

AGENDA
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tulsa County Conservation District
Wednesday, May 20, 2026-5:30 PM
6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133

1. Meeting called to order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comments:
4. Discussion of Resource Management Conference
5. Discussion of Urban Conservation Area
 - A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Damage Reimbursement for Cheryl Bateman
 - B. Discussion of Trails and Maintenance
6. Discussion and Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting
7. Discussion and Approval of Financial Statements, District Reports, Reimbursement Claims, Preclaims, and District Payroll Forms for Period Ending March 31, 2026 and April 30, 2026
8. Discussion and Approval of Staff Timesheet and Leave Forms for March 31, 2026 and April 30, 2026
9. Review of TACF Financials for Period Ending March 31, 2026 and April 30, 2026
10. Discussion and Possible Approval FY – 2028 Budget Request
11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Paying for Posting Farm Bill Specialist Position on Online Platforms
12. Discussion and Ratification of Setting Closing Date for Farm Bill Specialist Position
13. Discussion Ratification of OCC/TCCD Intergovernmental Agreement for Farm Bill Specialist
14. Reports:
 - A. Directors
 - B. District Manager
 - Monthly Activities and Outreach Report April 2026 and May 2026
 - C. NRCS
15. Correspondence: March and April 2026
 - A. NACD
 - B. OACD
 - C. OCC
 - Discussion and Possible Approval of District Services Update April and May 2026
16. Cost Share Drought Program
 - A. Approval of Drought Application Reviews
 - a. Brent Brandt
 - b. Justin Wagon
 - c. L & L Red Ranch
 - d. Flying G Irrevocable Trust
 - e. TYG Land & Cattle LLC
 - f. Patrick McCarty
 - g. Aaron Kern
 - h. Brandon Walker
 - i. Mitt Chinsethagid
 - j. Cynthia Dillinham
 - B. Ratification of Drought Inspections and Reimbursement Claims
 - a. TYG Land & Cattle LLC
 - b. Brandon Walker
 - c. Flying G Irrevocable Trust
 - d. Mitt Chinsethagid
17. Cost Share Program Year 28
 - A. Possible Approval of Extending Application Period

18. Discussion of District Teams Training Takeaways – March 2026 – OCC Stream Monitoring Program and April 2026 - Conservancy Districts Not Conservation Districts
19. Proposed executive session: Possible discussion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee. Pursuant to this provision, the District proposes to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing the review and scheduling interviews for Farm Bill Specialist.
20. New Business:
21. Adjourn:

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The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133

This is a scheduled **Regular** meeting held in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 301 and following, as amended. Notice of this meeting is on file with the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for this meeting was posted on **May 19, 2026** in the following location:

6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120

Tulsa, OK 74133

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tulsaccd.org

RAFAEL'S TREE SERVICE

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INVOICE

BILL TO
 Cheryl Bateman
 4112 W. Jackson st.
 Broken Arrow
 OK

INVOICE 2727
 DATE 04/18/2026
 TERMS Due on receipt
 DUE DATE 04/18/2026

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Tree Service	Cheryl Bateman 4112 W Jackson St Broken Arrow OK. 74012 cherylbateman11@gmail.com 1. Trim (1) big oak tree on the north side of the property outside the fence. Remove 2 big branches hanging into the property. Remove the dead branches. 2. All branches and wood will be hauled off the property. Total:\$1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00

Ways to pay

PAYMENT	1,100.00
BALANCE DUE	\$0.00
	PAID

BANK

View and pay



Tulsa County Conservation District
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918-877-9566 Fax: 1-855-421-7632 E-Mail: Tulsaccd@conservation.ok.gov

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I certify that the minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Tulsa County Conservation District Board of Directors held on **May 20, 2026** were approved as written by a vote in the **Special Meeting** of the Board of Directors held **June 24, 2026**.

Chair, Board of Directors

6/24/26
Date

Attest:

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes

Tulsa County Conservation District
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 5:30 PM
6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133
Regular Board Meeting

Date: May 20, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM

Member's Present: Tom Tolbert, Chair
Kathryn Perdue, Member
Janna Colaizzi, Member
Julie Monnot, Vice-Chair

Members Absent: Chrissy Parker, Treasurer

Staff Present: Gabriael Parker, District Manager

Others Present: Cambra Fields, NRCS Team 20 Leader
Mike Spradling, Member of the Public

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Tom Tolbert called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM. He noted that this was a regular meeting and held in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 301 and following, as amended. Notice of this meeting is on file with the county clerk's office. The agenda for this meeting was posted on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the front window of 6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133, and tulsaccd.org.

2. Roll Call

Tom Tolbert
Gabriael Parker
Kathryn Perdue
Justin Cash
Janna Colaizzi
Cambra Fields
Mike Spradling

3. Public Comments

Mike Spradling introduced himself. He explained he is a producer and owns about two thousand acres in west Tulsa County. He gave his background and his experience working on issues with the agricultural community. Mike said he wanted to attend the board meeting because he was interested in becoming a board member. The board thanked him for being here and appreciated his interest. No further action is needed at this time.

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4. Discussion of the Resource Management Conference

The board decided to table this agenda item until the next board meeting. No further action is needed at this time.

5. Discussion of Urban Conservation Area

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Damage Reimbursement for Cheryl Bateman

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to approve reimbursement for tree damage to Cheryl Bateman's fence in the amount of \$1100. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

B. Discussion of Trails and Maintenance Plan

Gabriel Parker said she would still like to conduct a field visit with the board members, NRCS, and the Tulsa Urban Wilderness Coalition to see what can be done about trail construction and other needs. Cambra Fields said they could do something like a conservation plan, but it would look a little different. Gabriel said she talked to Jack about helping create a brush management plan. No further action is needed at this time.

6. Discussion and Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting. Janna Colaizzi 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

7. Discussion and Approval of Financial Statements, District Reports, Reimbursement Claims, Preclaims, and District Payroll Forms for Period Ending March 31, 2026, and April 30, 2026

After a brief discussion, Janna Colaizzi made a motion to approve the financial statements, district reports, reimbursement claims, and district payroll forms for the period ending March 31, 2026, and April 30, 2026. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

8. Discussion and Approval of Staff Timesheet and Leave Forms for March and April 2026

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to approve the staff timesheet and leave forms from March and April 2026. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

9. Review of TACF Financials for Period Ending March 31, 2026, and April 30, 2026

The board reviewed the TACF Financials for the Period Ending March 31, 2026, and April 30, 2026. No further action is needed to be taken at this time.

10. Discussion and Possible Approval FY – 2028 Budget Request

The board decided to table this agenda item until the next board meeting. No further action is needed at this time.

11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Paying for Posting Farm Bill Specialist Position on Online Platforms

After a brief discussion, Janna Colaizzi made a motion to decline paying for posting the Farm Bill Specialist Position on online platforms. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

12. Discussion and Ratification of Setting Closing Date for Farm Bill Specialist Position

After a brief discussion, Janna Colaizzi made a motion to ratify the closing date on the Farm Bill Specialist position on May 10, 2026. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

13. Discussion Ratification of OCC/TCCD Intergovernmental Agreement for Farm Bill Specialist

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to ratify the ratification of OCC/TCCD Intergovernmental Agreement for the Farm Bill Specialist. Janna Colzizzi 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

14. Reports:

A. Directors

The board mentioned the idea of talking to Chrissy Parker about her interest in staying on the board. She seems busy and unable to attend the meetings each month. Gabrael Parker said she would reach out to her. No further action is needed at this time.

B. District Manager

a. Monthly Activities and Outreach Report April 2026 and May 2026

April Meetings:

04/07/2026	Monarch's on the Mountain Meeting
04/15/2026	TCCD Board Meeting (Rescheduled)
04/21/2026	History of Conservancy Districts (Session 1) - District Teams Training (April)
04/23/2026	History of Conservancy Districts (Session 2) - District Teams Training (April)

April Events:

04/01/2026	H2Oklahoma
04/08/2026	H2Oklahoma
04/10/2026	Earth Day @ Chandler Parker
04/10 – 04/11/2026	SpringFest @ Tulsa Garden Center
04/10 – 04/11/2026	Native Plant Sale @ Philbrook
04/22/2026	Enviro Expo
04/25/2026	Party for the Planet
04/25/2026	Earth Day Celebration @ Ray Harral Park
04/27/2026	Fred Creek Bug Collection

May Meetings:

05/20/2026	TCCD Board Meeting
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May Events:

05/29/2026	Fred Creek Monitoring
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Deadlines:

03/09/2026	Application periods for EDAP 4 and Cost-Share PY28 open
03/25/2026	Director Appointments due for April OCC meeting
03/31/2026	1099-MISC due to IRS and OTC
04/01 – 04/22/2026	Notice of Filing Period publication window
04/22/2026	Director Appointments due for May OCC meeting
04/29/2026	Notice of Filing Period proof of publications due to your ADC

Holidays

03/17/2026	St. Patrick's Day
04/04/2026	Easter

Notes:

Work Duties Performed:

❖ Email Correspondences	❖ TCCD Board Meetings
❖ Bill Pay/Financials	❖ CSPY – 27, SHIP, 28, Drought, Prescribe Burn
❖ Scanning	❖ Check/Paperwork Signatures
❖ Shredding	❖ Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
❖ TCCD Payroll	❖ Payroll
❖ TCCD Financials	❖ Event Prep
❖ Website Updates	❖ OCC Trainings

The board reviewed the Monthly Activities and Outreach Report for April and May 2026. No further action is required currently.

C. NRCS

Cambra Fields said the team is currently conducting field visits and rankings for both EQIP and CSP programs. She also said that both Justin Cash and Josh Vasquez are on temporary assignments to other offices for four months. They should both be back in Team 20 in August. No further action is needed at this time.

15. Correspondence:

A. NACD

The board reviewed all correspondence provided by NACD for May 2026. No further action is needed to be taken at this time.

B. OACD

The board reviewed all correspondence provided by OACD for May 2026. No further action is needed to be taken at this time.

C. OCC

a. Discussion of District Services Update April and May 2026

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the District Services Update for April and May 2026. No further action is needed at this time.

16. Cost Share Drought Program

A. Approval of Drought Application Reviews

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| a. Brent Brandt | f. Patrick McCarty |
| b. Justin Wagon | g. Aaron Kern |
| c. L & L Red Ranch | h. Brandon Walker |
| d. Flying G Irrevocable Trust | i. Mitt Chinsethagid |
| e. TYG Land & Cattle LLC | j. Cynthia Dillinham |

After a brief discussion, Janna Colaizzi made a motion to approve the drought application reviews. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

B. Ratification of Drought Inspections and Reimbursement Claims

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. TYG Land & Cattle LLC | c. Flying G Irrevocable Trust |
| b. Brandon Walker | d. Mitt Chinsethagid |

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to ratify the drought inspections and reimbursement claims for TYG Land & Cattle LLC, Brandon Walker, Flying G Irrevocable Trust, and Mitt Chinsethagid. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

17. Cost-Share Program Year 28

A. Possible Approval of Extending Application Period

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to extend the application period for cost-share applications through June 15, 2026. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

18. Discussion of District Teams Training Takeaways – March 2026 – OCC Stream Monitoring Program and April 2026 - Conservancy Districts Not Conservation Districts

The board reviewed the District Teams Training Takeaways – March 2026 – OCC Stream Monitoring Program and April 2026 - Conservancy Districts Not Conservation Districts. Gabriel Parker said the training session on Conservancy Districts was informative. If the board members want to watch the training, she could provide the link. It would be worth watching. No further action is required currently.

19. Proposed executive session: Possible discussion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee. Pursuant to this provision, the district proposes to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing the review and scheduling interviews for Farm Bill Specialist.

Tom Tolbert said as authorized by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act in Section 307(B)(1) of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an executive session may be held for the purpose of discussing employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee. Pursuant to this provision, the district proposes to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing the review and scheduling interviews for the Farm Bill Specialist.

Based on the information proposed for discussion in executive session, do I have any motions to enter an executive session? Janna Colaizzi made a motion to enter executive session, with all members

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present, excluding Mike Spradling. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

The district now enters Executive Session at 7:38 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

The board exited executive session at 8:02 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and asked Mike Spradling to join the open session.

