



“Every Acre Counts”

Urban and Community

It's everywhere...
from Alaska to Florida
and all the way between



U.S. Population

Projected to grow from 281 million
in 2000 to...

2010 – 308.9 million

2015 – 322.3 million

2020 – 335.8 million

2025 – 349.4 million

2030 – 363.5 million

US Census Bureau

Impact on Natural Resources

- Air quality degradation
- Invasive species expansion
- Working lands, open area loss
- Interface area changes: small acreage, homes in forests
- Water quality degradation
- Energy overuse



For Conservation Districts...

“This isn’t new stuff. It’s the same job, just a smaller scale!”

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Use Your Locally Led Process

- Obtain public participation
- Assess conservation needs
- Prioritize and set goals
- Identify programs and funding
- Prepare plan and implement
- Measure performance



Some Federal Resources

- NRCS programs and tools
- CSREES small farm support
- USFS urban and community forestry
- EPA smart growth
- EPA stormwater
- NOAA coastal



NACD UCCC Strategy

Adopted by the NACD Board of Directors in February 2007

Every Acre Counts...

- All lands have value
- All lands lie in a watershed
- All lands and land uses are intertwined
- All lands are connected to districts



Public Awareness

Revised urban and community section of new NACD website; adding district stories



Public Awareness

Preparing to conduct an inventory of districts' activities

Will use responses to:

- showcase on website
- develop publications
- promote districts to agencies and organizations

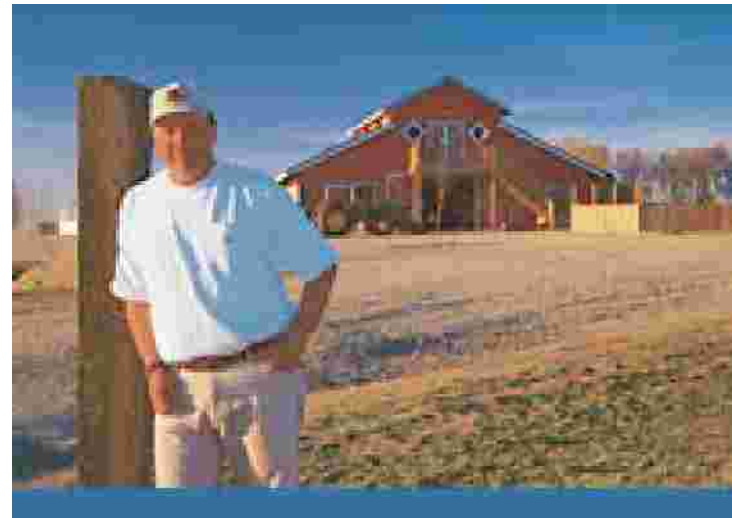


Support for Members

Will use inventory to identify
needed tools and resources

Example:

- Conservation materials for new
landowners



Support for Members



- Conducted special workshop in July; invited each state and territory to send representative
- Presented info on array of federal resources
- Gathered input from the 35 states that participated

Support for Members

Planning track sessions and
special workshop for 2008
Annual Meeting in Reno



Support For Members

Enhancing relationships with federal agencies and national organizations

Example:

- USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program



Grassroots Advocacy

Working with NRCS to review
Field Office Tech Guide and how
can best assist districts



Grassroots Advocacy

Supporting NACD efforts to
secure conservation resources



Grassroots Advocacy

Working on ideas for small
acreage assistance and
resources



Grassroots Advocacy

Continuing participation in the national level Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition



Next Steps

NACD Committee, re-formed as a Resource Policy Group, will continue to advance and update Strategy actions





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Questions...?

Thanks!



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