

# 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

**USDA**  **NRCS**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF  
 **RC&D**  
COUNCILS

# 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**

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**Farm Service Agency**



**FPAC Business Center**

