

Our Core Partners

What do they bring to the table?



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
STATE CONSERVATION AGENCIES

National Conservation Partnership Core Partners



National Association of
Conservation Districts



NCDEA

National Conservation District Employees Association



U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service



State Conservation Agencies

- Funding for districts
- Training for district boards/staff (Programs and Administrative)
- Coordination between districts
- Request and manage legislative budget appropriations for conservation
- Administer state funded programs through districts
- Serve on State Technical Committee



Conservation Districts

- Combine funds from varied sources to implement conservation practices/programs
- Develop long range and annual plans to address local concerns
- Utilize conservation planning process
- Conservation education
- Outreach
- Identify opportunities and build partnerships around local natural resource issues
- Host and manage local workgroup meetings and process



NRCS

- Training for district/agency staff (Technical and Programs)
- Funding to address resource concerns as identified by district/local workgroup
- Conduct the State Technical Committee function (including district and state agency participation)
- Coordinate with and support districts in the executing local workgroup activity/responsibilities
- Administer federal programs



NRCS (cont.)

- Provide framework for conservation planning functions
- Coordination with district boards on conservation plan and practice approvals
- Ensure engagement of conservation districts and discussions of participant specific activity complies with Sections 1619 and Section 1244 provisions protecting confidentiality of records.
- Shared resources with districts/agencies
- Technical standards and assistance



Conservation District Employees

- Promote professional development
- Support and implement conservation district long range and annual plans of operation including local district programs
- Carry out technical assistance, conservation education, and outreach work including conservation planning
- Share resources/tools/techniques



State Associations

- Coordination between districts
- Represent and provide political support for districts/state agency (budgets, etc.)
- Represent districts at the state/territory level
- (in some states) Carry out training of district boards and staff
- (in some states) Manage technical staff on a multi-district basis
- Serve on State Technical Committees
- Unified voice for conservation districts
- Provide nonprofit status benefits



RC&D Councils

- Outreach
- Provide a vehicle for multi-district and landscape scale initiatives
- Carry out conservation planning
- Identify opportunities and build partnerships around local natural resource issues
- Develop programs to bring together new partners and cooperators
- Assist in facilitation at local and regional workshops and forums
- Promote a unified voice in promoting conservation and conservation education
- Provide nonprofit status benefits



Others?



**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

Farm Service Agency



FPAC Business Center

