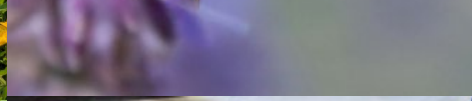




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Opportunities and Updates



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“You can’t really know where you are going until you know where you have been.” - Maya Angelou

First SWCD established in NC & WI’s Soil Conservation District enacted – Chapter 92

1937

All 48 states enacted District Law

1945

NACD was established by SWCDs/SCDs

1946

Every WI county had an SWCD/SCD and the Association was formed

1953

WI SCDs were abolished and, in their place, LCDs and LCCs were formed

1982

WACD formed for LCCs
WALCE formed for LCDs

1984

The two WI associations merged

2012

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Land Conservation Departments =

Conservation Districts
Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Resource Conservation Districts
Soil Conservation Districts

Land Conservation Committees =

Conservation District Commissioners
Conservation District Board Members
Conservation District Supervisors



What We Do

1

Provide **one voice** for conservation



2

Advocate for programs, policy, and funding for conservation on Capitol Hill and throughout the country



3

Communicate through publications, blogs and social media

4

Provide **direct services** to districts



5

Develop conservation leaders



NACD Publications

- eResource
- The Resource
- Forestry Notes
- Conservation Clips
- Daily Roundup

The NACD eResource
Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

FRIENDS OF NACD DISTRICT GRANTS PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING PROPOSALS
October 18, 2022

Friends of NACD's 2023 DISTRICT GRANTS PROGRAM

Counties for conservation districts to consider for grants are in 12,500 New York north woods of forests. The Friends of NACD District Grants Program is an initiative of the NACD District Operations and Member Services Grants Committee. The 2023 program will award eight grants, up to \$2,500 each, to conservation districts to enhance their activities or their novel approaches to their operations. Awards will be announced at the 2023 NACD Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

8 grants available, up to \$2,500 each

Now accepting applications through **NOV. 29, 2022** 10:00 a.m. LOCAL TIME

Register for NACD's 2023 Annual Meeting

Registration for the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) 77th Annual Meeting is now open. In partnership with the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts, the 2023 Annual Meeting will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from February 15-19 at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center. Registration for the abbreviated price of \$275 will be open through December 21, 2022. NACD's Annual Meeting brings together hundreds of conservation leaders from across the nation with opportunities for networking, learning and awarding honor. Original slide decks, including field and other information, can be found [here](#).

Conservation districts may view the complete request for proposals (RFP) and application instructions on the [Friends of NACD District Grants website](#), and apply through the online application form by 10:00 a.m. local time on Nov. 29, 2022.

[Register Here](#)



FORESTRY Notes
October 17, 2022

JOIN NACD'S UPCOMING FORESTRY WEBINAR ON INCREASING CAPACITY

Registration for the Society of American Foresters platform on October 26, 2022, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET, allowing the hearing parties will allow us to engage with NACD audiences and a broader cross section of natural resource professionals and foresters while exploring these new audiences to the work of conservation districts. NACD members can register for the webinar [here](#) and will receive details on how to access the webinar.

CALENDAR

Oct. 13 - **International Forest and Urban American and Forester Outreach 10:00-11:00 AM**
Outreach Distribution Virtual

Oct. 17-20 - **77th Annual Meeting**
Conservation Districts 10:00-11:00 AM

Nov 13-15 - **77th Annual Meeting**
Conservation Districts 10:00-11:00 AM

CONSERVATION CLIPS
brought to you by NACD

Conservation Clips is a weekly collection of articles distributed by NACD that provides our members and partners with the latest news in what's driving conservation. These articles are not indicative of NACD policy and are the opinions of their authors, unless otherwise noted. If you have a relevant submission or need assistance with accessing articles, please contact the NACD Communications Team.

Editor's Note: Due to NACD's Staff Retreat there will not be an edition of Conservation Clips on November 4.

NACD Blog: Ocean County SCD and Barnegat Bay Partnership Realize Shared Natural Resource Management Goals
10/25/22

National Estuary Programs are designed to bring a diverse set of local stakeholders together to work toward common natural resource management goals. In New Jersey, the Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) is the perfect example of the power of partnership work in the watershed.

