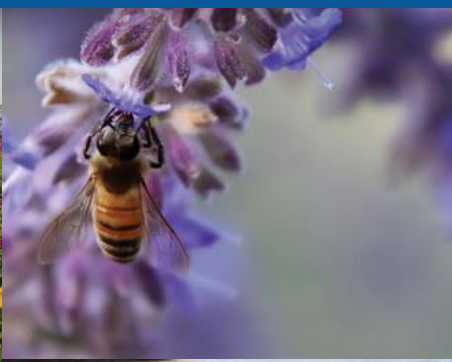




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What We Do

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



Blair Legacy Tree Farm, Carroll Co. MS Est. 1878

The New Homestead

*Built
Late 1800-
Early 1900*



Blair Legacy Tree Farm



Deer taken
by Gary on
Blair Legacy
Tree Farm
Dec. 27,
2013.



Grandparent's Home Today



100-plus
years later

NACD Publications

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



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

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

Friends of NACD 2023 DISTRICT GRANTS PROGRAM

Grants for conservation districts to address land management and water conservation for their communities.

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

New accepting applications through **NOV. 29, 2022**

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Conservation districts may view the complete request for proposals (RFP) and application materials in the [Friends of NACD District Grants Program](#), and apply through the online application form by **11:59 pm, local time on Nov. 29, 2022**.

[Register here](#)

FORESTRY Notes

JOIN NACD'S UPCOMING FORESTRY WEBINAR ON INCREASING CAPACITY October 17, 2022

FORESTRY NEWS

Conservation Districts in Louisiana: The Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts (LACD) is pleased to partner with the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts for the 2022 Annual Meeting. The 2022 Annual Meeting will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from February 15-18 at the New Orleans Morialis. Early bird registration for the 2022 Annual Meeting is \$175 for members and \$225 for non-members. The 2022 NACD Annual Meeting will feature a number of conservation topics that are of interest to the nation with opportunities for networking, learning, and enjoying live entertainment. Registration and more information can be found [here](#).

NACD will be hosting a webinar on the *Forest of America* Forestry Forum platform on October 26, 2022, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. The webinar will feature a panel of experts with NACD audiences and a smaller cross section of industry professionals and business units serving their audiences in the vein of conservation districts. NACD members can register for the webinar [here](#) and will receive details on how to access the webinar.

Encouraging landowners to implement sustainable forestry management has a critical set of challenges including those related to scientific limitations. This webinar will showcase the work of the American Forest Foundation in partnership with NACD, testing capacity building efforts in the west by focusing on increasing local capacity. In addition, attendees will hear from the Boulder Valley & Longmont Conservation Districts and their

CALENDAR

Oct. 13 - *Sustainable Partnerships* (NACD, American Forest Foundation, Minnesota, MN)

Oct. 17-20 - *2022 NACD Annual Meeting* (New Orleans, Louisiana)

Nov. 13-15 - *Professional Association of Conservation Districts Conference* (Indianapolis, IN)

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 Counting 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 Enjoins CRP, WRE to Restore Croyland 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.

Contact NACD's Communications Team for more information!



Advocacy

- NACD's government affairs team engages our membership each spring during NACD's annual fly-in
- Serves as an opportunity for conservation districts to **advocate** for policies that benefit them directly and **educate** lawmakers on the work districts do
- Important Nevada conservation issues such as wildfires, groundwater, and sagebrush



Farm Bill Task Force Update

- In April, NACD's Farm Bill Task Force (FBTF) released 11 principles to guide policy recommendations.



- The FBTF has met twice each month to review USDA conservation programs and consider input from members.
- To date, the FBTF has covered EQIP, CSP, CRP, RCPP, ACEP, and PL-566
- Nevada has a voice!



Farm Bill Principles

- #1: The locally-led, voluntary incentive-based conservation model works
- #2: Increase conservation title funding in the Farm Bill
- #3: Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- #4: Commitment to working lands
- #5: Technical assistance and conservation planning are the bedrock of the conservation model
- #6: Agricultural operations need to be economically viable
- #7: Climate change
- #8: Farm Bill education and outreach is necessary
- #9: Streamline and simplify conservation programs/application process to reduce administrative burdens
- #10: Forestry
- #11: New approaches and new technologies



Government Affairs

- On August 16, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) into law.
- The IRA includes approximately \$18 billion for voluntary NRCS conservation programs
- \$1 billion for conservation technical assistance.



Climate-Smart Commodities Project

- NACD was named as the lead partner of a \$90 million Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities project
- NACD was also named as a partner on a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation-led Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities



Infrastructure and Jobs Act

- Includes \$3.3 billion for wildfire risk reduction efforts



- \$2 billion for the USDA and DOI to carry out ecological restoration projects



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Natural Resource Issues

- NACD's Natural Resource Policy Staff continue work on programs, legislation, advocacy and funding [support](#) for resource issues impacting land managers in [Nevada](#)



NACD Region Representative

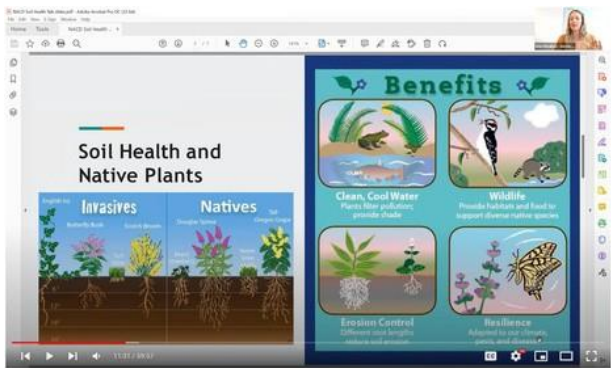
Rachel Theler (Rachel-Theler@nacdnet.org)

