been a very effective organization since its inception. Alamo RCD has achieved national recognition (awarded to very few RCD councils) through the **National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils "Circle of Diamonds"** award. **Alamo RCD was honored with the "Circle of Diamonds" in 2006, 2009 and it was reauthorized on Feb. 22, 2011. We also received the Alamo Area Council of Governments Community Project of the Year Award in 2016.** These honors come from the demonstration of a positive mission impact, the achievement of locally established benchmarks, good community participation, honesty and integrity and a strong commitment to mission.



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