NPR: Western Wildfires are Making Far Away Storms More Dangerous
By Lauren Sommer
10/21/22

NACD Daily Roundup

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Farm Progress: Census of Agriculture Coming Soon
10/25/22

The census will be mailed in phases, starting with an invitation to respond online in November, followed by paper questionnaires in December. Farm operations of all sizes, urban and rural, that produced and sold - or normally would have sold - \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in 2022 are included.

KTNL: Fragile Forests - Millions of California Trees Dying Due to Drought
By Dennis Shanahan | El Dorado County, CA | Pacific Region
10/20/22

In forests throughout the Golden State, trees are turning a dark shade of rust, succumbing to the impacts of the drought in a well-documented phenomenon known to forest scientists as tree mortality.

NRCS: Indiana Landowner Closes CRP, WRE to Restore Cropland into Native Wetland
By Brandon O'Connor | Indianapolis, IN | North Central Region
10/20/22

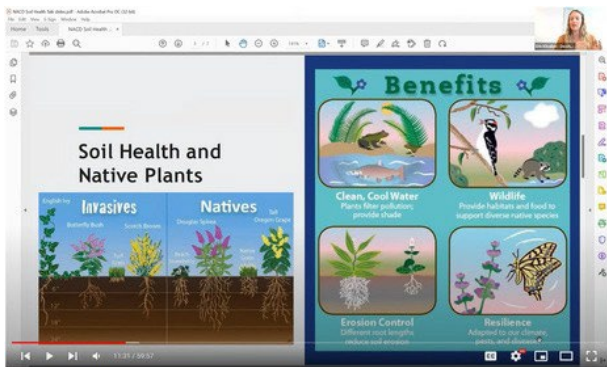
The restoration work included the planting of native grasses and other plants to create the prairie, weed control to remove reed canary grass, tree and shrub plantings, and the construction of a wetland pond.

Go to www.nacdnet.org, click on the **News Link >>>** then click on the **Publications Link** to subscribe!



Direct Services

- Resources for Wisconsin, Resources for the future



Urban Soil Health - May 2022
National Association of Conservation Districts
303 subscribers



To name just a few, NACD offers:

- Webinars
- The Soil Health Champions Network
- Grant Opportunities
- Stewardship and Education Materials & Resources



Soil Health Champions Network

Who are soil health champions?

- Farmers, ranchers, woodland owners, and a variety of land managers (both rural and urban) from across the nation who practice and promote good soil health management systems.



For more information on this network, contact Beth Mason (me) at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or 317-946-4463

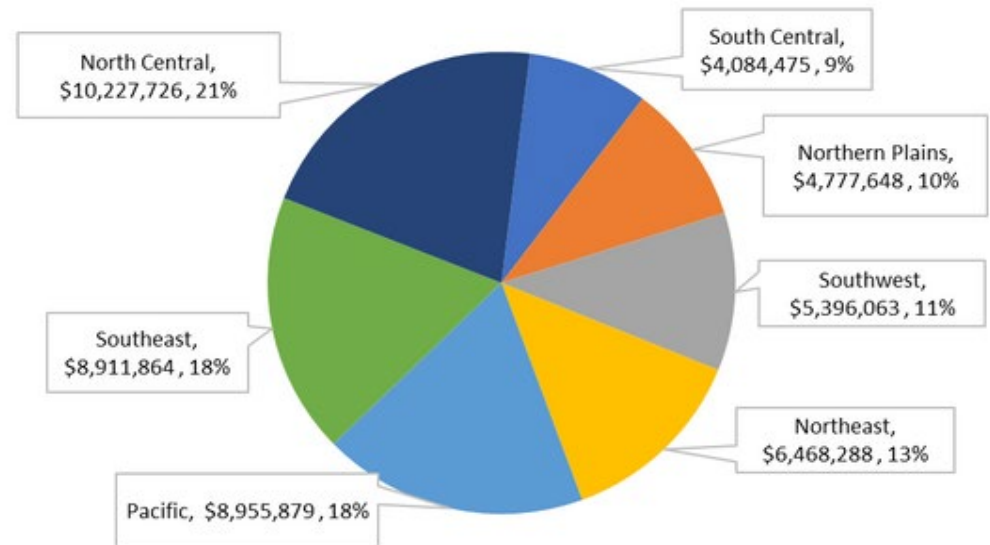




Technical Assistance Grants

- \$49 million in Technical Assistance Grants funding has been awarded nationwide

TA Grant Distribution by Region



- NACD's North Central Region has been awarded a total of \$10,227,726 million, or 21% of total funding.