Janna Colaizzi made a motion to approve holding two interview dates on June 1, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and June 3, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

20. New Business:

After a brief discussion, Janna Colaizzi made a motion to approve the Cooperator Agreement with Mike Spradline. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

Adjourn:

Janna Colaizzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue, Janna Colaizzi. Nays: None. The motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

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6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120 Tulsa, OK 74133**

9:56 AM
04/17/26
Accrual Basis

Tulsa County Conservation District
Profit & Loss
July 2025 through March 2026

	<u>Jul '25 - Mar 26</u>
Income	
Grant Income	250.00
Interest Income	4.15
OCC Cost-Share Reimbursements	31,593.45
OCC General Exp Reimbursements	3,715.90
OCC Salary Reimbursements	33,405.12
Total Income	<u>68,968.62</u>
Expense	
Administrative Expense	2,012.58
Cost-Share Payments	39,773.17
Employee Benefits	4,098.72
Office Supplies	81.41
Outreach Programs	455.88
Payroll	25,458.60
Payroll Tax	9,252.45
Phone	22.56
Postage	156.00
Professional Fees	699.14
Registration Fees	45.00
Telephone and Internet	39.76
Travel	634.90
Total Expense	<u>82,730.17</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-13,761.55</u></u>

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Tulsa County Conservation District
Profit & Loss
March 2026

	Mar 26
Income	
Interest Income	0.45
OCC General Exp Reimbursements	342.30
Total Income	342.75
Expense	
Administrative Expense	289.73
Cost-Share Payments	5,972.48
Employee Benefits	549.54
Outreach Programs	-115.19
Payroll	2,573.64
Payroll Tax	1,342.06
Postage	78.00
Total Expense	10,690.26
Net Income	-10,347.51

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Accrual Basis

Tulsa County Conservation District
General Ledger
As of March 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Arvest Checking 6407							16,663.41
Operating Acct - 6407							0.00
Total Operating Acct - 6407							0.00
Arvest Checking 6407 - Other							16,663.41
Deposit	3/2/2026	ACH	EventBrite	Payment for Embracing Earth's D...	Outreach Prog...	250.83	16,914.24
Check	3/2/2026	9175	Dana Grundy	Cost-Share Year 27 Payment02-...	Cost-Share Pa...	-972.48	15,941.76
Check	3/3/2026	CC	Amazon	Purchase of Rain Barrel for Hom...	Outreach Prog...	-135.64	15,806.12
Check	3/5/2026	9176	Brenda Schiesel	Cost-Share Year 27 Payment 02-...	Cost-Share Pa...	-5,000.00	10,806.12
Check	3/6/2026	9172	OCC	February 2026 Preclaim	Employee Ben...	-549.54	10,256.58
Deposit	3/12/2026	ACH	OCC	October, November, December 2...	OCC General ...	342.30	10,598.88
Check	3/12/2026	ACH	IRS	941 Tax Payment for May 2025	Payroll Tax	-952.06	9,646.82
Check	3/19/2026	ACH	USPS	Purchase of Postage	Postage	-78.00	9,568.82
Check	3/23/2026	CC	Zoom	2026 Zoom Service Renewal	Administrative...	-149.90	9,418.92
Check	3/26/2026	ACH	OK Tax Commiss...	January & February 2026 Payme...	Payroll Tax	-260.00	9,158.92
Check	3/26/2026	ACH	OK Tax Commiss...	April 2026 Payment 0-144-278-368	Payroll Tax	-130.00	9,028.92
Check	3/30/2026	9183	R.K. Black Inc.	1st Quarter 2026 Copier Rental	Administrative...	-139.83	8,889.09
Check	3/30/2026	9169	Gabriel S Parker	December 1-15th 2025 Pay Period	Payroll	-1,286.82	7,602.27
Check	3/30/2026	9170	Gabriel S Parker	December 16-31st 2025 Pay Peri...	Payroll	-1,286.82	6,315.45
Deposit	3/31/2026	ACH	Arvest	Interest Payment	Interest Income	0.45	6,315.90
Total Arvest Checking 6407 - Other						-10,347.51	6,315.90
Total Arvest Checking 6407						-10,347.51	6,315.90
Arvest Money Market 6423							0.00
Total Arvest Money Market 6423							0.00
Arvest Special Projects 6410							345.86
Total Arvest Special Projects 6410							345.86
Payroll Liabilities							0.00
Total Payroll Liabilities							0.00
Opening Balance Equity							-10,307.75
Total Opening Balance Equity							-10,307.75
Retained Earnings							-10,115.56
Total Retained Earnings							-10,115.56
Administrative Income							0.00
Total Administrative Income							0.00
Aerials and Maps							0.00
Total Aerials and Maps							0.00
Arvest Bank							0.00
Total Arvest Bank							0.00
Director Election							0.00
Total Director Election							0.00
Grant Income							-250.00
Total Grant Income							-250.00
Interest Income							-3.70
Deposit	3/31/2026	ACH	Arvest	Interest Payment	Arvest Checki...	-0.45	-4.15
Total Interest Income						-0.45	-4.15
OCC Cost-Share Reimbursements							-31,593.45
Total OCC Cost-Share Reimbursements							-31,593.45
OCC Director Election Reimburse							0.00
Total OCC Director Election Reimburse							0.00
OCC Director Exp Reimbursements							0.00
Total OCC Director Exp Reimbursements							0.00

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Tulsa County Conservation District
General Ledger
As of March 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
OCC General Exp Reimbursements							-3,373.60
Deposit	3/12/2026	ACH	OCC	October, November, December 2...	Arvest Checki...	-342.30	-3,715.90
Total OCC General Exp Reimbursements						-342.30	-3,715.90
OCC Salary Reimbursements							-33,405.12
Total OCC Salary Reimbursements							-33,405.12
Program Income							0.00
Total Program Income							0.00
TACF Gen Expense Reimbursements							0.00
Total TACF Gen Expense Reimbursements							0.00
TACF Salary Reimbursements							0.00
Total TACF Salary Reimbursements							0.00
Uncategorized Income							0.00
Total Uncategorized Income							0.00
Administrative Expense							1,722.85
Check	3/23/2026	CC	Zoom	2026 Zoom Service Renewal	Arvest Checki...	149.90	1,872.75
Check	3/30/2026	9183	R.K. Black Inc.	1st Quarter 2026 Copier Rental	Arvest Checki...	139.83	2,012.58
Total Administrative Expense						289.73	2,012.58
Advertising and Promotion							0.00
Total Advertising and Promotion							0.00
Cost-Share Payments							33,800.69
Check	3/2/2026	9175	Dana Grundy	Cost-Share Year 27 Payment02-...	Arvest Checki...	972.48	34,773.17
Check	3/5/2026	9176	Brenda Schiesel	Cost-Share Year 27 Payment 02-...	Arvest Checki...	5,000.00	39,773.17
Total Cost-Share Payments						5,972.48	39,773.17
Director Fees							0.00
Total Director Fees							0.00
Employee Benefits							3,549.18
Check	3/6/2026	9172	OCC	February 2026 Preclaim	Arvest Checki...	549.54	4,098.72
Total Employee Benefits						549.54	4,098.72
Grant Expenses							0.00
Total Grant Expenses							0.00
Insurance							0.00
Total Insurance							0.00
Internet							0.00
Total Internet							0.00
Membership Fees							0.00
Total Membership Fees							0.00
Office Supplies							81.41
Total Office Supplies							81.41
Outreach Programs							571.07
Deposit	3/2/2026	ACH	EventBrite	Payment for Embracing Earth's D...	Arvest Checki...	-250.83	320.24
Check	3/3/2026	CC	Amazon	Purchase of Rain Barrel for Hom...	Arvest Checki...	135.64	455.88
Total Outreach Programs						-115.19	455.88
Payroll							22,884.96
Check	3/30/2026	9169	Gabriel S Parker	December 1-15th 2025 Pay Period	Arvest Checki...	1,286.82	24,171.78
Check	3/30/2026	9170	Gabriel S Parker	December 16-31st 2025 Pay Peri...	Arvest Checki...	1,286.82	25,458.60
Total Payroll						2,573.64	25,458.60

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Tulsa County Conservation District
General Ledger
As of March 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Payroll Tax							7,910.39
Check	3/12/2026	ACH	IRS	941 Tax Payment for May 2025	Arvest Checki...	952.06	8,862.45
Check	3/26/2026	ACH	OK Tax Commiss...	January & February 2026 Payme...	Arvest Checki...	260.00	9,122.45
Check	3/26/2026	ACH	OK Tax Commiss...	April 2026 Payment 0-144-278-368	Arvest Checki...	130.00	9,252.45
Total Payroll Tax						1,342.06	9,252.45
Phone							22.56
Total Phone							22.56
Postage							78.00
Check	3/19/2026	ACH	USPS	Purchase of Postage	Arvest Checki...	78.00	156.00
Total Postage						78.00	156.00
Professional Fees							699.14
Total Professional Fees							699.14
Reconciliation Discrepancies							0.00
Total Reconciliation Discrepancies							0.00
Registration Fees							45.00
Total Registration Fees							45.00
Telephone and Internet							39.76
Total Telephone and Internet							39.76
Travel							634.90
Total Travel							634.90
Uncategorized Expenses							0.00
Total Uncategorized Expenses							0.00
No acct							0.00
Total no acct							0.00
TOTAL						0.00	0.00



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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$6,315.90
Total Current Value		\$6,315.90

NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 07

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$16,663.41
	3 Credit(s) This Period	\$593.58
	12 Debit(s) This Period	\$10,941.09
03/31/2026	Ending Balance	\$6,315.90

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.45
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$1.09
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS.

Electronic Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/02/2026	eventbrite.com 140955383 TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	\$250.83
03/12/2026	VENDOR PAYMENTS MISC REIMB TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	\$342.30

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$0.45

Electronic Debits

Date	Description	Amount
03/03/2026	AMAZON MKTPL* BE87Y0E11 DDA PIN POS PUR CD5315 Amzn.com/bill WA#606221107176	-\$135.64
03/12/2026	IRS USATXPYMT TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	-\$952.06
03/19/2026	USPS PO 39834500 6110 E DDA PIN POS PUR CD5315 TULSA OK#607815805549	-\$78.00



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NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 07 (continued)

Electronic Debits (continued)

Date	Description	Amount
03/23/2026	ZOOM.COM 888-799-9666 DDA RECUR POS PUR CD5315 ZOOM.US CA#608229100130	-\$149.90
03/26/2026	OKLAHOMATAXPMTS OK TAX PMT TULSA CO CONSERVATION	-\$260.00
03/26/2026	OKLAHOMATAXPMTS OK TAX PMT TULSA CO CONSERVATION	-\$130.00

Checks Cleared

Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount
9169	03/31/2026	\$1,286.82	9172*	03/06/2026	\$549.54	9176	03/06/2026	\$5,000.00
9170	03/31/2026	\$1,286.82	9175*	03/02/2026	\$972.48	9183*	03/30/2026	\$139.83

* Indicates skipped check number

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
02/28/2026	\$16,663.41	03/12/2026	\$9,646.82	03/30/2026	\$8,889.09
03/02/2026	\$15,941.76	03/19/2026	\$9,568.82	03/31/2026	\$6,315.90
03/03/2026	\$15,806.12	03/23/2026	\$9,418.92		
03/06/2026	\$10,256.58	03/26/2026	\$9,028.92		



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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$345.88
Total Current Value		\$345.88

NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 10

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$345.87
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.01
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
03/31/2026	Ending Balance	\$345.88

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.01
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.02
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$0.01

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
02/28/2026	\$345.87	03/31/2026	\$345.88

ACCOUNT ID: WTH-10071796-02
FILING FREQUENCY: Quarterly

FILING PERIOD: March 31, 2026
DUE DATE: April 20, 2026
RECEIVED DATE: April 16, 2026

WTH

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10001 Oklahoma Employers Wage Withholding
TULSA CO CONSERVATION

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 Amended Return

Number of Employees	1
Wages Paid	\$11,276.26
Tax Withheld	\$425.00
Interest	\$0.00
Penalty	\$0.00
Total Due	\$425.00
Total Monthly and Semi-Monthly Prepayments Received	\$425.00
Total Balance Due	\$0.00

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$7,144.82
Total Current Value		\$7,144.82

NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 92

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$7,152.06
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.30
	1 Debit(s) This Period	\$7.54
03/31/2026	Ending Balance	\$7,144.82
	Service Charges	\$7.54

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.30
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.87
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$0.30

Other Debits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2026	SERVICE CHARGE	-\$7.54

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
02/28/2026	\$7,152.06	03/31/2026	\$7,144.82



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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		\$7,826.85
Total Current Value		\$7,826.85

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - 02

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$7,817.29
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$9.56
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
03/31/2026	Ending Balance	\$7,826.85

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$9.56
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$27.73
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 24 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$9.56

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
02/28/2026	\$7,817.29	03/31/2026	\$7,826.85



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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$7,137.51
Total Current Value		\$7,137.51

NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 92

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
04/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$7,144.82
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.29
	1 Debit(s) This Period	\$7.60
04/30/2026	Ending Balance	\$7,137.51
	Service Charges	\$7.60

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.29
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$1.16
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
04/30/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$0.29

Other Debits

Date	Description	Amount
04/30/2026	SERVICE CHARGE	-\$7.60

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
03/31/2026	\$7,144.82	04/30/2026	\$7,137.51



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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		\$7,836.11
Total Current Value		\$7,836.11

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - 02

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
04/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$7,826.85
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$9.26
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
04/30/2026	Ending Balance	\$7,836.11

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$9.26
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$36.99
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 24 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
04/30/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$9.26

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
03/31/2026	\$7,826.85	04/30/2026	\$7,836.11

Conservation District Budget Request Fiscal Year 2027

Conservation District Tulsa County

New Funding Request for Personnel

Request for Changes to Current Salary Allocations

Current Staff	Increase in Monthly (FT) or Hourly (PT) Rate	If FT Monthly, enter "12.00" If PT enter the number of allocated hours or requested increase in hours	Total Increase in Salary
District Manager No Increase in salary			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total Request for Changes to Current Salary Allocations			\$ -

Request for New Positions

Position Title	Full-time or Part-time	Monthly or Hourly Rate	# of Hours Requested (Enter "12.00" if full-time monthly)	Total for Employee
Conservation Program Specialist		\$ 2,595.00	12	\$ 31,140.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Request for New Positions				\$ 31,140.00

New Funding Request for Programs & Operations

<u>Program Requests</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Operations Requests</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Locally Led Cost Share	\$ 45,000.00	Director Mtg. Expense	\$ 1,500.00
Watershed O&M		Audit	\$ 1,500.00
Watershed Rehabilitation		Bonds	
Roadside Erosion		Dues	\$ 500.00
Water Quality Programs	\$ 4,000.00	Insurance	
Education Programs	\$ 5,000.00	Office Supplies	\$ 300.00
Vehicle		Phone / Internet	
Equipment (list below)		Postage	\$ 250.00
Stream Monitoring Equip	\$ 1,000.00	Travel / Mileage	\$ 5,000.00
		Vehicle Expense / Fuel	
		Meetings Expense / Registration	\$ 5,000.00
		Other (list below)	
Other (list below)			
Total Programs	\$ 55,000.00	Total Operations	\$ 14,050.00
Total New Funding Request for Programs & Operations		\$ 69,050.00	
		Total FY 2027 Budget Request	\$ 100,190.00

Approved by board of directors on _____
Date

Signature - Chair

Estimated Local Funds Expended
Fiscal Year 2025

Conservation District Tulsa County

OCC recognizes that it takes more funding to operate a Conservation District than is provided by the allocation from the agency. How much more did your district spend, over and above the district's allocation, to operate the district? Below please estimate the amount of local funds used to operate your district during the most recent fiscal year.

Estimated Local Funds Expended in Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Salaries (i.e. local salary, retirement, taxes; one-time pay increases)	
District Operations (i.e. meeting expenses, dues, mileage, insurance)	\$ 2,000.00
Programs (i.e. watershed O&M, contests, scholarships, education)	\$ 3,500.00
Equipment (i.e. purchases, maintenance and repairs)	
Building Expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance and repairs)	
Total Estimated Local Funds Expended in FY 2025	\$ 5,500.00

How Does the Conservation District Earn Local Funds?

Using your mouse, check the box next to the projects/programs that the district participates in to generate local funds. If your district earns funds from something not on the list; please add it under "other".

- ☐ Building Rent
- ☐ Equipment Rental
- ☐ Custom Work
- ☐ Seed Sales
- ☐ Tree Sales
- ☐ Plat Book Sales
- ☒ Grants
- ☐ Donations

Other: (list below)

Conservation District Budget Request Fiscal Year 2028

Conservation District Tulsa County

New Funding Request for Personnel

Request for Changes to Current Salary Allocations

Current Staff	Increase in Monthly (FT) or Hourly (PT) Rate	If FT Monthly, enter "12.00" If PT enter the number of allocated hours or requested increase in hours	Total Increase in Salary
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total Request for Changes to Current Salary Allocations			\$ -

Request for New Positions

Position Title	Full-time or Part-time	Monthly or Hourly Rate	# of Hours Requested (Enter "12.00" if full-time monthly)	Total for Employee
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Request for New Positions				\$ -

New Funding Request for Programs & Operations

<u>Program Requests</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Operations Requests</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Locally Led Cost Share		Director Mtg. Expense	
Watershed O&M		Audit	
Watershed Rehabilitation		Bonds	
Roadside Erosion		Dues	
Water Quality Programs		Insurance	
Education Programs		Office Supplies	
Vehicle		Phone / Internet	
Equipment (list below)		Postage	
		Travel / Mileage	
		Vehicle Expense / Fuel	
		Meetings Expense / Registration	
		Other (list below)	
Other (list below)			
Total Programs	\$ -	Total Operations	\$ -
Total New Funding Request for Programs & Operations		\$ -	
		Total FY 2028 Budget Request	\$ -

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Date

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Estimated Local Funds Expended
Fiscal Year 2026

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Estimated Local Funds Expended in Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

Salaries (i.e. local salary, retirement, taxes; one-time pay increases)	
District Operations (i.e. meeting expenses, dues, mileage, insurance)	
Programs (i.e. watershed O&M, contests, scholarships, education)	
Equipment (i.e. purchases, maintenance and repairs)	
Building Expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance and repairs)	
Total Estimated Local Funds Expended in FY 2026	\$ -

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☐ Seed Sales

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☐ Plat Book Sales

☐ Grants

☐ Donations

Other: (list below)

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
and
TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

This intergovernmental agreement made and entered into by and between the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, 2800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 200, Oklahoma City OK 73105-4210, hereinafter referred to as "Commission", the *Tulsa County Conservation District, 6660 S. Sheridan, Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133*, hereinafter referred to as "District".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Commission is an agency of the State of Oklahoma and is created and established pursuant to the provisions of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 3-1-101 and following, and is authorized under the provisions of those statutes along with 74 O.S. § 581 to enter into this agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Oklahoma and a body corporate and politic as set out in Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 3-1-101 and following, and is authorized under the provisions of those statutes along with 74 O.S. § 581 to enter into this agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission is involved in the conservation of natural resources, to include the providing of funds and facilitating arrangements under which the conservation districts may provide technical assistance and cooperation to federal, state and local agencies effectively and efficiently; and,

WHEREAS, monies from the Commission are necessary to provide funding to the District so that they may in turn use the funding to enhance operations for the conservation of renewable natural resources and assist in the delivery of Farm Bill Programs in cooperations with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and provisions herein set forth, the parties to this agreement hereby mutually agree and understand as follows:

1. **SCOPE OF OBLIGATION OF COMMISSION.** Commission agrees to:
 - Provide funds for a full-time employee (FTE) to include salary plus benefits. Funds will be allocated for this employee beginning **May 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026**, at a salary rate of **\$2595.00 per month** that averages at approximately **\$15.00 per hour**. The job title of this position will be Farm Bill Specialist and the position description (attached) will be that of Farm Bill Specialist, as prescribed by the Commission and agreed to by the District board.
 - Provide funds not to exceed **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** to the District for their administrative assistance for this position for the duration of this agreement not to exceed a 12-month period. This includes but is not limited to payroll, taxes, etc. The funds shall be paid to the District upon the submission of a claim form tendered in the final month of this agreement. If the District did not provide administrative assistance for this position for an entire 12 month period then the amount may be prorated.
 - Submit all reports and requests in a timely manner to NRCS.
 - Provide training and support to the District and the Farm Bill Specialist as deemed necessary in cooperation with NRCS, contingent on the availability of funds.
2. **SCOPE OF OBLIGATION OF DISTRICT.** District agrees to:
 - Use the above-mentioned monies for the Farm Bill Specialist payroll expenses and other related expenses.
 - Submit claims to the Commission as required for the procurement of funds.
 - The assigned duty station for this employee is the District office. Work area will be identified by NRCS, including across multiple NRCS Teams and in multiple locations within the NRCS zone.
 - **One hundred percent (100%)** of this employee's time shall be dedicated to Farm Bill Specialist duties.
 - Actively participate in the supervision of the Farm Bill Specialist, including but not limited to, appointing one director as a day-to-day contact, participating in meetings with the employee and NRCS staff as needed to remain aware of and to evaluate Farm Bill Specialist's activities and performance.
 - In coordination with NRCS, annually evaluate the Farm Bill Specialist's performance.
 - Provide adequate office space for the Farm Bill Specialist in coordination with NRCS.

- Provide the Farm Bill Specialist with access to district owned equipment, office supplies, and files when necessary and in cooperation with NRCS.
- Cooperate with NRCS to provide assistance to the Farm Bill Specialist as needed.
- Require the Farm Bill Specialist to:
 - Work with NRCS to provide Farm Bill program support and perform administrative functions
 - Provide a monthly progress report to the District for inclusion in their Board packets.
 - Abide by all district and NRCS policies.
 - Maintain the task sheet daily, documenting tasks performed; complete and email the task sheet to the Commission by the **15th of the month following the end of a quarter.**
- Coordinate with NRCS to allow the Farm Bill Specialist to participate in relevant meetings, seminars, and workshops.
- Upon any termination of this agreement for whatever reason, the district shall deliver to the Commission and/or NRCS all vehicles, equipment, monies, or other property belonging to the Commission and/or NRCS.

3. TERM OF AGREEMENT. This agreement shall be in effect beginning **May 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026.**

4. AGREEMENT CONTINGENT ON FUNDING. In the event the Commission does not receive sufficient funding for this agreement, then notification of such event from the Commission to the District will result in the termination of this agreement with no further obligation on the part of the Commission or the District. Should that event occur, Commission will pay District for any work that has been performed up to that time.

5. AMENDMENT. The parties mutually agree that, subject to and with the mutual written consent and approval of both parties, this agreement may be amended or modified at any time.

6. AUDITS. It is further understood and agreed that any books, records, documents, accounting procedures, practices, or any other items of the District relevant to this agreement are subject to examination and copying by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector.

APPROVED AND AGREED TO by and between the parties hereto the day and year first above appearing.

