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May I suggest that Henry George organizations should encourage members to get involved with their state and county Conservation Districts to promote property tax revision as a powerful means to encourage better land use in cities which in turn would help protect our agricultural and timber lands from premature urban sprawl and the resultant degradation of our environment and destruction of wild life habitat. There are more than 4000 Conservation Districts in our nation. Conservation Districts not only work to resolve problems of soil and water quality in the country, but also to prevent urban problems as a result of flooding, non-point pollution of streams, lakes and marine waters from failing septic tank systems, etc.

I am the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the Lewis County Conservation District of Washington State and therefore can assure you that the people of our nation who are involved with Conservation District programs could become a significant force for property tax revision if Georgist groups would get involved with them.