



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Locally Led Conservation

Local Working Groups and State Technical Committees

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Locally Led Principle of Conservation

- Community stakeholders are best suited to **identify and resolve local natural resource problems**.
- Community stakeholders are keys to successfully **managing and protecting their natural resources**.
- Neighbors, both urban and rural, can **work together and take responsibility** for addressing local resource needs.



Why is this important?

- Have a voice in conservation \$\$\$ and technical assistance
- Protect and increase land productivity







Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Financial and **Technical** Assistance to landowners and partners to address natural resource conservation issues.





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Soil Health

Principles of soil health and best practices to work with the land, not against it.

Climate-Smart Agriculture & Forestry

Producers and landowners play a critical role in climate change mitigation.

Easements and Reserves

Learn about easements and reserves and how they benefit different types of land.

Nutrient Management

Efficiently managing nutrients maximizes yields and protects the environment.

Water Quality

How to improve water quality on your land through practices and initiatives.

Water Quantity

How to manage water quantity on your land through practices and initiatives.

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Conservation Concerns Tool

Learn about conservation issues that might impact the productivity of your working land.

- Conservation at Work Video Series

Local Working Groups



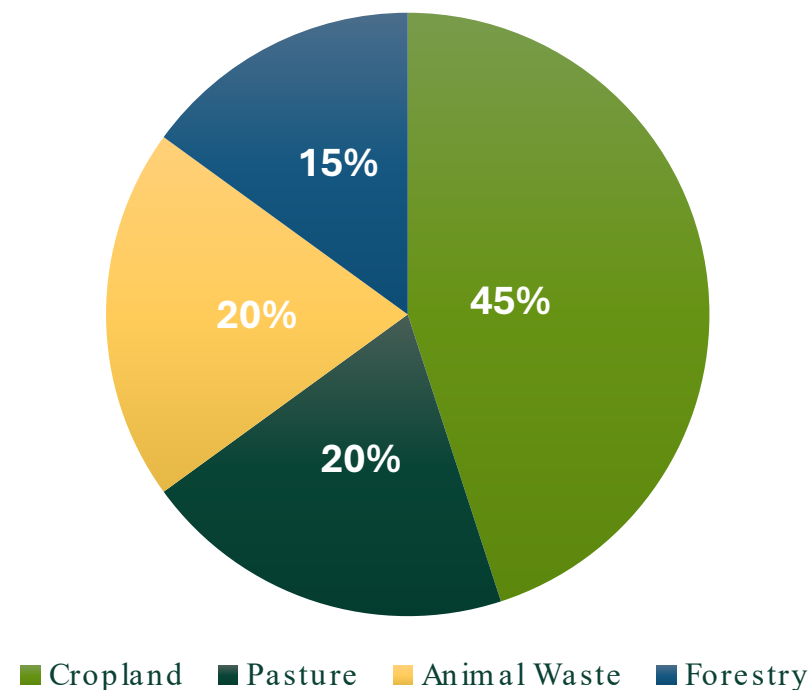
Local Working Groups

Responsibilities may include:

- Developing a conservation needs assessment.
- Identifying priority resource concerns that can be addressed by USDA programs.
- Recommending USDA conservation program application and funding criteria, eligible practices, and payment rates.
- Assisting NRCS and the conservation district with public outreach and information.
- Recommending program policy to the State Technical Committee based on resource data.

Example

Fiscal Year 26 Priorities





State Technical Committee



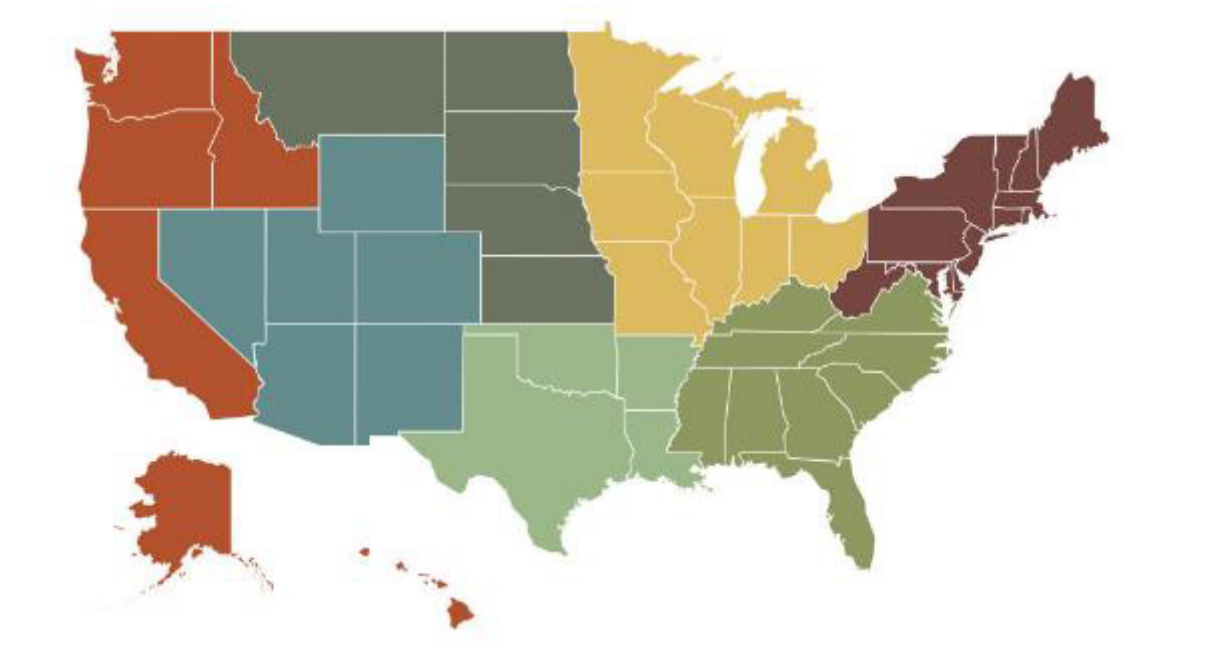
State Technical Committee

Meetings may include:

- Discussion and analysis of recommendations from Local Working Groups.
- Presentation of recommendations from subcommittees to State Conservationist and USDA.
- Input from public, including farmers and landowners.



Conservation Districts



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