Date

Chair, Board of Directors
Tulsa County Conservation District

Date

Trey Lam, Executive Director
Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Attachments

Farm Bill Specialist Position Description

TCCD Monthly Outreach and Activities Report

April 2026



April Meetings:

04/07/2026	Monarch's on the Mountain Meeting
04/15/2026	TCCD Board Meeting (Rescheduled)
04/21/2026	History of Conservancy Districts (Session 1) - District Teams Training (April)
04/23/2026	History of Conservancy Districts (Session 2) - District Teams Training (April)

April Events:

04/01/2026	H2Oklahoma
04/08/2026	H2Oklahoma
04/10/2026	Earth Day @ Chandler Parker
04/10 – 04/11/2026	SpringFest @ Tulsa Garden Center
04/10 – 04/11/2026	Native Plant Sale @ Philbrook
04/22/2026	Enviro Expo
04/25/2026	Party for the Planet
04/25/2026	Earth Day Celebration @ Ray Harrah Park
04/27/2026	Fred Creek Bug Collection

May Meetings:

05/20/2026	TCCD Board Meeting
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May Events:

05/29/2026	Fred Creek Bug Collection
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Deadlines:

04/01 – 04/22/2026	Notice of Filing Period publication window
04/22/2026	Director Appointments due for May OCC meeting
04/29/2026	Notice of Filing Period proof of publications due to your ADC
05/14 – 05/14/2026	Filing Period open for E1 position
05/15/2026	Filing forms due to OCC by 12:00 pm
05/20/2026	Director Appointments due for June OCC meeting

Holidays

04/04/2026	Easter
05/25/2026	Memorial Day - Office Closed

Notes:

Work Duties Performed:

❖ Email Correspondences	❖ CSPY – 27, SHIP, 28, Drought, Prescribe Burn
❖ Bill Pay/Financials	❖ Check/Paperwork Signatures
❖ Scanning	❖ Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
❖ Shredding	❖ Payroll
❖ TCCD Payroll	❖ Event Prep
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❖ Website Updates	
❖ Blue Thumb Bug Collection	
❖ TCCD Board Meetings	

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May 2026



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05/19/2026	District Teams Training - Claims The OCC Process Session 1
05/19/2026	District Teams Training - Claims The OCC Process Session 2
05/20/2026	TCCD Board Meeting

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05/01 – 05/14/2026	Filing Period open for EI position
05/15/2026	Filing forms due to OCC by 12:00 pm
05/20/2026	Director Appointments due for June OCC meeting
05/29/2025	State AI training due (must be completed in WorkDay)
06/05/2026	PO drafts due
06/17/2026	Director Appointments due for July OCC meeting
06/30/2026	JPOs due

June Meetings:

06/04/2026	TACF Board Meeting
06/17/2026	TCCD Board Meeting

Holidays

05/25/2026	Memorial Day - Office Closed
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**JOIN US IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
FOR NACD'S SPRING FLY-IN!**

March 10, 2026



In Memoriam

**2026 NACD
SPRING FLY-IN**

MARCH 25, 2026

WASHINGTON, D.C.



National Association of
Conservation Districts



Join conservation district leaders from across the country traveling to Washington, D.C. this year to participate in NACD's Spring Fly-In. Build relationships with congressional representatives and their staff, highlight the importance of locally led conservation, and advocate for strong federal conservation policies.

This Spring Fly-In is critical for conservation districts and our country's conservation delivery system. Your members of Congress need to hear from you directly about the critical impact of conservation districts and the need to pass a Farm Bill. The process of moving this necessary piece of legislation through the chambers of Congress has already begun.

Join us on **March 25**, beginning at **8:00 a.m. ET** in the Hart Senate Office Building with a Breakfast Briefing, followed by individually scheduled meetings with congressional offices. The day will end with a reception at **5:30 p.m. ET**.

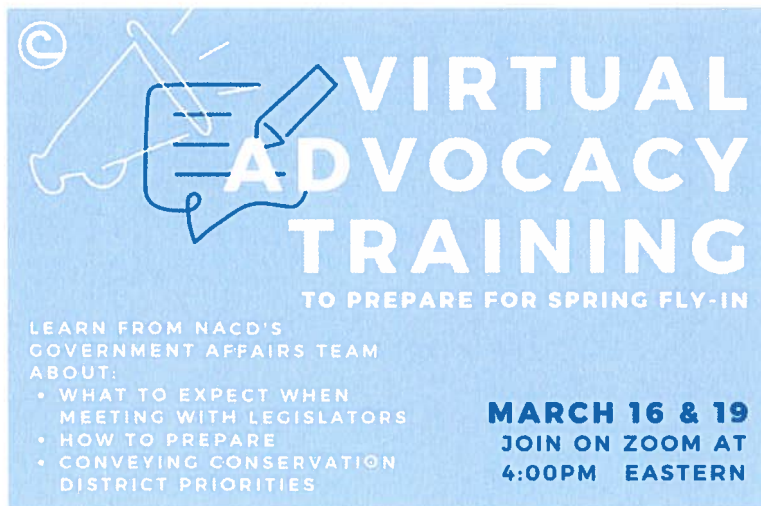
Schedule meetings with your congressional representatives and their staff and [RSVP to let us know you will attend Spring Fly-In](#). If you need



NACD sends condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of John Peterson who passed away last week.

John was a pillar of Virginia's conservation community and a friend and mentor to many across the country. He served as chair of his local conservation district, the **Northern Virginia Soil & Water**

guidance on who to meet with, please reach out to [Libby Wawro](#), NACD Director of Government Affairs.



**VIRTUAL
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TO PREPARE FOR SPRING FLY-IN

LEARN FROM NACD'S
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ABOUT:

- WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS
- HOW TO PREPARE
- CONVEYING CONSERVATION DISTRICT PRIORITIES

MARCH 16 & 19
JOIN ON ZOOM AT
4:00PM EASTERN

To prepare for the Spring Fly-In, the NACD Government Affairs team will hold two virtual advocacy training sessions next week, on **March 16 and 19 at 4:00 p.m. ET.**

During these trainings you'll have time to review NACD's priorities, learn some tips and tricks for meeting with representatives, and ask the Government Affairs team questions. The same information will be presented at both sessions. [Register here](#) for session one on March 16. [Register here](#) for session two on March 19.

Visit the [Spring Fly-In page](#) for more information, including the day's agenda and answers to your frequently asked questions.

[RSVP FOR FLY-IN HERE](#)

JOIN WEBINAR ON SOIL: WHERE IT ALL BEGINS EDUCATION PROGRAM



NACD URBAN & COMMUNITY WEBINAR SERIES

**SOIL: WHERE
IT ALL BEGINS**

AIMEE FIGGATT
NACD Stewardship and
Education Coordinator

 **March 18, 2026**
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

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Next week, join NACD for the next Urban and Community Conservation Webinar, 'Soil: Where It All Begins,' on **March 18, at 4:00 p.m. ET**, covering NACD's Stewardship & Education Programming! [Register here.](#)

Conservation District, and represented Virginia on NACD's Board of Directors. Over his career, he received many accolades, including being honored in [NACD's Hall of Distinction](#).

John was a strong advocate for assistance to help with the rehabilitation of dams, particularly those which are the responsibility of conservation districts. Over his career, he worked for USDA-NRCS, the National Watershed Coalition, International Erosion Control Association, Kemps Consultants, and served in many volunteer roles.

Celebrate John's life and read more about his conservation legacy [here](#).



NACD also sends condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Thomas Francis Quink.

Tom worked with local and national conservation districts, including serving as a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Board of Directors, and he was the primary editor from 1991-2003 of Forestry Notes, a month newsletter of the NACD Forestry Committee.

Celebrate Tom's life and read more about his

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WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

The House Committee on Agriculture passed a Farm Bill with bipartisan support after nearly 24 hours of markup. The conservation title of the proposed Farm Bill largely mirrors what was introduced in 2024, though includes only a strict reauthorization of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Otherwise, the bill maintains the longstanding system of voluntary, incentive-based, and locally led conservation that producers and conservation districts rely on.

NACD urges you to engage with your congressional representatives during the Spring Fly-In on March 25, 2026, or beyond to share the importance of passing a bipartisan Farm Bill.

SMALL TOOL, BIG IMPACT: DISTRICT SOLUTION FOR WEED BARRIER INSTALLATION



Every conservation district has those tasks that take more time and labor than we'd like. For many of us, installing weed barrier fabric during tree planting season is one of them.

For the **Hutchinson Conservation District** in South Dakota, one of the most physically demanding parts of the process was laying the fabric and installing the staples.

When you're installing thousands of staples by hand, that means a lot of bending, sore backs, and worn-out hands. Some crews would throw staples to avoid bending, but accuracy wasn't always there. Over time, the district knew there had to be a better way.

So, they built one.

conservation legacy [here](#).

Help Improve Soil Health Tool, Receive Personalized Report

Farmers and ranchers in the Southwest, South Central, Southeast, and Northeast regions are invited to participate in a project to help improve the national Soil Health Assessment Protocol and Evaluation (SHAPE) tool that aims to improve soil health benchmarking across the country.

Participating landowners will receive:

- Compensation for their time (~ 1 hour) for helping.
- A personalized soil health report of their fields.
- A copy of a book called "Probing Our Country's Soil Health," which illustrates soil health across the country and the project outcomes.

Conservation districts, please share this opportunity with farmers, ranchers, and organizations near you that might be interested.

Farmers and ranchers interested in participating will need to:

- Sign up for a one-hour Zoom Meeting where a facilitator will lead you through a management survey for 2 or 3 fields.
- Grant access to fields for hand-probe soil sampling 2 or 3 sampling sites from each field.

To enroll as a participant, click on [this booking page](#) to schedule an appointment.

To learn more about this project, see the short video, [Probing Our Country's Soil Health](#).

Designed in the Shop, Tested in the Field

The Hutchinson Conservation District designed and prototyped a staple pusher in-house, using equipment in their own shop. After refining the design through a few prototypes, they partnered with a local machine shop to finalize production.

The concept is simple and practical. A staple slides into a slotted groove and is held in place by a magnet. The operator positions the tool over the fabric and pushes down. The weight of the tool helps drive the staple into the soil, with no repeated bending required. If the ground is firm, a second push sets it tight.

With the staple pusher, crews can now install staples accurately while standing upright and even keep pace with the tractor laying fabric ahead of them.

"We built this tool because labor is one of our largest expenses," said **Bryan Kludt**, District Manager for the Hutchinson Conservation District. "Making the job faster and easier benefits our employees and our bottom line."

Why It Matters

Planting trees and installing a weed barrier are foundational conservation practices, especially for shelter belts, but they are also time-sensitive and labor-intensive.

By reducing bending and improving placement accuracy, the staple pusher increases efficiency and reduces strain. While anyone can benefit from it, Kludt noted that adults and older staff especially appreciate the reduced physical demand.

For conservation districts working with limited crews and tight seasonal windows, small improvements in workflow can make a big difference. This is a practical example of conservation districts doing what they've always done best: identifying challenges in the field and finding workable solutions.



READ THE FULL STORY ON NACD'S BLOG

FRIENDS OF NACD SUPPORTS EIGHT NEW LOCALLY LED PROJECTS

This project is mainly sponsored by NRCS with contributions from other public and private partners.

Build Skills at NWC Spring Workshop

The National Watershed Coalition (NWC), **Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts**, and the Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet - Division of Conservation, are hosting a Spring Workshop, "Tools for Protecting and Preserving Our Watershed Investments."

The workshop will take place in Bowling Green, KY, on April 7 to 9, 2026. [View the agenda here](#) and register by March 23 on [NWC's website](#).

Sign up for Farm Force 2026

Conservation district employees nationwide are invited to join Farm Force 2026, a Vermont-Virgin Islands workforce development collaboration designed to help you become a Certified Conservation Planner or achieve NRCS Job Approval Authority.

The program includes an intensive in-person bootcamp on May 2 to 9, 2026, in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, plus monthly virtual sessions, hands-on field projects, peer support networks, and practical training in conservation planning, grazing systems, agroforestry, soil health, and small-scale engineering practice design and implementation.

With food and lodging included, financial aid



At our Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, last month, we were thrilled to kick off another year of the Friends of NACD Grant program!

As NACD enters our seventh year of offering these grants, we are pleased to say we've now distributed over \$115,000 to 47 districts across 29 U.S. states and territories. We had exceptionally high interest in these grants this cycle and received a record number of 61 applications. This made choosing the top eight proposals all the more difficult, but after working with volunteers from our District and Partner Relations Committee, we are pleased to announce the following awardees and their projects.

- Guam – **Southern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District**, *Restoring Resilience – A Community Invasive Species Project in Southern Guam*
- Louisiana – **Rapides Soil and Water Conservation District**, *Project Greaux CenLA*
- Maine – **Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District**, *Lamoine Beach Park Dune Restoration*
- Maine – **Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District**, *Nature-based Techniques for Shoreline Stabilization Demonstration*
- Michigan – **Alger Conservation District**, *Tree Sale Workshops and Conservation Speed Dating*
- Michigan – **Allegan Conservation District**, *Ecological Treatment and Restoration Strike Team*
- Puerto Rico – **Distrito Caribe de Conservación de Suelos y Agua**, *A Tree in Your Life – Gabia Forest*
- Washington – **Kitsap Conservation District**, *Planting Seeds, Harvesting Community*

Read more about each of the new projects in [NACD's latest blog post](#).

Since 2020, this program has awarded up to \$2,500 to districts for conservation initiatives. The Friends of NACD District Grants Program is our only grant program supported by direct contributions to the organization, and our only grant program that is open exclusively to dues-paying members.

