

Mission

DRC's mission is to promote sustainable use of North Dakota's natural resources and family owned and operated agriculture by building member led local groups that empower people to influence the decision-making processes that affect their lives and communities.

Vision

DRC envisions a prosperous and healthy North Dakota based on respect for our land, our people, a healthy environment, a sustainable use of natural resources, and fair markets.

"We do not want to halt progress; we do not plan to be selfish and say North Dakota will not share its energy resources.

We simply want to ensure the most efficient and environmentally sound method of utilizing our precious coal and water resources for the benefit of the broadest number of people possible.

And when we are through with that and the landscape is quiet again...let those who follow and repopulate the land be able to say, our grandparents did their job well.

The land is as good and in some cases, better than before."

- Former ND Gov. Art Link

Become a Member.

Connect with others who want to be heard on issues that impact our state. Invest in North Dakota's future. Sign up online, over the phone, or through the mail to become a member and start getting information on our current organizing efforts.

Join a Local Affiliate.

Badlands Area Resource Council (Dickinson)

Ft. Berthold Protectors of Water & Earth Rights

Grand Forks County Citizens Coalition

Missouri Valley Resource Council (Bismarck)

McKenzie County Energies and Taxation Association

South Agassiz Resource Council (Fargo)

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People organizing for a prosperous and healthy North Dakota since 1978.

About DRC

Formed in 1978, Dakota Resource Council grew out of existing organizing efforts responding to impacts from coal development. Each year brings new threats to our members and their communities. Local residents often have to play defense when it comes to rapid energy and agriculture policies and infrastructure. But - they have power when they come together as a community.

Responsible development requires local short-term and long-term concerns from constituents to be taken into account when decisions are being made. We owe it to our neighbors, our communities, and our future generations to protect our state's resources and local voices.

DRC works with communities across the state to organize around common goals of securing a thriving North Dakota and putting people first. Members take action to create public awareness and shape public policy to ensure safe and responsible development, to protect North Dakota's agricultural economy, and to establish a foundation for a just transition to a diverse energy economy.



Issue Areas

DRC campaigns focus on providing a strong local voice on issues that matter to our members. Over the years our members have worked for:

- Protection of land, water, and air
- Responsible energy development
- Promotion and safeguarding of family farms and ranches



What We Believe

DRC believes that power comes from the bottom up and that our voices are stronger when we stand together. Our members are the experts of their lives and experiences and their concerns guide how we take action. As a non-partisan, grassroots organization, we bring together people who strive to have local voices heard, hold decision makers accountable and advocate for responsible development of resources without damaging North Dakotans' lives and livelihoods.

Our Members

DRC members are people from all walks of life and live in rural, urban, and tribal communities across our state. Members participate in our organization in a variety of ways, and each contribution is valued in our DRC community.



Membership Benefits:

- Participate with a local and statewide network of members that come together to exercise their voice and build power for change.
- Play an active role in shaping and executing strategic actions to reach a common goal.
- Access to various skills building trainings and workshops.
- Build confidence to influence decision-makers at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.
- Host community forums.
- Stay up-to-date on the issues via regular mailings and quarterly newsletters.
- Be a voice at DRC's annual meeting.

