## Virtual Tour



## Mesa Conservation District

Since 1937, Colorado's 76 Conservation Districts have represented private landowners' interest in conservation planning and practices. Born out of the Dust Bowl, the Mesa Conservation District's function is to take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land users for conservation of soil, water, and related resources.

Mesa Conservation District's Mission: to provide technical resource information and methods of land use to private landowners in agricultural and urban settings, and to promote and support the stewardship of natural resources.

While the District is technically considered local government, we fall under the statutory guidance of the State of Colorado. We are comprised of elected representatives who reside in various areas within the District, representing all facets of production in the Grand Valley. Together with national and private resources, we strive to facilitate local conservation programs.

Mesa Conservation District partners with various organization to provide education to local landowners, focusing on producers while also addressing the conservation educational needs of urban living.

Partnering with the Mesa County Public Library District (MCPLD) in 2018, we undertook The Discovery Garden project. The Garden aims to address fundamental conservation issues within the high desert environment. The importance of this project lies within our capability to reach a wide variety of people, imparting tangible concepts about how to save water, create beautiful productive landscapes, and establish conservation practices in an urban setting. The Discovery Garden's mission is to bring these concepts to the patrons of the MCPLD and to provide a living classroom providing educational programs, cooperative projects, and experimental learning to visitors.

The District meets on the first Monday of each month; all meetings are open to the public. You are welcome to join us! Please visit our website, MesaCD.com, to learn more and see how you can be involved with the Mesa Conservation District.

## Colorado Department of Agriculture, Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB)

Cross Orchards Historic Site, Grand Junction

Delta Conservation District, Delta

Colorado River Watershed Association

Mesa County Public Library District

Partner Organizations:

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Grand Junction Field Office

Shavano Conservation District, Montrose