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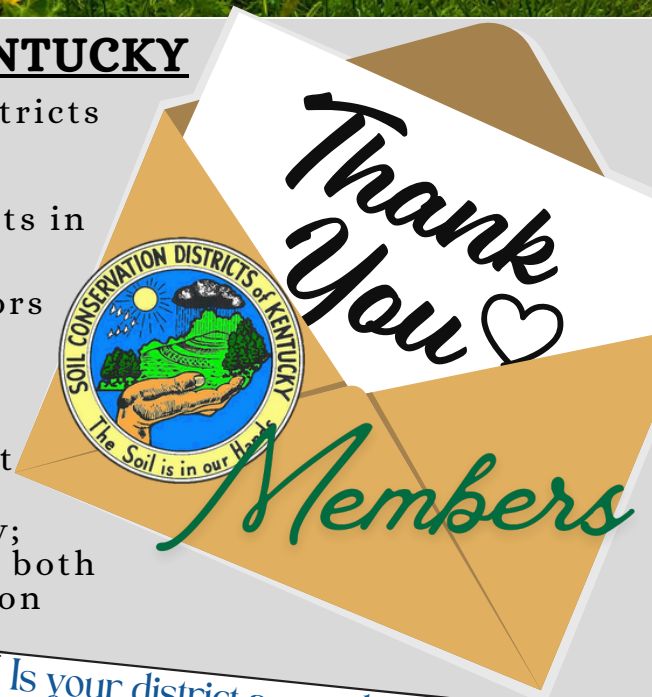
The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) is a grassroots non-profit organization representing 121 Soil Conservation Districts and approximately 30 Watershed Conservancy Districts in Kentucky.

The Association is governed by District Directors from each of the 9 KY Soil & Water Conservation Commission areas.

KACD's mission is to promote the exchange of information, cooperation between, & to represent the interest and welfare of the conservation districts & watershed conservancy districts in Ky; and to maintain strong and active membership in both KACD and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).



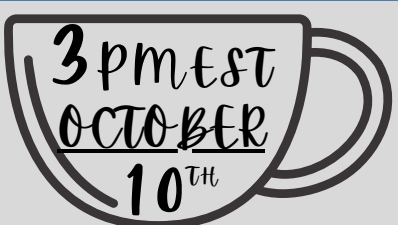
Reach out to KACD at
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Is your district a member of KACD, supporting the annual efforts to represent your office / board?

CAN YOU **HELP US ACHIEVE 100%** IN 2024?

[HTTPS://WWW.KYCONSERVATION.COM/CONTACT](https://www.kyconservation.com/contact)



REGISTRATION IS FREE THROUGH NACD WEBSITE

Connor Simons, NACD Government Affairs Specialist, will kick-off NACD's fall policy process, discussing the mechanisms of how information flows from state board members into the NACD policy book. Bring your questions for the team and get ready to learn how to use your membership voice!

KACD Sponsor Spotlight

The Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees (KACDE) was founded in July 1995. KACDE is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to help develop, promote, and strengthen conservation district employees, conservation districts and their programs in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Association's governing body is an Executive Committee of 5 members and 9 area representatives.



With 121 conservation districts in Kentucky, KACDE's goal is to develop and maintain a higher level of professionalism within the district offices and to educate the district employees to be able to assist in determining policy and making decisions that affect each county.

Visit the KACDE website to access useful resources! And follow on facebook to keep up with KY district employees programs and activities!



[HTTPS://KACDE.ORG](https://KACDE.ORG)

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2024 KACDE CONFERENCE

September 10-12, 2024 in Elizabethtown, KY

Annual District Employee Training hosted by KACDE for Administrative/Education personnel, and for Technical/Field personnel! With phenomenal presenters from NRCS, Ky Dept. of Ag, Ky Ag & Environment in the Classroom, KACD, as well as fellow district employees!



58,500 tabloids were printed and distributed to KY Conservation Districts by KACDE to be shared with teachers and students for the 2024 Conservation Writing & Jim Claypool Art Contest!



KACD extends a big thank you to the Ky Ag & Environment in the Classroom, Inc. for providing additional teacher resources with this year's contest material. Follow the link below to check it out!



HELPFUL HINTS AND AGRICULTURE CONNECTIONS FOR THE KENTUCKY CONSERVATION WRITING AND JIM CLAYPOOL ART CONTEST — #TEACHKYAG

Do not forget

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KACD



MONTHLY DISTRICT SHARE SESSIONS!!

~ Last Wednesday of the month at 10am EST



To Watch Previous Sessions, Visit



[YOUTUBE.com/@kentuckyassociationofconse2489](https://www.youtube.com/@kentuckyassociationofconse2489)



Save the Date

NACD'S 79TH
ANNUAL MEETING
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
FEBRUARY 8-12, 2025



Conservation PARTNERSHIP



NCDEA is a proud partner of the National Conservation Partnership (NCP), which is a commitment of collaboration by the National Assoc. of Conservation Districts (NACD), National Assoc. of Resource Conservation & Development Councils (NARC&DC), National Assoc. of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA), USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and NCDEA. A stated purpose of the NCP is to coordinate interagency delivery of conservation assistance to private landowners, communities, and others to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's natural resources.



2024 MID-YEAR MEETING, BILLINGS, MONTANA & NORTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL MEETING
Attended by KY Employees: NCDEA Secretary- Kayleigh Evans & (Incoming) KACDE President- Penny Warwick

CONSERVATION / COLLABORATION / CAPACITY

Working with partners is at the core of NCDEA's success. Our employee members bring their knowledge and experience as conservation district employees to many discussions about programs, policies, and procedures with state and federal officials including the National Association of Conservation Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and various U.S Department of Agriculture councils and committees.

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Considerable leadership and working resources have been committed to NCP's most comprehensive undertaking to date, the National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCPP). Established in 2015, the purpose of the NCPP is to reinvigorate conservation planning as the foundation for voluntary conservation delivery.

Looking to the future, NCDEA will continue to advocate for conservation district employees nationwide; focusing on ways to promote and inspire their professional development, while encouraging them to be involved on state, regional, and national levels in an effort to assist them in delivering sound, effective, local conservation assistance.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Join Us!

Wednesday October 23rd
9amPST/11amCST

Annual Planning - A Blueprint for the Upcoming Year

An annual planning session can be a pivotal event designed to align your district's goals, strategies, and operational execution for the upcoming year. In an ever changing environment, annual planning provides a roadmap for your future, while providing flexibility to address emerging needs.

Grab coffee or your lunch and join us with your questions on annual and strategic planning!

Register at www.ncdea.us



NCDEA HOSTED VIRTUAL TRAINING SERIES ARE HELD EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 11 AM CST/ 12 PM EST

PREVIOUSLY RECORDED TRAININGS AND RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND ON THE NCDEA TRAINING PAGE!

[HTTPS://WWW.NCDEA.US/TRAINING](https://www.ncdea.us/training)

VIDEOS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE:



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ACCESS TO MONTHLY LIVE WEBINARS AND THE CONVENE LIBRARY OF WEBINARS!