Urban Agriculture Conservation Grants

- Grants provide up to \$60K to support planning or staffing for technical assistance



- Grants are open to any district working within a community agricultural space, even in areas that are not traditionally “urban”



Friends of NACD District Grants

- Friends of NACD have awarded nearly \$60,000 in grant funding



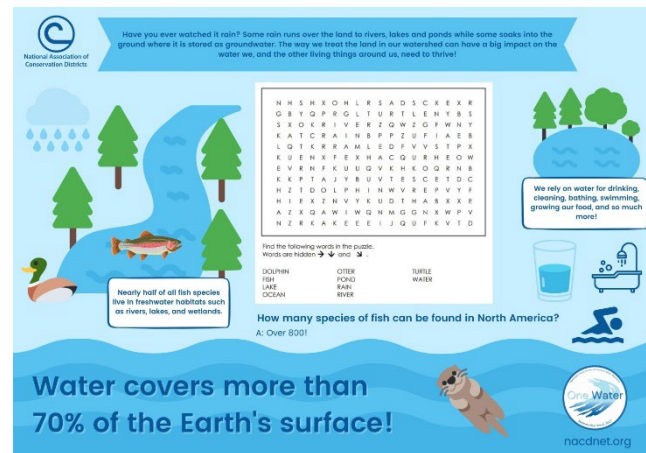
- Up to \$2,500 is available for conservation districts
- No match required
- Applications period is each fall



Stewardship & Education Materials

NACD members can access **stewardship & education materials** free of charge

“One Water” 2023



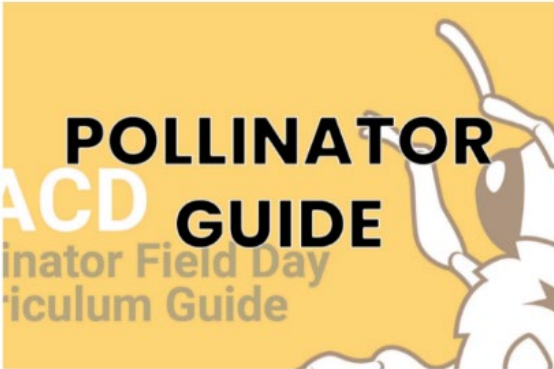
Free materials and print on demand services available at an affordable price!

Sneak Peek at 2024 theme...



Conservation Education Hub

CONSERVATION EDUCATION HUB



NACD Benefits Program

- Gold level or above and become eligible for insurance benefits
- Coverage for: health and wellbeing, including ACA-compliant health benefits, life insurance, auto/home protection and more

