



ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENT CABINET

Kentucky's Districts in Good Standing Program

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DIGS Program

- Started in 2013, prompted by an idea from NASCA sharing session.
- Allows the Soil and Water Conservation Commission to reward districts that are doing everything that they're supposed to be doing.
- Districts fill out their report card themselves, and dates are checked against Division of Conservation's records.

Statutory Requirements

- Reporting (State Cost Share, Budget, Plan of Work, Annual Financial Report, Long Range Plan, Environmental Grants)
- Sufficient Bonding
- Budget Updates
- Advertising for State Cost Share

Policy Requirements

- Monthly Meetings
- Check Signing
- Equipment Loan Payments
- Policy and Operations Handbook
- Corrected Discrepancies From Most Recent Audit
- Emergency Plan
- Fiscal Court Meeting
- Approved Accounting Software
- State-Wide Events and Programs

Scoring

- 100% Commission approved funding level
 - Conservation district in good standing– satisfactorily completing 13 of 13 elements.
 - Eligible for bonus funding of direct aid funding
- 90% Commission approved funding level
 - Conservation districts completing satisfactorily all statutory requirements and 5 of the 9 remaining policy requirements
 - 10% reduced funds will be used to fund bonus for districts in good standing
- 75% Commission approved funding level
 - Conservation districts NOT satisfactorily completing all statutory requirements and at least 5 of the 9 remaining policy requirements
 - 25% reduced funds will be used to fund bonus for districts in good standing

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