



AN INVENTORY OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS' URBAN AND COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Please respond by October 26, 2007

INTRODUCTION

The phrase 'urban and community conservation' covers low populated areas to large metro ones, from villages to towns to cities, and the entire interface in between. There is an interdependency among all these systems, whether urban, community, or rural. One cannot function without the other. Cities and communities need the clean water and open space of agricultural lands while farmers need the urban markets and businesses. Conservation districts across the nation are involved in a wide array of urban and community conservation activities that benefit all land uses.

PURPOSE

A National Urban, Community and Coastal Conservation Strategy for conservation districts was adopted by the NACD Board in February 2007. The Strategy indicated the need for an inventory of districts' activities in these areas as the underlying element of all the actions. This information will be used to showcase districts' work, identify their training and tools needs, and seek additional federal resources and support.

MESSAGE FROM NACD PRESIDENT OLIN SIMS

As an NACD Officer, I have had the opportunity to travel across the nation visiting with conservation district leaders and partners. I am always impressed by the great work that our members are doing with landowners and landusers to protect and enhance our country's natural resources. You have shown conservation districts' strength and leadership by using the locally led process to identify resource issues and the ways to address them. The resulting array of services and projects, with individual landowners, communities and many other partners, is nothing short of amazing – and a real value to our nation.

As your districts' landscapes have changed, you have stepped forward to address the natural resource issues. I have had many excellent discussions with you all about these changes - how you have taken them on, how you can do the work better, and how you would like your national organization to assist you. Among other things, you have asked for information about what other districts are doing, for the technical information and assistance, and for adequate federal support. This inventory will provide NACD with the understanding and data we need to better respond to you.

I encourage each and every district to complete this brief form. Help us help you and your peers!

CONSERVATION DISTRICT NAME _____ STATE _____

CONTACT NAME _____ TITLE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ WEBSITE ADDRESS _____

RESOURCE ISSUES AND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The following chart lists many urban and community natural resource issues and corresponding district activities. We recognize these issue/activity titles may vary nationwide. CHECK or WRITE IN your District's urban and community conservation activities as you feel appropriate. Feel free to use additional sheets.

ISSUES/ACTIVITIES	ISSUES/ACTIVITIES
AIR QUALITY <input type="checkbox"/> Wind Erosion Control <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Odor <input type="checkbox"/>	COASTAL MANAGEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Beach/Shore/Bank Stabilization <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Marine/Estuary Habitat Protection <input type="checkbox"/>
LAND RECLAMATION/RESTORATION <input type="checkbox"/> Brownfield or Greyfield eg neighborhood redevelop <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species Management <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Disaster Emergency Planning <input type="checkbox"/>	RESOURCE PLANNING/GROWTH MGT <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration/Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Interpretation/Soil Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Zoning/Ordinance Guidance <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement Management <input type="checkbox"/>
TRANSPORTATION <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Modes eg walking and bike paths <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Fuels <input type="checkbox"/>	URBAN FORESTRY AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration/Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Planting and Management <input type="checkbox"/>
URBAN-RURAL INTERFACE <input type="checkbox"/> Farmland and Open Space Preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Small Acreage Farming including equestrian <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Dam Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/>	URBAN-WILDLAND INTERFACE <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention eg Firewise <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Area Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Protection <input type="checkbox"/>
WASTE MANAGEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling <input type="checkbox"/> Household Hazardous Waste Collection <input type="checkbox"/> Green Waste Recycling/Disposal <input type="checkbox"/>	WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Erosion and Sediment Control <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Management <input type="checkbox"/> Low Impact Development <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Chemical/Pesticide/Nutrient Use <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain Management <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Water Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Restoration <input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER (specify)	OTHER (specify)

Who does your District provide services to in urban, community and coastal areas? Write in any not listed.

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Homeowners <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner, Lake, Etc Associations <input type="checkbox"/> Developers, Contractors, Etc	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Zoning, Etc Boards <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Offices, Departments <input type="checkbox"/>
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RESOURCE MATERIALS AND TOOLS

Conservation districts use a broad range of resource materials and tools for their work in urban and community areas. Please help NACD identify what is currently available to districts, and then let us know what you still need to get the work done. Check any that are used and write key ones that are not listed, using additional sheets if needed.

RESOURCE TOOLS, MATERIALS, WEBSITES, TRAINING, ETC That Are Currently Being Used

FEDERAL – NRCS, EPA, FS, F&WS, USGS, NPS, NOAA, Other

- ☐ Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG)
- ☐ National Conservation Practice Standards (NCPS)
- ☐ National Planning Procedures Handbook
- ☐ Illinois Urban Manual
- ☐ National Catalog of Erosion and Sediment Control: Guidelines for Community Assistance
- ☐ The Urban Soil Primer
- ☐ Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, Technical Release 55 (TR-55)
- ☐ Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA)
- ☐

STATE (eg State stormwater manual, construction site E&S control manual, urban forestry publications)

RESOURCE TOOLS, MATERIALS, WEBSITES, TRAINING, ETC That Are Still Needed

CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

This chart lists some of the district board members' professions nationwide. The information will help NACD more accurately describe districts' leadership. CHECK or WRITE IN your District's board members' professions.

<input type="checkbox"/> Farm/Ranch Operator or Manager #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Developer/Construction #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Forester or Forest Manager #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations/Marketing #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Media #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner or Manager #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sales #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educator #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Government (specify _____ #_____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Information/Computer Specialist #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree (from _____ #_____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering #_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Law/Legal #_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Bookkeeping #_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAFF

This chart lists some of the district staff positions and training/certifications nationwide. The information will help NACD more accurately describe district employee's expertise. CHECK or WRITE IN your District employees' primary positions, how many in those positions, and whether any now have specific training or certification.

POSITION TITLE	POSITION TITLE
<input type="checkbox"/> District Manager/Administrator/Exec Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architect #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Conservationist/Technician #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology Specialist #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Conservationist/Technician #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Information Specialist #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Conservationist/Technician #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Education Specialist #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> District Forester/Technician #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Accountant/Bookkeeper #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineer - licensed, in training #_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Office Assistant #_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Planner #_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
CERTIFICATION/TRAINING	CERTIFICATION/TRAINING
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Prof in Erosion & Sediment Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Crop Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Prof in Storm Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified in Flood Plain Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Forestry e.g. Municipal Forester, Arborist	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Infrastructure/Strategic Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Impact Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Please share any additional comments on how NACD can help your District with urban and community conservation.

Return the completed inventory by October 26, 2007 to NACD
via email at urban-survey@nacdn.net or fax at 303-988-1896.
Contact Debra Bogar at 303-988-1893 or deb-bogar@nacdn.net if you have questions.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO HELP NACD BETTER ASSIST YOU!