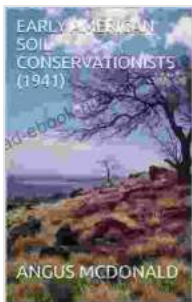


# Early American Soil Conservationists: The Legacy of Maynard Davies (1941)

The history of soil conservation in the United States is a rich and complex one, spanning centuries and involving a wide range of individuals and organizations. One of the most important figures in this history is Maynard Davies, a soil conservationist who played a pivotal role in the development of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) during the 1930s and 1940s. Davies' work helped to lay the foundation for the modern soil conservation movement, and his legacy continues to inspire conservationists today.



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## Maynard Davies: A Biography

Maynard Davies was born in Utah in 1877. He grew up on a farm and developed a deep appreciation for the land. After graduating from high school, Davies attended Brigham Young University and then Cornell

University, where he studied agriculture. In 1903, he joined the Bureau of Soils, which was later renamed the Soil Conservation Service.

Davies quickly rose through the ranks of the Soil Conservation Service, and in 1935 he was appointed chief of the agency. Under Davies' leadership, the SCS expanded its programs and activities, and it played a major role in the development of the nation's first soil conservation districts. Davies also worked closely with President Franklin D. Roosevelt to implement the New Deal's soil conservation programs.

Davies retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1941, but he continued to be active in the conservation movement. He served as president of the Soil Conservation Society of America and was a member of the National Resources Board. Davies died in 1962.

## **Davies' Legacy**

Maynard Davies was a visionary leader who helped to shape the field of soil conservation. His work helped to establish the Soil Conservation Service as a major force in the conservation movement, and his ideas continue to influence conservationists today.

One of Davies' most important contributions was his emphasis on the importance of soil conservation districts. Soil conservation districts are local units of government that are responsible for developing and implementing soil conservation plans. Davies believed that soil conservation was best accomplished through local action, and he worked tirelessly to promote the establishment of soil conservation districts.

Davies also played a major role in the development of the Soil Conservation Service's technical assistance program. This program provides farmers and ranchers with technical assistance to help them conserve their soil. Davies believed that farmers and ranchers needed to have access to the latest scientific information in order to make informed decisions about how to manage their land. The Soil Conservation Service's technical assistance program has helped millions of farmers and ranchers to conserve their soil.

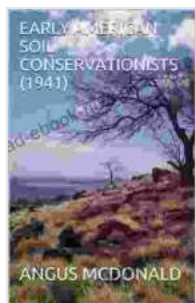
Davies was a strong advocate for conservation education. He believed that it was important to educate people about the importance of soil conservation, and he worked to develop educational programs for both children and adults. The Soil Conservation Service's educational programs have helped to raise awareness of the importance of soil conservation, and they have inspired generations of conservationists.

Maynard Davies was a pioneer in the field of soil conservation. His work helped to lay the foundation for the modern soil conservation movement, and his legacy continues to inspire conservationists today.

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## **Image Descriptions**

- **Image 1:** A black-and-white photograph of Maynard Davies. Davies is wearing a suit and tie, and he has a serious expression on his face. He is standing in front of a map of the United States, and he is pointing to a spot on the map. **Alt text:** Maynard Davies, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, points to a spot on a map of the United States.
- **Image 2:** A color photograph of a farmer and a Soil Conservation Service technician standing in a field. The farmer is pointing to a spot on the ground, and the technician is taking notes. **Alt text:** A farmer and a Soil Conservation Service technician discuss a soil conservation plan.
- **Image 3:** A color photograph of a group of children planting trees. The children are smiling and laughing, and they are all wearing Soil Conservation Service t-shirts. **Alt text:** Children plant trees as part of a Soil Conservation Service educational program.



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