Those who contribute to the program—including NACD's board members, past presidents, district officials and employees, and our supportive partners—know they are providing meaningful opportunities for local districts to impact conservation in their communities.

available, and a focus on building local capacity, strengthen your technical credentials and expand your district's conservation delivery capacity.

This training will prepare participants to work towards Conservation Planner Certification or NRCS Job Approval Authority.

Learn more and sign up [here](#).

Membership Corner

Don't forget that access to our [Members Only](#) section is a benefit for dues-paying members at any level!

This hub of district resources is full of guides and instructional information to help you enhance your district's operations.

We also have information on NACD's advocacy efforts, like our most recent policy book and an archive of the Congressional and Executive Action updates that our CEO and Government Affairs team have been producing since February 2025.

If you need help accessing the Members Only page or have recommendations on the development of future resources, please [reach out to us!](#)



Can we count on you to help fund more of these projects in 2027? We need your support to continue awarding these grants to districts with impactful conservation ideas. For a limited time, we are offering an 80th anniversary t-shirt to anyone who donates \$100 or more!



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Promote your conservation district or state association's tree sale, annual meeting, webinar, field day, or other events on NACD's [Calendar of Events!](#)

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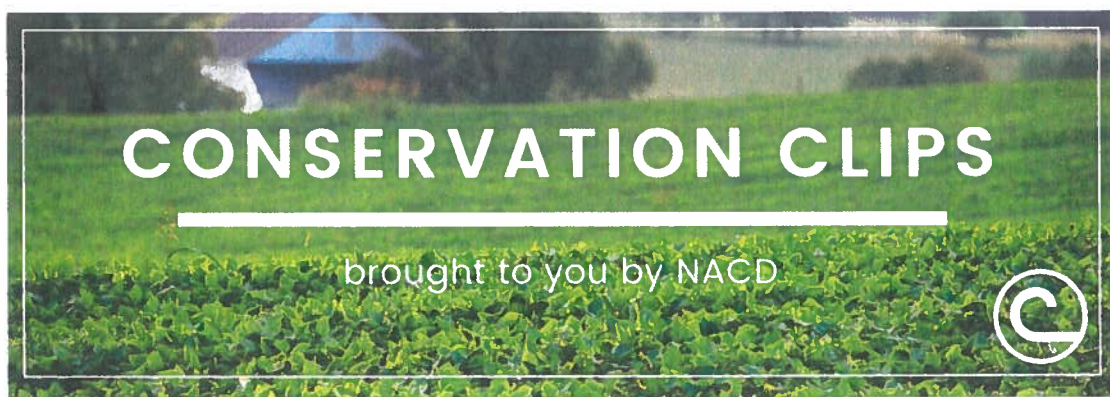
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NACD Blog: [Friends of NACD Supports Eight New Innovative, Locally Led Projects](#)

By Jackson Moody

03/10/2026

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Environmental Law Institute: [Finding Common Ground: Advancing Flood Resilience Through Collaborative Nature-Based Solutions](#)

By Journey Lipscomb

02/19/2026

Whether or not they are formally involved in hazard mitigation planning, many districts already undertake work that helps to mitigate flooding. For example, wetland restoration efforts—though often primarily intended to conserve habitat and improve water quality—can also provide important flood mitigation functions by enhancing the ecosystem's natural ability to absorb water during heavy rainfall events.

Brownfield Ag News: [American Farmland Trust evaluating conservation practices that deliver profit gains for farmers](#)

By Nicole Heslip

03/10/2026

(Edited) Recent studies by American Farmland Trust are helping to showcase the economic benefits of soil health practices across nearly a dozen states. He encourages growers to try the **National Association of Conservation**

District's Resource Stewardship Evaluation Tool to see how practices can be adapted on their farms and the potential benefits.

USDA: [USDA Announces New Funding to Connect Farmers to Local Markets](#)

03/10/2026

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced it has awarded over \$26.8 million to grant projects through the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP). The program helps local and regional food entities develop, coordinate, and expand producer-to-consumer marketing, local and regional food markets, and local food enterprises. LAMP includes the Farmers Market Promotion Program, Local Food Promotion Program, and the Regional Food System Partnerships.

Iowa Agri Business Radio Network: [USDA Bridge Assistance Payments already reaching farmers](#)

By Dustin Hoffman

03/10/2026

Farmers across the country are already signing up for the new Farmer Bridge Assistance payments through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program was designed to provide short term financial relief to producers ahead of the 2026 growing season, and USDA officials say participation has been strong since enrollment opened in late February.



Farm Progress: [An attractive way for next generation to go regenerative](#)

By Minday Ward | *Missouri* | *North Central Region*

02/24/2026

For this ninth-generation farmer, bringing back prairie plants and grazing sheep represented a dramatic shift for the operation. When Karr and his wife, Dahrea, returned to his family's farm in 2021, they moved away from reliance on row crops toward a more diversified operation with livestock and perennials. What they found was that the new approach reduced their financial risk.

Merced Sun Star: [Why almost 67% of Allegheny County's streams are ranked as 'impaired'](#)

By Mary Ann Thomas | *Pittsburgh, PA* | *Northeast Region*

03/08/2026

The **Allegheny Conservation District** received \$176,417 for water quality improvement projects in the Mon River valley communities, including the Fallen Timber Run watershed. Statewide, the program is funneling \$17.3 million to 89 projects.

Morning Ag Clips: [Implementing Conservation Practices and Conducting Educational and Outreach Programs Lead to Water Quality Improvement in the Little River](#)

By Rene Ray De La Cruz | *Temple, TX* | *South Central Region*

03/09/2026

The TSSWCB partnered with the **Little River-San Gabriel** and **Central Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts** to develop and implement seven Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs) in these watersheds. The WQMPs were site-specific plans developed for poultry, grazing, and row crop operations that covered over 1,700 acres.

South Dakota Soil Health Coalition: [Building operational resilience with soil health](#)

By Stan Wise | *Pierre, SD | Northern Plains Region*

03/02/2026

Resilience. It's one of the prizes that keeps conservation-minded land managers striving for improved soil health. Operational resilience in the face of floods, market fluctuations, rising input costs, extreme temperatures, and of course, drought. A healthy, functional soil can help a farm or ranch survive all of them. It's a concept that Terry Ness fully adopted in 1990 on his operation just east of Pierre, SD, and he's been devoted to it ever since.

Wellsboro Gazette: [Reclaiming resources from the ground up](#)

By Kristie Bowles | *Wellsboro, PA | Northeast Region*

03/12/2026

Upham is a watershed specialist for the **Tioga County Conservation District** and began the conservation fair last year as an event where organizations that work to preserve, conserve and reclaim the natural resources in the area can come together to pool the knowledge and strategies they have used to effect change.

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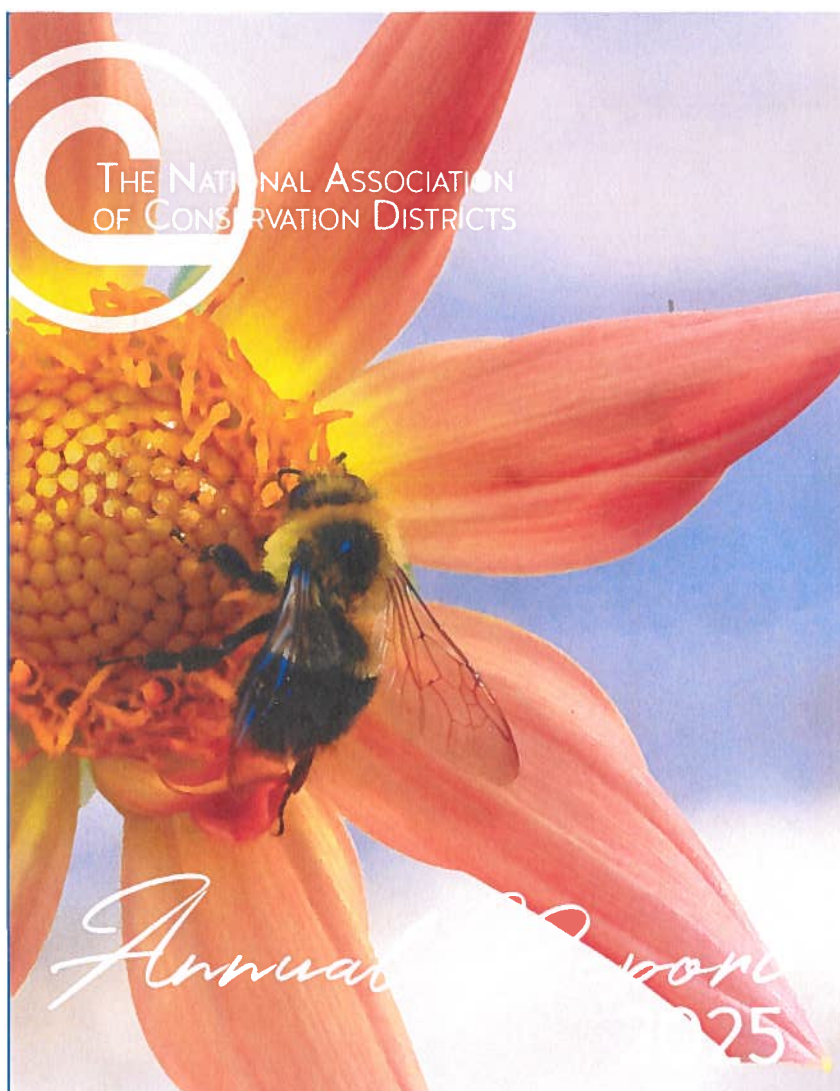
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**NACD PUBLISHES
2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

March 24, 2026





The National Association of Conservation District's [2025 Annual Report](#) has arrived! Browse the latest publication from NACD to catch up on activities, programs, and priorities from the last year.

In 2025, NACD, conservation districts, state and territory associations, and conservation partners across the U.S. continued to deliver natural resources conservation for working and natural lands.

In this completely revamped edition of the Annual Report, you'll find updates on NACD FY25 financials, advocacy efforts, national meetings, and more!

You'll also read about how conservation districts across the country are continuing to champion locally led conservation in their communities with the support of NACD grants and programs, including:

- How year-round educational resources are supporting classroom programs, library events, outdoor learning days, and more;
- Where in Texas and Alabama, NACD's Perimeter Fencing grant program has helped control feral swine and reduce damages to producers' land;
- How a Soil Health Champion in Oklahoma is training veterans and first responders in safe bee hive removal, allowing the pollinators to thrive in a new location.

On behalf of all of us at NACD, we are proud to be your national voice and look forward to the great work we have already started to accomplish together in 2026.

NACD Seeks Director of Membership

NACD seeks a **Director of Membership Engagement** to lead analysis, planning, and coordination of NACD's membership engagement and service delivery efforts. The Director works with conservation districts, state associations, and NACD leadership to assess district capacity, identify member needs, and develop services that strengthen member value and organizational resilience. This role provides analysis and recommendations that inform NACD's membership programs, engagement strategies, and long-term sustainability.

The position can be based in Washington, D.C., or remotely. See the [position description here](#) and apply by **March 27** to receive priority consideration.

Watch Webinar on *Soil: Where it All Begins* Education Program



Missed the last Urban and Community Conservation Webinar? Watch the '*Soil: Where It All Begins*,' covering NACD's Stewardship & Education Programming [recording here](#).

Hosted in partnership with The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation, watch to hear from Aimee Figgatt,

READ THE REPORT HERE

JOIN CONSERVATION COFFEE ON BREWING PARTNERSHIPS



Join NACD's next Conservation Coffee webinar, *Brewing Partnerships: Tackling Nitrate in Northeast Nebraska – Producer Outreach and Source Water Protection Through the Lower Elkhorn and Lewis & Clark Natural Resources Districts* on April 23 at 3:00 p.m. ET.

Presented by Jim Olson, Source Water Protection Specialist, learn how proactive outreach and producer partnerships are protecting drinking water in northeast Nebraska.

Nitrate contamination remains a persistent drinking water challenge across agricultural regions of the Midwest. This presentation shares an outreach model used in northeast Nebraska to proactively engage producers and communities whose water supplies are approaching the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency nitrate maximum contaminant level. The session will highlight communication strategies, measurable outcomes, and lessons learned and explore the value of building a collaborative Source Water Protection Network to expand conservation impact.

