



Alaska Association of Conservation Districts

Mission:

To help Districts do collectively what is
difficult for them to do independently

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About 420 million Acres in Alaska

Twelve Districts in Alaska

• Alaska SWC District	
• Anchorage SWC District	1,251,640 Acres
• Fairbanks SWC District	3,218,856 Acres
• Homer SWC District	1,048,636 Acres
• Kenai SWC District	298,430 Acres
• Kenny Lake SWC District	206,522 Acres
• Kodiak SWC District	3,134,209 Acres
• Mid Yukon SWC District	9,793,700 Acres
• Palmer SWC District	1,572,804 Acres
• Salcha Delta SWC District	2,493,650 Acres
• Upper Susitna SWC District	1,707,746 Acres
• Wasilla SWC District	835,495 Acres



- Alaska is the largest state in the United States in land area at 586,412 square miles, over twice the size of Texas, the next largest state.
- Alaska is larger than all but 18 sovereign countries.
- Counting territorial waters, Alaska is larger than the combined area of the next three largest states: Texas, California, and Montana.
- It is also larger than the combined area of the 22 smallest U.S. states.





Survivability

- Earmarks were primary funding source
- Earmarks for AACD no longer available
- Limited Funding from the State
- Some districts have financial advantage



Sustainability

- Strengthen relationships among partners
- Establish new partnerships
- Become a stronger voice within the state
- Work better within the Districts

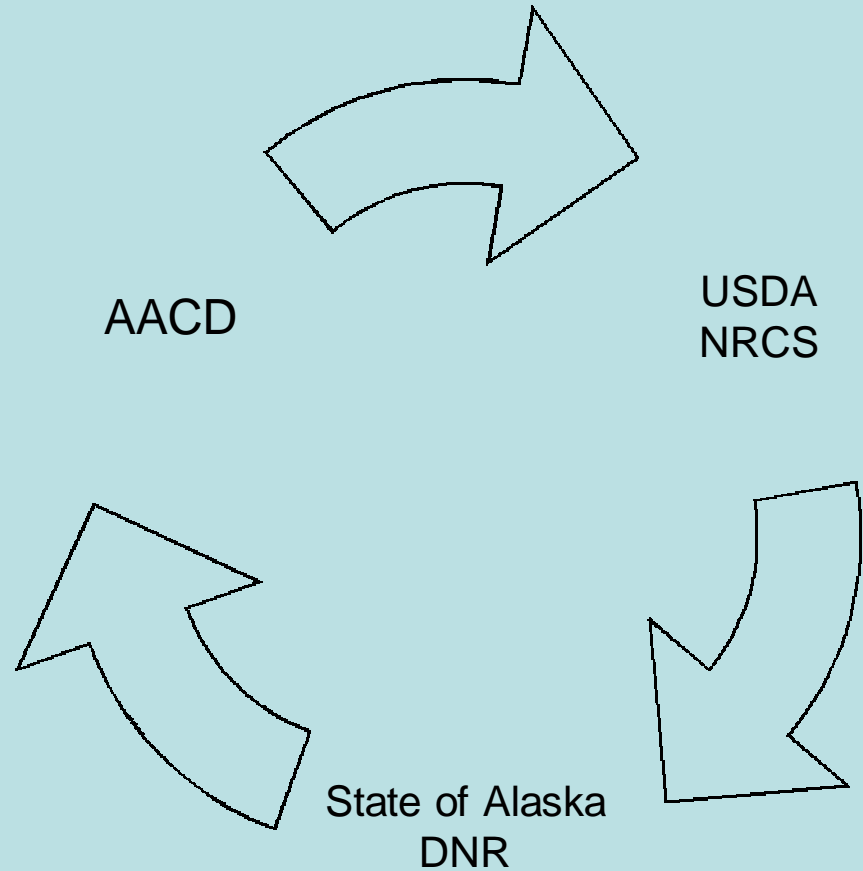


Prime relations to
strengthen

AACD

USDA
NRCS

State of Alaska
DNR





- Operational Agreement, Strategy and Long Range Program Plan
 - Clearly define roles and responsibilities between DNR, NRCS, and SWCDs, working thru AACD
 - Ensure Annual Work Plans will be tailored to achieve annual progress towards the overall strategy and program plan goals
 - Reflects SWCDs inter-relationships with AACD, DNRs the Div of Ag, Div of Forestry, Div of Mining, Land, and Water, and the Dept of Fish and Game, Div of Habitat and USDA NRCS



Organizational Structure and Functional Roles of Parties

- DNR is charged by various state statutes to manage the natural resources (other than fish and game) within the state
- DNR, along with AACD, are responsible for creating and working with individual SWCDs throughout the state
- NRCS provides technical assistance to private landowners by providing leadership in a partnership effort
- NRCS, along with AACD, are responsible for working with individual SWCDs throughout the state.



Goals for implementing Plan

- Prioritizing Proposals for Programs, Projects, Activities, and Services
- Coordination of Annual Work Plans
- Evaluating Progress and Measuring Success

Current Funding

- USDA-NRCS CTA funds allocated in FY 09
- Alaska (DNR) Div of Forestry, Parks and Recreation
- US Forest Service funds –American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- US Fish and Wildlife
- Tanana Chiefs Conference
- US Park Service

Current Projects

- Streambank restorations/salmon habitat restoration
- Wetland Determination
- DOD restorations
- Conservation Planning
- Ag parcel surveys
- CTA deliverables
- BTAs
- ARRA



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