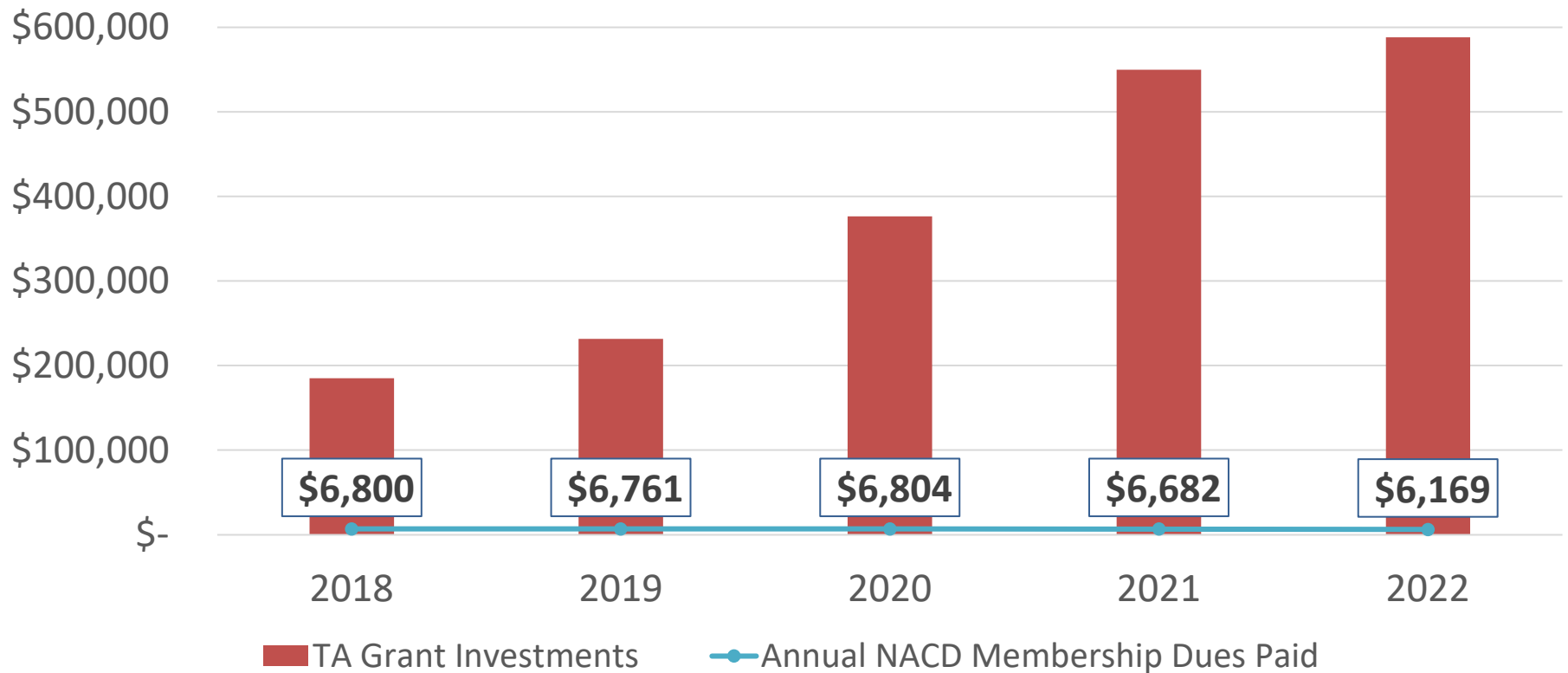


www.nacdnet.org/mercer-benefits/



NACD and Wisconsin's Land Conservation Departments *Investing in Each Other*

Since 2018, NACD has invested a total of \$1,931,075 in grant funding in Wisconsin.



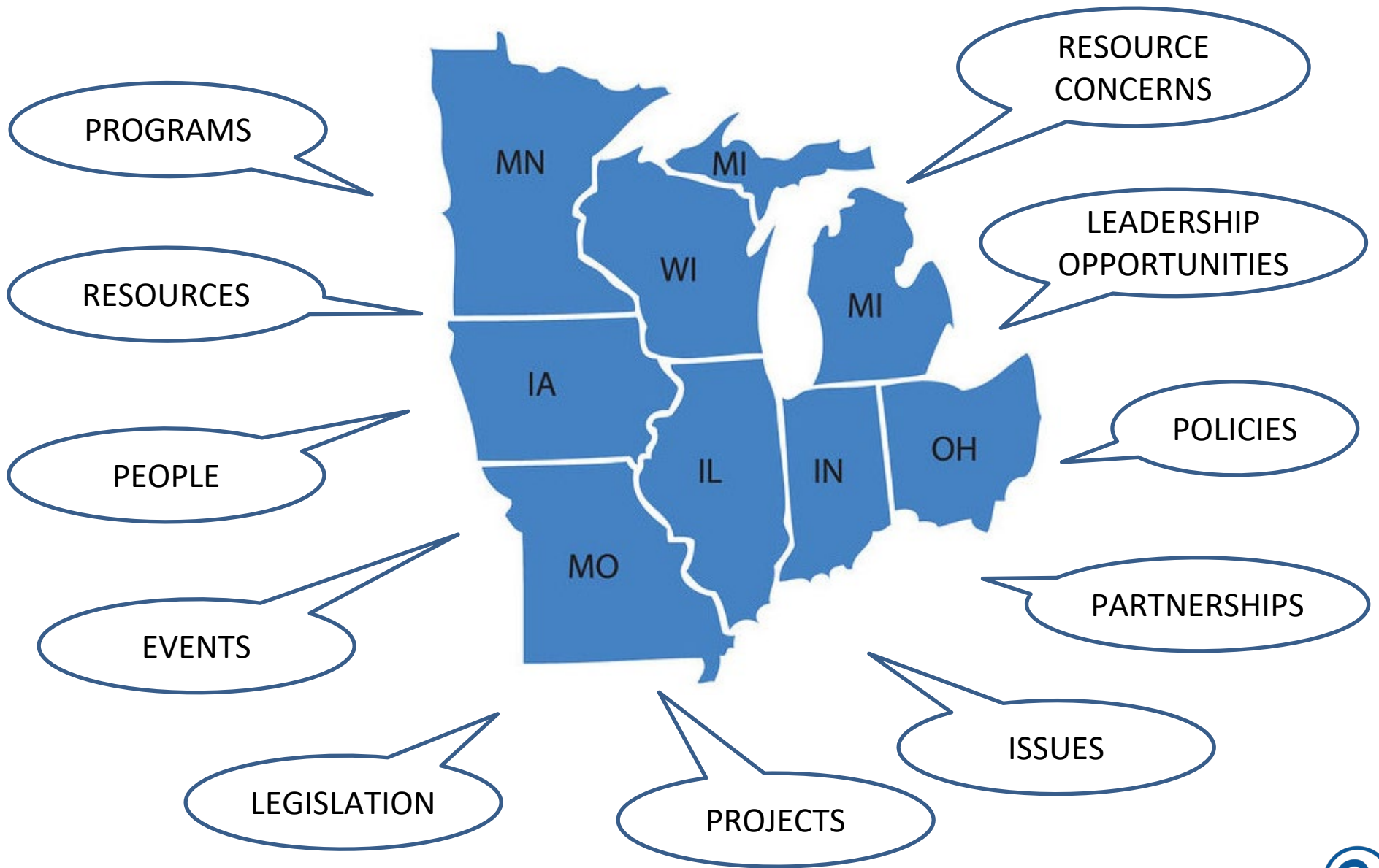
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Soil Health
Champions