[Register for free here](#) to receive a link to join.

WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

NACD members from across the country are in Washington, D.C., this week to meet with their congressional representatives to encourage passage of a bipartisan Farm Bill and continued funding of conservation programs and technical assistance. We look forward to welcoming those who are able to join us.

Make sure you're prepared by watching our [Virtual Advocacy Training webinar recording](#) and reviewing this year's [Issue Papers](#). Please note, it may be a little chilly in the morning, but we are expecting it to be a beautiful day for conservation!

Visit the [Spring Fly-In page](#) for more information, including the day's agenda and answers to your frequently asked questions.

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Save the Date: Northeast Region Meeting

The NACD Northeast Region invites you to save the date for the 2026 region meeting on **August 24-27, 2026**, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, Delaware.

[Submit a proposal](#) to host a breakout session presentation at the meeting by **April 3**.

Find more [information about the meeting here](#).

Utah Brings a Fresh Approach to Supervisor Training

The **Utah Association of Conservation Districts** is developing interactive training modules that replace traditional slide decks with video-based, scenario-driven learning. Each module includes supplemental materials with detailed information and relevant documents tied directly to the training.

Utah invites others to explore the modules [on UACD's website](#). Select a module, enter your name, and get started!

NCDEA Hosts Training on Building

Provide Comments on NRCS Conservation Practice Standards

NRCS is reviewing and requesting feedback on the Conservation Practice Standards. They have provided redline changes to 48 current practice standards and a way to comment. Please take some time to review and provide comments.

Your input will help ensure technical assistance is relevant, flexible, and truly addresses the resource concerns affecting your operations. NRCS has posted the redline documents for 48 conservation practice standards on the NRCS [CPS Website](#) - just click and then scroll down the page to see the listing. Comments should be submitted via [CPS Feedback](#) by **April 7, 2026**.

Please note, the posted Conservation Practice Standard documents are **Pre-Decisional/Deliberative**, meaning they are not final policy and some have not yet been published to the federal register for public comment. This opportunity to provide feedback is in addition to the public comment period available in the Federal Register. Comments received will not be publicly posted.

DISTRICT COLLABORATIONS CROSS COUNTRY BORDERS

In conservation, it is often seen that natural resources, and the issues associated with them, do not adhere neatly with human borders. Many conservation districts work across municipal, county, and state boundaries. Some, like the **Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** in Maine, lie on national borders – in this case, the easternmost border of Canada – and must collaborate internationally to address land, water, wildlife, and agricultural concerns.

One such collaboration is that of Washington County SWCD's work on Canada's Campobello Island, just east of Lubec, Maine. Just as the natural resources flow across boundaries, so do people in this area. Many families and communities on the island, and in surrounding areas, are made up of both Canadian and American citizens. As Nate Pennell, Past Executive Director of Washington County SWCD, remarks, "We're all Down East folks, whether you're in Canada, or on the islands, or where[ever] you are here."



While Campobello Island is part of New Brunswick, Canada, it holds cultural significance to both countries and is home to Canadians and

a Strong Onboarding Process

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**FIRST IMPRESSIONS MATTER:
BUILDING AN ONBOARDING
PROCESS THAT RETAINS TALENT**



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Join the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA) for their next free virtual training, *First Impressions Matter: Building an Onboarding Process that Retains Talent*, tomorrow, **March 25, at 9:00 a.m. PT.**

Speaker Jenni Scotti of the **Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts** will explore why effective onboarding is critical for retaining talented employees and building strong conservation district teams. Learn how clear processes and intentional onboarding can help new employees integrate quickly, understand expectations, and contribute to long-term success.

Learn more and [register here](#).

Membership Corner

Take a look at the Advocacy section of our [Members Only](#) webpage to prepare for tomorrow's Spring Fly-In and year-round advocacy efforts! Here, you'll find additional guidance on how to engage with your local leaders and an archive of our policy and partnership updates.

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Americans. Notably, Campobello holds the Roosevelt Cottage property, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt spent their summers.

While fishing on Campobello Island, Pennell learned from Roosevelt Cottage staff that the property was facing erosion issues after a recent coastal storm. Washington County SWCD quickly volunteered to provide technical assistance for the property's erosion control and trail maintenance. They found that it would be quicker and easier for the district to provide this expertise since their office was only 20 miles away from Roosevelt Cottage and the corresponding Canadian office was over 100 miles away. As Pennell explains, "it matters not where the needs are, or who provides the services, so long as they are well-trained and caring people."

Collaboration with Canadian partners continues to be an important part of Washington County SWCD's work. Cross-border relationships are maintained by a variety of partnership committees for different resource concerns. Recently, watershed efforts have been the most prominent part of these partnerships for the district. To support the St. Croix River and Penobscot River watersheds, the district has installed multiple fish lifts as part of a larger effort within the two watersheds to keep the waterways healthy and preserve Atlantic Salmon, Brook Trout, and other native fish species.

The Washington County SWCD has built strong relationships with partner organizations on both sides of the border. These relationships allow for stronger and more holistic conservation and continue to be fruitful for the district's work.

Read the full story [on NACD's blog](#).

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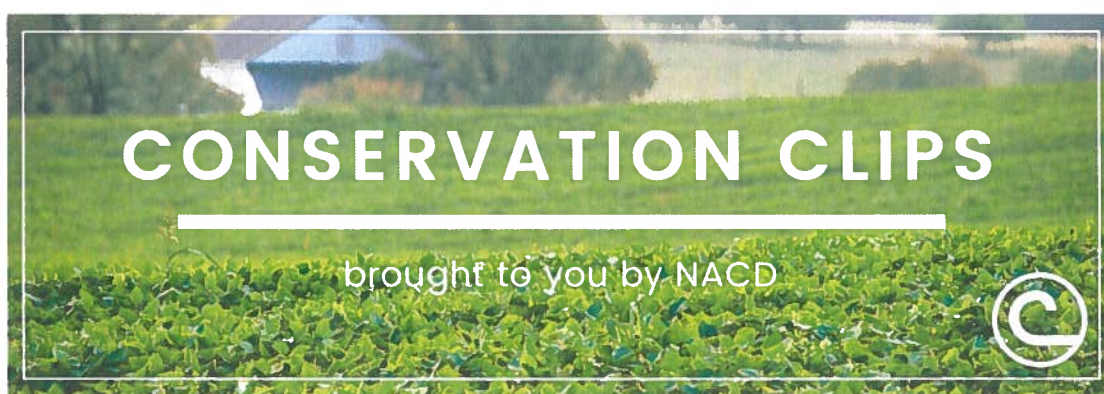
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NACD Blog: [District Collaborations Cross International Borders](#)

By Nika Colley

03/24/2026

In conservation, it is often seen that natural resources, and the issues associated with them, do not adhere neatly with human borders. Many conservation districts work across municipal, county, and state boundaries. Some, like the **Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District** in Maine, lie on national borders – in this case, the easternmost border of

Canada – and must collaborate internationally to address land, water, wildlife, and agricultural concerns.

NACD: [NACD and Bureau of Land Management Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Strengthen Conservation Efforts](#)

03/25/2026

Today, the **National Association of Conservation Districts** (NACD) and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), formalizing a strengthened partnership to advance conservation and shared stewardship across America's public and private lands.

NACD: [NACD Leadership Advocates for Locally Led Conservation at Spring Fly-In](#)

03/26/2026

Yesterday, **National Association of Conservation Districts** (NACD) leadership and over one hundred locally elected conservation district officials from nearly 30 states and territories across the country convened in Washington, D.C., for NACD's annual Spring Fly-In. Conservation district officials and their associations engaged directly with members of Congress and federal agencies to advance priorities that strengthen America's voluntary, locally led conservation delivery system.

Farms.com: [Data Driven Farming Boosts Soil Health](#)

03/18/2026

A new white paper highlights how precision agriculture is shaping the future of regenerative farming. The report explains how detailed field-level data and modern technology can help farmers improve productivity while protecting natural resources.

AgWeb: [Congress Eyes 'Skinny' Farm Bill and \\$15B in Ag Aid](#)

By Michelle Rooks

03/25/2026

The House and Senate Agriculture Committees are working on passing a “skinny” farm bill alongside \$15 billion in farm aid. On the Senate side, Agriculture Committee Ranking Member John Boozman says he expects work on the farm bill to begin within weeks, rather than months. The House version of the bill is gaining momentum after successfully passing out of the House Agriculture Committee.

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Farmers.gov: [Fridays on the Farm: Leading with Conservation](#)

By Jolene Bopp | *Iowa* | *North Central Region*

03/13/2026

This Friday meet Nicole Vernon of Jones County, Iowa, where she raises cattle, corn, soybeans, and hay. Nicole started her farm in 2016, purchasing 100 acres just before her senior year at Iowa State University. Nicole moved to the farm soon after purchasing the land, splitting her time between classes and the field. Now, 10 years later, Nicole and her husband, Jon, farm alongside her parents where their cows rotate through pastures, cover crops and feed.

USA Today: [New farmers tackle Alaska's food insecurity challenges](#)

By Kit Bernardi | *Alaska* | *Pacific Region*

03/17/2026

Today, Palmer is a hotbed of innovative food security initiatives. According to the 2022 Department of Agriculture Census, more than 47% of the Matanuska-Susitna-Anchorage County Agricultural District's farmers are women, many working small operations under ten acres.

Brownfield Ag News: [Michigan Association of Conservation Districts says new funding expands staffing, training, and conservation growth](#)

By Nicole Heslip | *Michigan* | *North Central Region*

03/19/2026

The Executive Director of the **Michigan Association of Conservation Districts** says a new grant will help streamline services and reduce administrative burdens on local offices. Rivkah Hodgkinson tells Brownfield, "We just received a \$1.6 million grant from the Erb Family Foundation, and the entire purpose of this grant is to allow us to help build administrative capacity at districts statewide."

Times Leader: [DCNR helps Pennsylvanians replace invasive plants with native species for free](#)

Pennsylvania | *Northeast Region*

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The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources this week announced it will cover the costs for Pennsylvanians to remove invasive trees and shrubs and replace them with native species for the second year in a row. Through the Pennsylvania Invasive Replace-ive Program, Pennsylvania residents who remove up to three invasive plants can receive native replacements at designated events in May.

News Pub: [Northwest Vermont watershed organizations talk actions to prevent flooding](#)

Vermont | *Northeast Region*

03/24/2026

Still, the **Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation Districts** on the case for flood safety in other parts of the county. In Montgomery, Brand said the district has been working with the town on ways to improve flood mitigation in one of the more mountainous municipalities in Franklin County.

Morning Ag Clips: [Historic Spanish Ranch Land Grant Conserved in Perpetuity by Local Ranching Family in Partnership With California Rangeland Trust](#)

New Cuyama, CA | Pacific Region

03/24/2026

El Rancho Español de Cuyama, commonly referred to as Spanish Ranch, a historic property in the heart of Cuyama Valley, has been voluntarily conserved by the Doiron family through a conservation easement completed in partnership with the California Rangeland Trust. This more than 5,650-acre ranch represents the largest remaining piece of the original 22,000-acre Mexican land grant from 1843.

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DELATLANTIC SCD STRENGTHENS FORESTRY CAPACITY IN NEW JERSEY

In southern New Jersey, the **DelAtlantic Soil Conservation District (SCD)**, formerly Cape Atlantic Conservation District, began its forestry work with limited capacity to meet a growing local need. After a Northeast Mid-Atlantic Partnership for Forests and Water meeting, District Manager Michael Kent met Annica McGuirk, then NACD's Northeast Representative, who encouraged him to utilize NACD's Technical Assistance (TA) grant program to support their needs.

"I tailored the TA grant toward forestry," **said Kent**. "A lot of it was outreach and capacity building, working with NRCS, helping their forester write plans, and seeing how the district could fill the gap."

DelAtlantic received the grant and brought a forester onto staff to help build the program. That early investment laid the foundation for lasting growth.

"In the beginning, it was building capacity," **explained Kent**. "Now we can write forest management plans ourselves with a New Jersey approved forester on staff, and the next step is helping landowners implement what's in those plans."

Later, a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant expanded that momentum, allowing the district to continue growing its forestry services.

