

National Conservation Planning Partnership

Local Working Groups - The Value of Locally-Led Conservation Planning



Who We Are

Partners representing the efforts of five key national conservation organizations working to reinvigorate conservation planning



Locally Led Conservation

A Brief History



Locally Led Delivery

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01

Hugh Hammond Bennett

The Father of Soil Conservation

02

Soil Conservation Act

1935 - To combat soil erosion established the Soil Conservation Service.

03

Soil Conservation Districts

A local delivery system for conservation technical assistance

04

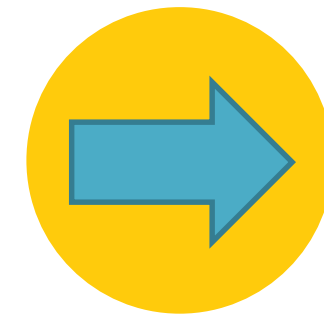
2008 Farm Bill

Established a process for the Local Work Group to provide feedback to the State Technical Committee – became sub-committee of STC



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Dust Bowl Resources:

The Dust Bowl
Episodes 1-3
American Scandal Podcast on
Wondery+

The Dust Bowl by Ken Burns
[Kenburns.com/films/dust-bowl/](https://kenburns.com/films/dust-bowl/)



Locally Led Delivery

Roles of the Local Working Groups



01

Conservation needs assessment

02

Identifying priority concerns

03

Recommending USDA programs and funding

04

Assisting with public outreach and education



NCDEA Initiative

Why Local Working Groups



Regional Presentations

NCDEA Executive Committee and Regions Directors provide presentations to states on how to make Local Working Groups more effective

Remind Districts that it is THEIR responsibility to initiate the Local Working Groups

Provide tools and guidelines on how to effectively run a Local Working Group Meeting

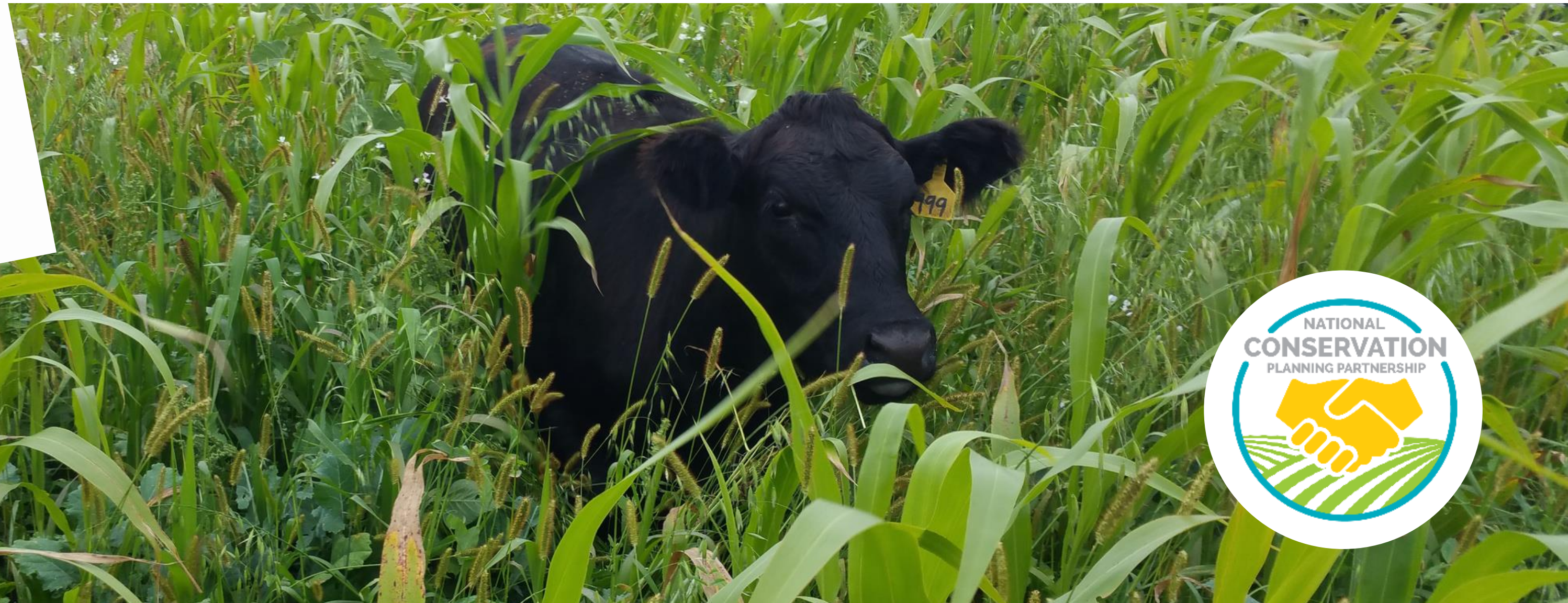
Find your NCDEA Region Director: <https://www.ncdea.us/regions>



Local Working Group Guidebook

Resources for Successful Local Working Groups

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Guidebook

Membership

WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED

- Conservation District Officials/Employees
- NRCS Employees
- Partners - Local, State, Federal agencies; Non-government conservation organizations
- Agriculture Producers
- Other stakeholders

Responsibilities

WHO DOES WHAT

- District organizes and sets agenda*
- NRCS provides background information and support
- Partners/Stakeholders bring concerns, opportunities, and other pertinent data

**When a district is unable to assist, NRCS staff will take the lead in organizing the meeting*

Templates

EXAMPLES

- Meeting checklists
- Agendas
- Note-taking templates
- Reports





QUESTIONS?



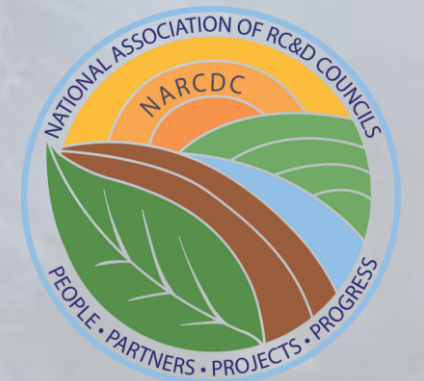
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