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TA Grantees
Past and Present

Providing Regional Representation & Connections



National Conservation Planning Partnership

NACD is a member of the National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) along with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (**NRCS**); National Conservation District Employees Association (**NCDEA**); National Association of State Conservation Agencies (**NASCA**); and the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (**NARC&DC**) to promote and improve conservation planning.



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NCP.INFO



Updates from NACD

- ✓ NACD & the 2023 Farm Bill
- ✓ NACD Government Affairs update
- ✓ Climate Smart Ag Program Funding



NACD & the 2023 Farm Bill

- Monitoring Congressional activity
- Creation of the NACD Farm Bill Task Force
 - <https://www.nacdnet.org/about-nacd/what-we-do/farm-bill/>
 - Farm Bill Principles
 - Farm Bill Recommendations
- NACD testimony from President Michael Crowder - September 20
 - Locally-led conservation model
 - Support Farm Bill conservation programs
 - Flexibility for producers within these programs
 - Update on NACD's Farm Bill Task Force
- Forestry priorities
- Working with NACD members on talking points/info for outreach





Government Affairs Update

Farm Bill

- On time?
- CBO cost projections
- SNAP

RCPP

Hearing: House Ag Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology



Climate-Smart Commodities Grant

- NACD selected as a partner in USDA's \$2.8 billion Climate Smart Commodities program
- Program supports the **production and marketing of climate-smart commodities** through a set of pilot projects that provide **voluntary incentives**



Climate-Smart Commodities Grant

NACD Project Components

- Advance Pilots to Scale Climate-Smart Practices
- Carbon and Greenhouse Gases Quantification and MRV
- Market Facilitation and Access



Upcoming Events

- **July 13 – 18:** 2023 NACD Summer Conservation Forum and Tour | Bismarck, ND
- **July 23 – 29:** 2023 NCF-Envirothon Competition | Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada
- **January 11 – 12:** 2024 NACD North Central Region Partnership Meeting | Springfield, IL
- **February 10 – 14:** 2024 NACD Annual Meeting | San Diego, CA
- **April 28 – May 4:** 2024 Stewardship Week



NACD 2024 Annual Meeting

San Diego, California
February 10 - 14, 2024

Stay tuned for more information to come!

- ✓ Inspiring national speakers
- ✓ Informational/educational breakout sessions
- ✓ National Awards celebrations
- ✓ Local tours, and so much more!

<https://www.nacdnet.org/news-and-events/annual-meeting/>





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