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Forestry News & Resources

[Wasco Soil and Water Conservation District Restoration Award](#)

[U.S. Forest Service and Great Sioux Nation forge historic co-stewardship agreement for Black Elk Wilderness](#)

[Urban Wood Utilization Guide: A Playbook for Establishing a Municipal Program](#)

Lake County CD Keeping MN Forests Resilient

Lake County, Minnesota, home to Lake Superior, the Superior National Forest, and the



Though often stereotyped as industrial and urban, New Jersey is surprisingly forested.

"We're 41% canopy cover in the state," said **District Forester John Hooven**.

Some communities they've worked with reach nearly 48% canopy coverage—remarkable for a state of nine million people. The New Jersey pine barrens, a 1.1-million-acre fire-dependent ecosystem situated atop one of the world's largest freshwater aquifers, dominate the southern region.

"We have the largest area of pitch pine-dominated forest on the East Coast," said **Hooven**.

Further north, the Highlands protects drinking water resources with stands of northern hardwoods—sugar maple, oak, and hickory. New Jersey has 1.94 million acres of forest land, of which 42% is privately owned.

"People think New Jersey is just the Jersey Shore and the Sopranos," **Kent joked**. "But we're in the middle of nearly 2 million acres of forest that needs to be managed."

[READ THE FULL STORY ON NACD'S BLOG](#)

GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY IN ACTION: LESSONS FROM LEADERS

Conservation districts are using Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreements to achieve shared goals with federal partners, deliver meaningful outcomes for local communities, and leverage diverse funding opportunities. To help more districts explore how GNA can work in practice, NACD hosted a three-part webinar series this fall featuring conservation district leaders who shared their firsthand experiences and lessons learned.

This article highlights key insights from those conversations and includes links to each webinar, offering conservation districts a practical look at the benefits, challenges, and on-the-ground realities of partnering through GNA agreements

What is GNA?

Boundary Waters, is a landscape where forests and clean water are deeply connected.

With less than a quarter of the county in private ownership, each acre plays an outsized role in maintaining forest health. At **Lake County SWCD**, District Forester Jenna Kaiser and Conservation Specialist Nate Quadhamer work directly with landowners to address forest health threats, reduce wildfire risk, and protect forested watersheds.

The most urgent challenges are spruce budworm outbreaks and the spread of emerald ash borer. Dense balsam fir understories, shaped by decades of fire suppression, are accelerating tree mortality, while black ash faces near-total loss due to EAB. Climate change is compounding both issues, with warmer conditions allowing pests to spread more rapidly and reducing the reliability of cold winters to limit their impact.

To respond, the district connects landowners with funding and technical support, primarily through USDA-NRCS EQIP programs focused on fuels reduction and forest stand improvement.

In just a three-month period, staff planned or certified treatments across 267 acres, leading the Arrowhead region in EQIP-approved acres for 2025.

Their work highlights how local capacity and landowner engagement are essential to sustaining resilient forests in northern Minnesota.

[Read the Full Story
Here](#)

New Resources for At Risk Forests

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) has released a new set of Regional Climate

The Good Neighbor Authority enables state agencies and conservation districts to partner with the U.S. Forest Service to implement management activities on federal lands. Through GNA, local entities can deliver projects focused on forest health, watershed restoration, and wildfire resilience that align with federal priorities while utilizing local capacity.

Webinar 1: Community Led Conservation on Federal Lands (NM)

J.R. Logan and Grace Powell from the **Taos Soil and Water Conservation District** highlighted how their district and partners in northern New Mexico are using GNA to advance community-led forest management on federal lands. In response to wildfire risk and watershed degradation, the district used GNA to move from consultation to co-management, allowing local priorities to guide work. Partners coordinated funding to reduce hazardous fuels, protect water supplies, engage local labor, and rebuild trust. Key outcomes included youth monitoring crews and community forestry projects that strengthened workforce capacity, cultural connections, and demonstrated districts' role as trusted intermediaries delivering landscape-scale results.

[Watch: Community-Led Conservation on Federal Lands Webinar](#)

"The agreement gives districts and the local community not just a seat at the table, but real leverage to make sure our management priorities are heard—and implemented—on federal lands."

— J.R. Logan, Consulting Watershed Coordinator, Taos Soil and Water Conservation District; Owner, Del Medio Forestry LLC

Webinar 2: Using GNA to Transform Disaster into Economic Development (NC)

Barbara Bleiweis from the **Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District** shared how conservation districts in North Carolina are using GNA to turn hurricane recovery into long-term economic and environmental benefits through biochar production. After Hurricane Helene, massive hardwood debris posed wildfire and landfill risks across western North Carolina. Through partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service, state agencies, private industry, and local districts, GNA is enabling streamlined debris removal and on-site biochar production using mobile technology. This approach cuts transportation and landfill impacts while supporting soil restoration, watershed protection, workforce development, and scalable rural economic opportunity, demonstrating GNA's potential to advance shared stewardship beyond disaster response.

[Watch: Transforming Disaster Recovery into Economic Development](#)

"The Good Neighbor Authority isn't about pilot projects—it's about scale. It allows us to move debris fast, reduce public safety risks, and turn disaster into lasting economic and conservation outcomes."

— Barbara Bleiweis, Chair, North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission; President, North Carolina Association of Conservation Districts

Change Risk Summaries to support forest managers, practitioners, and partners in identifying and prioritizing climate-related risks across U.S. forest systems.

Covering the Northeast and Lake States, Northwest, and Southeast, these summaries synthesize current science on observed and projected climate trends and translate them into practical considerations for forest management and planning. The resources are designed to help users better understand how shifting conditions, such as temperature, precipitation, disturbance regimes, and species dynamics, may impact forest health and resilience over time.

Developed through the SFI Climate Smart Forestry Initiative, in collaboration with Michigan State University's Forest Carbon and Climate Program and with support from the Doris Duke Foundation, the summaries provide a regionally specific foundation for climate risk assessment and adaptation.

They highlight key vulnerabilities and offer a framework for integrating climate considerations into existing management approaches, helping practitioners move from broad climate awareness to more targeted, place-based decision-making.

[The reports can be found here.](#)

CALENDAR

April 26 - May 1, 2026 | [NACD Stewardship Week](#)

May 5 - May 7, 2026 | [Sustainable Forestry Initiative Annual Conference](#) | Montreal, QC

July 17- 22, 2026 | [NACD Summer Meeting](#) | Grand Rapids, MI



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Webinar 3: Partnering with the U.S. Forest Service: Managing Invasive Species through GNA (MI)

Zach Peklo from the North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area revealed how conservation districts and Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) in northern Michigan are using GNA to tackle invasive species across federal, state, and private lands. Through partnerships among the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service, and local districts acting as fiscal agents, GNA funding supports treatment, surveying, and forest pest management on national forest lands. Flexible, annually renewed agreements allow partners to target priority infestations, close funding gaps, and coordinate work across boundaries, demonstrating how districts and CISMAs serve as trusted intermediaries delivering efficient, landscape-scale invasive species management.

[Watch: Partnering with the USFS for Invasive Species Management Through GNA](#)

"Invasive species don't respect property boundaries—Good Neighbor Authority lets us put boots on the ground where they're most needed and gives the Forest Service the local capacity they simply don't have on their own."

— Zach Peklo, Invasive Species Program Coordinator, North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

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OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings OACD family,

On Monday, March 2nd, I had the privilege of standing before the Opening General Session of the 88th Annual OACD State Meeting. Moments like that remind us why this partnership exists. When conservationists from every corner of Oklahoma gather in one room, we are not simply attending another meeting, we are carrying forward a legacy that began in the Dust Bowl and continues today through the leadership of people like you. This year's gathering felt especially significant. The energy in the room reflected not only pride in what we have accomplished together but also a shared belief that the work ahead of us matters now more than ever. This year's meeting carried a special energy, *amplified*, if you will.



Just days before our state meeting, the USDA approved the Advancing Markets for Producers (AMP) agreement, titled "*Building Profitable and Diverse Market Pathways, from Soil to Sales.*" This initiative represents a significant investment in Oklahoma producers and in the future of our agricultural economy. The project will focus on

strengthening market systems connected to beef cattle, pecans, specialty crops, and locally sourced foods. Through conservation practice implementation, OACD and our partners will work to build both operational and producer capacity so that farmers and ranchers have greater autonomy and opportunity in the marketplace.

We recognize it's not the size of the gift that matters most, but who is entrusted to deliver it. No partnership is better positioned than the Oklahoma conservation partnership to carry this work forward. That is why this investment is so meaningful.

OACD is proud to directly incentivize Oklahoma producers with \$3.45 million in direct payments to farmers and ranchers. In addition to this financial support, the program will provide technical assistance, soil testing, and market development resources designed to strengthen long term profitability and resilience.

While capital alone is not a panacea for the financial challenges many producers face today, it does create the mental and emotional capacity to think bigger, with more optimism, and to move beyond simply surviving toward building operations that can truly thrive. By directing the largest percentage of any federally funded grant in OACD history straight to producers, we are reaffirming our belief in grassroots, producer led solutions and investing where it matters most: on the farm.

The scope of this agreement is personally meaningful to me as a producer actively engaged in agriculture. The challenges that keep me up at night are the same challenges facing the farmers, ranchers, and district cooperators across our state. Through this work, we have an opportunity to better reconcile conservation stewardship with financial sustainability at a meaningful scale. While programs are traditionally structured around locally identified resource concerns, this project starts with the individual. Our approach is to meet farmers and ranchers where they are and equip them with the resources necessary to improve economic resilience through soil health and value added products.

Oklahomans are no strangers to resilience. I am a fourth-generation farmer and rancher on both sides of my family. Whether that persistence is resilience or simply hardheadedness, my family, like many of yours, remained through the Dust Bowl and continues to operate today. That legacy reminds us that conservation and agriculture are not separate pursuits; they are deeply intertwined.

The Advancing Markets for Producers (AMP) initiative helps fulfill what OACD has long recognized: sustained conservation depends on strong producers who have financial stability through agency in the marketplace. This work aligns seamlessly with OACD's mission to protect Oklahoma's future through the preservation and stewardship of our natural resources; foremost among them, the family farm.

We cannot accomplish this work alone. Effective conservation was built on collaboration, partnership, and a shared commitment to Oklahoma's land and people. With our partners at USDA, Conservation Districts, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, tribal nations, and NGOs, we look forward to strengthening Oklahoma agriculture and rural communities, not only for today, but for generations to come.

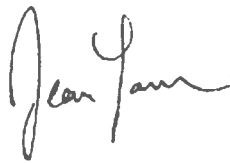
This program will only succeed if it succeeds at the district level.

As we begin implementing the Advancing Markets for Producers initiative, the role of conservation districts will be more important than ever. Districts are the trusted local leaders who translate conservation policy into practical solutions on the ground. Your relationships with producers, your understanding of local landscapes, and your commitment to stewardship are what make this partnership work.

In the months ahead, we will be working closely with districts to ensure producers understand the opportunities this program provides and how conservation practices can strengthen both their land and their operations. I encourage each district to stay engaged, ask questions, and help us connect with the producers who stand to benefit from this investment.

Together, we have an opportunity to demonstrate once again what Oklahoma's conservation partnership can accomplish when we work in unison. The work ahead will require collaboration, communication, and the same grassroots leadership that has defined our districts for generations.

Thank you for the leadership you provide to your communities and for the commitment you show every day to protecting Oklahoma's soil, water, and agricultural heritage.



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From the OACD Strategic Planning meeting last fall to the area caucus discussions held during the state meeting, a clear theme has emerged: investing in youth. Directors, district staff, and cooperators across Oklahoma have identified recruiting, retaining, and educating the next generation of land conservationists as a top priority.

This year marks the 75th National Land & Range Judging Contest, a milestone event that Oklahoma has proudly hosted every year since its inception. Participation continues to grow, with more than 980 4-H and FFA students and sponsors from 39 states attending last year. An even larger turnout is expected this year.

OACD invites conservation districts to become partner supporters by contributing \$100–\$250 to help offset registration costs for teams traveling to compete in Oklahoma.

Your support helps showcase Oklahoma hospitality, encourages youth engagement in conservation, and brings some of the nation's brightest agricultural students to our state.

