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KY ASSOCIATION OF  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS NEWSLETTER



## District Success Story - Campbell County

The Campbell County Conservation District hosted a tremendously successful Farm & Livestock Expo earlier this spring with lots of family fun for everyone! Over 300 attendees were able to see farming drones, sheep & goat hoof trimming and shearing, participate in the tractor driving contest for all ages, farm animal petting zoo, the Kylilco Hat Bar, get expert advice from Ag industry specialist, Kids Farmer for a Day, Antique Cars & Tractors, Goat Yoga, KY Dept of Ag Tractor Rollover, Alexandria Police, Alexandria Fire Department, Raising Hope Health Screening Tent, run in the Beefin' Up the Calves Fun Run, bid in the live equipment auction, and visit local food vendors, and vendor partners.



# KACD Sponsor Spotlight



The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) is dedicated to serving as the unified voice and advocate for county governments in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our mission is to provide the resources and support that our members need to foster the growth and prosperity of Kentucky's counties. Together, we are focused on making counties stronger for a stronger Kentucky.

KACo is committed to Advocacy, Leadership, Education, Training, Collaboration, Networking, Services, Resources, and Preservation of Local Control. Visit our website for all the ways to contact us. <https://kaco.org/about/contact-us/>

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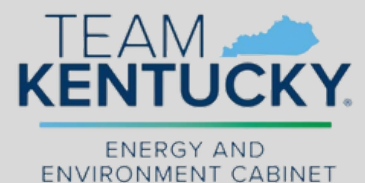
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## Get involved in NACD

Our members make us strong! By engaging with NACD, conservation districts become part of a unified voice for voluntary, locally led conservation that influences national policy and ensures that our local needs and priorities are addressed.



### Be an advocate for conservation

Reach out to your national legislators to share our farm bill asks and amplify our collective voice. Support your advocacy efforts with resources on NACD's website, including issue papers, blog posts, trainings, and more.



### Share your policy issues/input and news and stories with us

Together we can make our voices for conservation loud! Share your success stories with us so we can help amplify them within and beyond our conservation community. Stay tuned for information on NACD's policy development process this fall.



### Subscribe to our publications

Stay informed and learn from others. Sign up for our weekly eResource newsletter and other publications.



### Attend an NACD meeting

Build a network of colleagues across the country and collect ideas and resources by attending an NACD meeting. Stay tuned to our publications, webpage, and events calendar for information about events throughout the year. Many are virtual!



### Join a subcommittee or look for leadership pathways with NACD

Our subcommittees are open to district staff and board members. Reach out to your state or territory's NACD board member for more information about getting involved in a subcommittee or ways to participate in NACD governance.

NACD affiliate, the National Conservation Foundation, is also now accepting applications for the Next Generation Leadership Institute, a year long training program to equip conservation district officials to become national leaders.



### Nominate an exceptional conservationist for an award

Nominate an exceptional conservationist for NACD's Distinguished Service Award or Friend of Conservation Award, to be presented at NACD's annual meeting in February.



### Support NACD with your membership dues

Sustain or grow your membership with us! Scan the QR code to pay dues.



NACD is the national voice for all conservation districts, state and territory associations of conservation districts; whose mission is to promote responsible management and conservation of natural resources on all lands by representing locally-led conservation districts and their associations through grassroots advocacy, education and partnerships.

NACD maintains relationships with organizations and government agencies; publishes information about districts; works with leaders in agriculture, conservation, environment, education, industry and other fields; and provides services to its districts. The association's programs and activities aim to advance conservation led by local districts and the millions of cooperating landowners and land managers they serve.

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NACD supports voluntary, incentive-driven natural resources conservation programs that benefit all American citizens and residents.

Now more than ever, NACD needs your district's active involvement and financial support.

With a strong membership base, NACD is able to provide resources and materials, webinars, workshops, online tools, educational materials, issue publications, provide access to grants and advocate for conservation to build strong working relationships with Congress and federal agency partners, which is imperative when key policy and regulatory decisions are being made!

# JOIN NOW

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## Updates

### Grants

NACD offers several grant programs for conservation districts.

Stay tuned this fall for the launch of the application periods for the Friends of NACD District Grants Program (open only to NACD members) and the Outreach and Technical Assistance Grants program.

The Historically Underserved Farmer-to-Farmer Outreach Program is also accepting applications on a rolling basis for conservation districts in parts of NACD's Southeast, South Central and Southwest Regions.

### Region Meetings

Several of NACD's Regions will have in-person meetings this summer, including the Northeast Region at NACD's 2024 Summer Conservation Forum & Tours in Boston. The Pacific and Southwest Regions will meet jointly in Anchorage, Alaska during September 11-13, 2024, and the South Central Region will meet in Oklahoma on September 22-24, 2024. Many of the regions have virtual meetings on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, during which they discuss district activities, network, and share information. Reach out to your NACD Region Representative for more details on how to join.



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### Upcoming Events

NACD's 2024 Summer Conservation Forum & Tours is just around the corner! This year's meeting will be hosted with the NACD Northeast Region Meeting in Boston, MA on August 9-14. In September, we will launch registration for NACD's 2025 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT on February 8-12, 2025.

Stay tuned to our weekly newsletter, eResource for additional events, including virtual opportunities like upcoming Agroforestry Trainings and our Conservation Coffees.



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# District Outreach Brochure Template



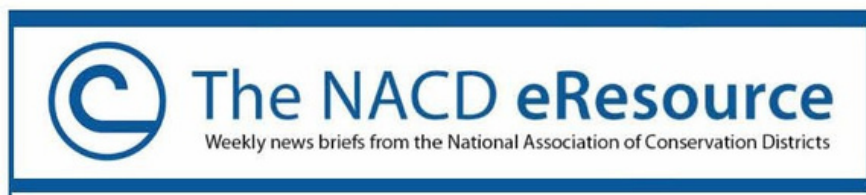
The NACD Outreach Committee identified a need to help increase the recognition of conservation districts across the country as a valuable, easily accessible, and relatable resource. To help increase this awareness, the committee developed a brochure that is fully customizable in numerous formats and can be used by districts and state associations alike to promote and explain the work of conservation in general and local benefits specifically.

The template is accessible on Canva, Microsoft Publisher, and Adobe InDesign, so you can use the program you are most comfortable with and have access to. [Find download links and instructions here.](#)

This brochure could not have happened without the dedication and hard work of committee member Lynn Pilewski from the Greenville Soil & Water Conservation District in South Carolina. Lynn passed away shortly after completing the work, so it is to her and her family we express our gratitude and respect.

If you have ideas for future templates, please email us at [info@nacdnet.org](mailto:info@nacdnet.org)!

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