



COMMONWEALTH CONSERVATION CORNER

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KACD Committees

KACD Committees are being reinstated beginning in 2025. Below are the descriptions of the three committees: Legislative, Education/Youth, and Natural Resources.

KACD is requesting any Conservation District Supervisors or District Staff interested in serving on any of these committees to submit an interest form (found on page 2 and the KACD Website [HERE](#)) to KACD Executive Director, Crystal Renfro. Mr. Allan Bryant, KACD President, will review the interest forms received; and you will be notified if you are selected to serve on one or more KACD Committees.

District Supervisors will be voting members of the committees and district staff will be ex-officio members. Committees will also contain advisors from NRCS, Ky DOC, and KACDE.

Legislative: to advise & educate legislative representatives at both state & federal level on conservation district matters. Committee is charged with educating legislators and advocating for a new legislation and appropriation needs when appropriate., assists in building consensus on public policy issues affecting districts, and tasked with development of the legislative agenda and encourages all directors to engage with their local representatives & participate in the annual KACD Legislative Reception.

Education/Youth: to plan & recommend programs for conservation & environmental science education activities & present them to the association for consideration to conduct association-approved educational activities; to develop policy on conservation & environmental education issues for consideration by the association; to encourage, promote & conduct all contests & awards of the association. To develop or revise all contest & award criteria & present recommendations to the association for consideration. Instrumental in forming Junior Conservation Boards & their programs.

Natural Resources: to review & make recommendations on federal, state, & local natural resource & water issues as they may relate to Kentucky's conservation district program. Includes: Urban, Watersheds, Forestry, Wildlife, Soil, Etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



2025 KACD Legislative Reception
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
The Elizabeth
 306 Wapping Street, Frankfort, KY 40604
 6 pm - 8 pm

Subscribe to our newsletters at www.kyconservation.com/news

Happy Holidays



Committee Interest Form

Committee members and ex officio members are appointed by the KACD Executive Board. Any interested KACD member (conservation district supervisor or staff-person) in good standing is eligible for appointment.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Conservation District: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Position:

District Supervisor Other: _____

District Staff (Position: _____)

I would like to be considered for the following committee(s):

- Legislative
- Education and Youth
- Natural Resources

Please submit this form to KACD:

E-mail: Crystal.Renfro.KACD@outlook.com



Conservation PARTNERSHIP



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) represents the effort of the key national conservation partners responsible for working directly with private landowners using a locally led, voluntary conservation delivery system.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE



For more than 80 years, NRCS has helped America's farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners make investments in their operations and local communities to keep working lands working, boost rural economies, increase the competitiveness of American agriculture, and improve the quality of our air, water, soil, and habitat.

NRCS's Mission: We deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world.

NRCS's Vision: A world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes, and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation.



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Eric Attness
State Conservationist
Kentucky



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

2024 Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) surveys have been sent out recently.

This survey is for landowners, rather than land operators, and is required by law to be completed. If you receive questions regarding the survey, please direct individuals to contact the NASS Office in Louisville (1-800-928-5277).



Find more information on NRCS Programs & Initiatives and more at

www.nrcs.usda.gov/



Programs & Initiatives

CONSERVATION BASICS	GETTING ASSISTANCE	PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES	RESOURCES	NEWS & EVENTS	CONTACT
Our natural resource conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters.					
Programs	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program	VIEW ALL PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES		
Estates	Provides assistance to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns.	Helps state and tribal governments improve public access to private lands for recreation.	FEATURED		
Watershed Programs			Regional Conservation Partnership Program		
Initiatives	Regional Conservation Partnership Program	Agricultural Management Assistance	The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural lands.		
	Brings together partners to expand the reach of NRCS conservation programs.	Helps agricultural producers manage financial risk through diversification, marketing or natural resource conservation practices.	page 3		
	Conservation Innovation	Wetland Mitigation	Feedback		

KACD Sponsor Spotlight

KENTUCKY CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The Ky Corn Growers Assoc. is a grassroots organization representing the interests of more than 6,000 corn farmers throughout Kentucky who are committed to increasing the profitability of corn production through sound policies, continued market development and strong involvement in the political process. The organization empowers corn farmers to elevate their voice in the governmental process. In Washington, D.C. and Frankfort, Kentucky Corn Growers Association is committed to protecting your right to farm and the many stakeholders in the corn industry.



KYCORN



Have you ordered your Tree Seedling Bags?

Tree bags are sold in bundles of 100,
each box contains 2,300 bags.

Tree Bags are \$10 per bundle of 100.

Find the order form **HERE**, and email to
Crystal.Renfro.KACD@outlook.com



Deadline to Order: **January 31, 2025**

December
11th

JOIN US FOR THE

KACD MONTHLY DISTRICT SHARE SESSIONS!



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83037314737?pwd=cjRiQUdKdHZGOE8xaEtHdVBJcncxQT09>

Meeting Id: 830 3731 4737

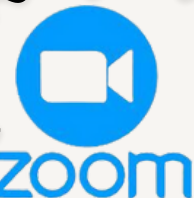
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~ Last Wednesday of the month at 10am EST



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District Success Story - Cumberland County



Wanda J Gilbert, Cumberland County DAS, taught a “Pollinator” Workshop at the Soil Conservation office during the summer of 2024. Participants received: pollinator feeder/waterer kits; bird food; bird suet bell; hummingbird feeder; bird feeders; decorated baskets; packets of flower seeds and Be a Friend to Pollinators brochures. Workshop participants had discussions concerning ways to protect and support pollinators and participated in planning for future pollinator programs.

This workshop was held in the Outdoor Education Classroom. The Cumberland County Conservation District was proud to co-sponsor this program and fortunate to partner with the Tennessee Valley Authority.



Participants were: James Capps, Clay Capps, Ireland Tweedy, Jennifer Tweedy, Amelia Fochs; Cheri Fochs; Julie Capps and Donald Tweedy.

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REGISTRATION IS FREE THROUGH NACD WEBSITE



NACD’s Outreach Subcommittee will share information on Heir’s Property, specifically, what the term means, why it matters in an agricultural and conservation context, and current efforts by the committee to bring awareness to the issue.

 sessions are recorded and later added to the NACD Conservation Coffee playlist on YouTube.