Contact your local NACD Region Representative



Direct Services

- Resources for Nevada, Resources for the future



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

To name just a few, NACD offers:

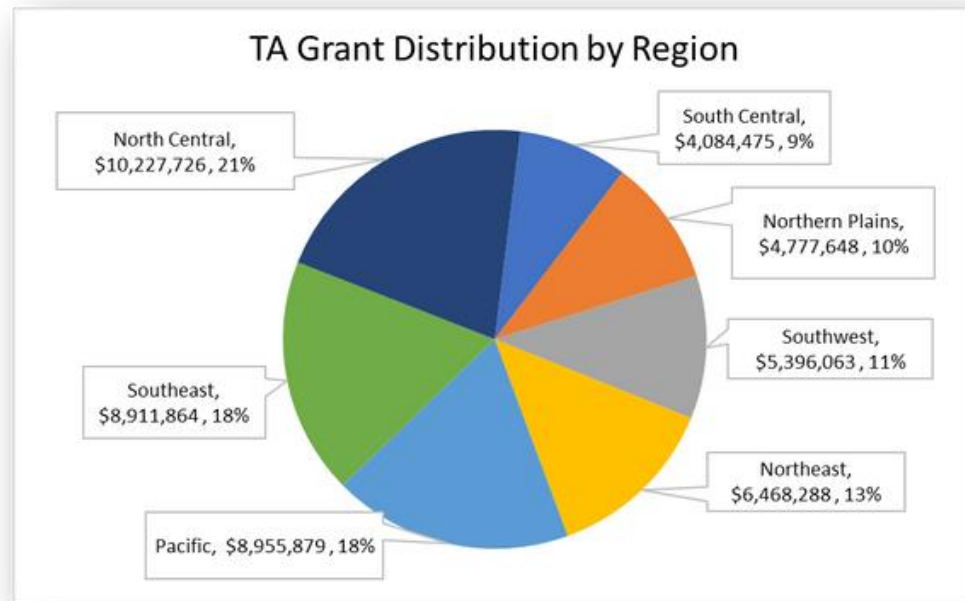
- Webinars
- The Soil Health Champions Network
- Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative
- Conservation Planning Boot Camp
- Resource Policy Groups
- Stewardship and Education Materials





Technical Assistance Grants

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



- NACD's South West Region has been awarded a total of **\$5,396,063 million**, or **11% of total funding**.



Technical Assistance Grants

- Funding for “boots on the ground”
- For conservation districts to hire staff where additional capacity is needed



Soil Health Champions Network

Who are soil health champions?

- Farmers, ranchers and forestland owners from across the nation who practice and promote the use of soil health management



Friends of NACD

District Grants

- Friends of NACD have awarded nearly \$40,000 in grant funding



- Up to \$2,500 is available for conservation districts
- Applications are open now!



Urban Agriculture Conservation Grants

- Grants provide up to \$60K to support planning for - 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”



Nevada Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Recipients

- Nevada Tahoe Conservation District
- School district-wide garden committee



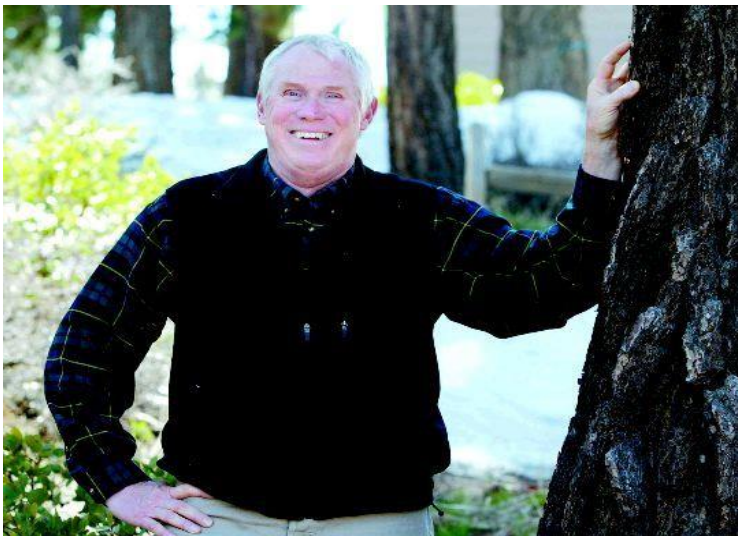
- Conservation District of Southern Nevada
- Agriculture Assistance Program enabled community members to successfully grow produce in Las Vegas' desert climate



NACD and Nevada 2020 Annual Meeting Service Project



Nevada's Own - Improving the conservation landscape across Nevada and the Nation



- Doug Martin serves on NACD's Forestry Resource Policy Group (RPG)



- Jake Tibbitts serves as the Chair of NACD's Public Lands Resource Policy Group



Membership Update

- As of FY22 Q4, 41% of Nevada's conservation districts have paid dues to NACD.
- Nevada and NACD: TA, Friends, UAC;
- Funding for the future!



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/



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.



**National Association of
Conservation Districts**



NACD 2020 Annual Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana
February 11-15, 2023

- Registration is now open!
- Early bird registration ends December 23, 2022

For information on pricing, tours, registration and more, visit:

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





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