If you would like to volunteer at NLRJ please contact Taylor Marshall at taylormarshall@okconservation.org

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Our partners at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau (OKFB) are offering two programs designed to inspire rural innovation and entrepreneurship.



AgCelerate Oklahoma supports innovators developing products, technologies, or solutions with direct applications for production agriculture. Participants work with mentors and industry experts to refine their



Activate Oklahoma focuses on entrepreneurs with ideas that can strengthen rural economies, regardless of industry. The program provides business development guidance, mentorship, and opportunities to

ideas, test market viability, and connect with producers and agricultural partners.

pitch concepts that could create jobs and economic growth in rural communities.

Applications for both programs are open **February 2 through April 3, 2026**. These programs are open to innovators and businesses that operate in or benefit rural Oklahoma communities (population under 50,000).

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In Gratitude: To everyone who supports OACD, our work, and our staff, a sincere thank you. Your commitment to conservation and to Oklahoma makes this partnership strong.

We hope that through everything we do, our passion, devotion, and dedication to conservation are evident.

If you had the opportunity to host a legislator at your table during the **Amber Waves of Excellence Banquet** on Monday evening, we encourage you to reach out to their office and extend a conservation family thank you for their time and support. Taking a moment to express appreciation helps strengthen the relationships that sustain conservation efforts across our state.

Our legacy belongs not only to those who came before us, but also to one another and the generations who will follow. In that spirit of gratitude, take a moment today to thank someone who showed up and helped move conservation forward.

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Yard by Yard Community Resiliency Project

Flutter Flyer



Introduction

Welcome to the Flutter Flyer, the quarterly newsletter for the Yard by Yard Community Resiliency Project! For new participants (and anyone who could use a refresher), we start things off with an overview of the Yard by Yard program, followed by program updates and helpful articles from our staff. Thank you all for taking the pledge to do your part to make a difference... Yard by Yard!



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- News and Announcements
- Practice Spotlight: Brush Piles
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- and more!

What is Yard by Yard?

The Yard by Yard Project encourages residents in cities and towns to add strength, health, and resiliency to our communities! This happens when yards are managed to improve soil health and contribute to clean water. Yard by Yard recognizes and supports citizens who take action to make their yards resilient and nature-friendly. The Yard by Yard program aims to provide three things: 1) recognition for having property that is nature friendly, 2) resources to help citizens create healthy and functional landscapes, and 3) food for our very important pollinators!

The Yard by Yard Project is sponsored by the Friends of Blue Thumb, the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission's Soil Health and Blue Thumb Programs, and by the conservation district in which you live.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oklahoma Native Plant Network Presents: The Welcoming Garden Speaker Series

Join the Oklahoma Native Plant Network for The Welcoming Garden Speaker Series: Creating Natural Spaces and Coexisting with Wildlife, an inspiring evening dedicated to building healthier landscapes and learning how to live in harmony with the wildlife around us. This special event features nationally recognized authors Heather Holm and Nancy Lawson, two leading voices in ecological gardening and wildlife-friendly practices.

Event In OKC

Friday, March 6th, 2026
4:30PM - 8:30PM
UCO Liberal Arts Building
100 N. University Dr., Edmond OK 73034

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

Event In Tulsa

Saturday March 7th, 2026
1:00PM - 5:00PM
UCO Liberal Arts Building
100 N. University Dr., Edmond OK 73034

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Blue Thumb Volunteer Training

Training in Stillwater

March 7th - 8th, 2025
8:30AM - 4:30PM
Oklahoma State University

Training in Tulsa

March 28th - 29th, 2026
8:30AM - 4:30PM
Chandler Park Community Center

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The Oklahoma Native Plant Society and the Oklahoma County Conservation District presents the 2nd Annual Tour of OKC's Native Yards and Plant Sale! Come Explore native plant gardens with like-minded folks, get inspired for your own garden and check out the vendors selling a wide variety of native plants including those seen on this self-guided tour.

Register Now at oknativeplants.org

Yard by Yard Distinguished Service Award

Receiving the Visionary Award is the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts Yard by Yard Program. Launched in 2020, the public campaign began as an "eco friendly" yard certification program to encourage urban citizens about the difference they could make by initiating even a few conservation practices in their own yards. Nearly 300 properties in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area have been certified to-date.

Practice Spotlight

Brush Piles

The role of sticks and stones in supporting wildlife

Brush and rock piles provide much needed shelter for native wildlife and are especially important through the cold winter months. While the idea of a "pile" may sound messy and unattractive, there are several ways to make these features attractive to both humans and wildlife! Winter is a great time to construct a brush pile that will be used by wildlife for years to come.

Rock Piles

If appearance is a primary concern, rock piles are a great way to provide wildlife shelter that looks great as a part of your home landscape. Build your pile directly on bare soil. Place larger rocks (or even PVC pipes and other sturdy materials) at the bottom of the pile to form stable chambers. Stack progressively smaller rocks as you build up the pile. Make sure to leave a few entrances and ensure that the chambers you create are stable. Lizards, toads, and other small wildlife will benefit from the heat absorbed by the rock pile during the day.



Rock pile by Wildlife Habitat Center of Virginia



Brush fence by Deborah Silve

Brush Fences

Brush fences are a more tidy alternative to a simple brush pile. They can be used alone, or built to surround your brush pile and hide it from view. Collect dead branches and trim them to uniform lengths (three to six feet works well). This will be the length of your "fence panel." Drive an upright support into the ground (t-posts or sturdy branches), spaced six to eight inches apart at intervals just shorter than the length of your "fence panels." Stack your cut branches in between these upright supports until your fence reaches the desired height.

Where to locate a brush pile

It is best to locate brush piles as far from the house as possible and out of view of passers-by. This will give wildlife the space and privacy they desire while also reducing the likelihood of issues with less desirable guests (mice and snakes) or cantankerous neighbors. Build your brush pile on the edge of, or just inside, a forested patch if possible to make it more appealing to wildlife. Make sure it is not in a low spot that will flood with heavy rains. If you can't get the brush pile far enough out of sight, growing native vines like passion flower and coral honeysuckle over top of your brush pile can disguise it with a layer of beautiful flowers and foliage.

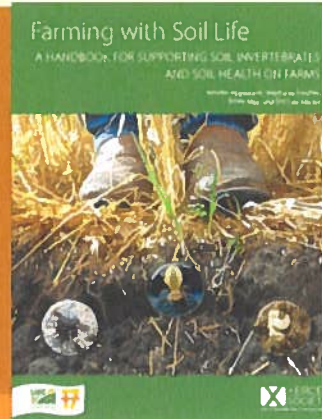
Winter Reading

Check out what the Yard by Yard team has been reading this Winter

Farming with Soil Life

Author: Jennifer Hopwood, Stephanie Frischie, Emily May, and Eric Lee-Mader

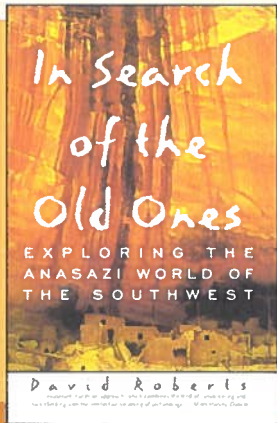
A free downloadable book from S.A.R.E. network. I like the book because not only does it talk about soil health and the farming practices that accompany it, but the book also has 73 profiles of the different micro and meso fauna in the soil, their roles, plus pictures to help you identify.



In Search of the Old Ones

Author: David Robert

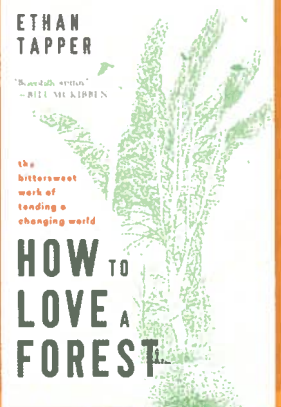
For at least 5000 years ancient indigenous people (often called the Anasazi) lived in the southwestern United States. They left behind priceless clues of their existence – cliff dwellings, pottery shards, pathways – and David Roberts takes you on a journey through time that will bring you close to these people and a time very different from our own.



How to Love a Forest

Author: Ethan Tapper

This is the story of Ethan Tapper, a forester in Vermont who is working to restore a forest at Bear island to its former health. The story is deeply personal and carries a strong sense of history and responsibility for the land. Drawing inspiration from Aldo Leopold, Ethan gives you a sense of how the landscapes he is working in have changed over the years and point toward a hopeful future.



Regenerative Agriculture

Podcast
by John Kempf

How about a Podcast?

Check out Regenerative Agriculture Podcast with John Kempf to learn more about soil health!



Sam Says!

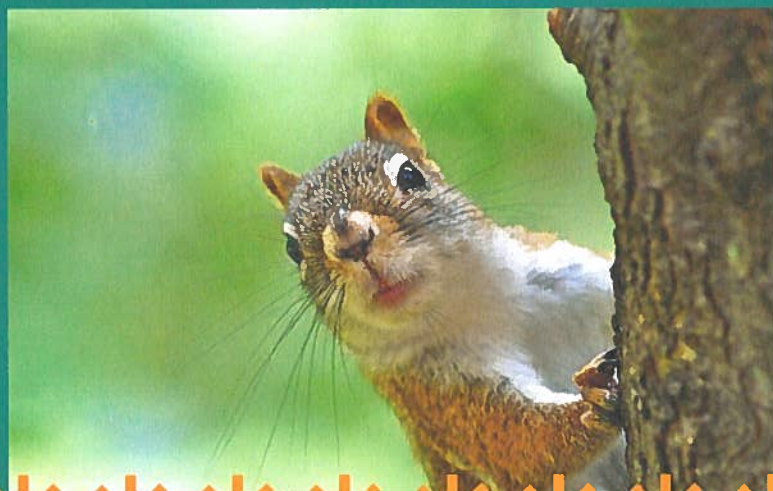


With days getting so warm (thank you climate change) it hasn't been feeling much like winter, but winter it is! In fact we have several weeks of winter left. Cheryl reminded me that sometimes I talk too much about raccoons. Surely nobody out there would ever get tired of hearing about raccoons, but I try to be open-minded.

I was relaxing in a small wooded area just outside of town (remember we raccoons acclimate to living close to people) and I was watching a couple of squirrels. They were really happy, and I guess a little hungry too. Instead of picking up nuts and acorns off the ground, they were running around and digging up nuts – nuts that they had likely hid earlier in the fall!



Squirrels are rodents, like rats, mice, prairie dogs, and gophers. In a study done several years ago, scientists learned that the brain size of squirrels actually increases in the fall and winter! Why would this happen? Scientists think that for squirrels to be able to find the nuts they have hidden, it takes more brain power. This is a great adaptation to getting by in colder weather, during which it takes more energy to survive. As for me, my brain is pretty superior and large all year long!!!



**Do you want to be featured in the
Flutter Flyer?**



Our favorite part of putting together this newsletter is when we get to spotlight you! And the amazing work that our community is doing in their own yards. Do you have a Yard by Yard story to share? We're inviting community members to submit short articles for our recurring newsletter feature, "In My Yard," and to send photos of your yard that we can highlight in an upcoming issue. Share what you're growing, learning, or loving in your yard—and help inspire others in our YxY community!

New Staff Working in Urban Conservation

Introducing.....

Amy Seiger

Soil Scientist and Urban Programs Lead

I was raised on a small cattle and pecan farm south of Ada, Ok and developed a passion for soil at the ripe age of 4th grade. My dad was a land judging coach and forced me to try it. Best forced decision ever, I haven't looked back. I was good at it and now I loved the farm and working on the farm but found a talent in identifying soil types and uses. Fast forward almost 40 years and I have traveled all avenues of career paths that have all led me back to soil health and helping landowners. My current position has allowed me to make a full circle moment by being the Oklahoma Conservation Commission's soil scientist and small and urban farm program director. Our small farm has continued to grow its pecan business allowing me to be able to understand and communicate with small production farmers about soil science, business opportunities, and conservation. I find joy in helping the public understand that every piece of open land, no matter the size can make a difference in the local ecosystem and contribute to the larger ecosystem, and they can make a difference through small changes and understanding.



Share Your Flutter Flyer

The Flutter Flyer is the seasonal newsletter for participants of the Yard by Yard Community Resiliency Project. Even though the newsletter is for a specific audience, the information is of a general enough nature to be helpful to lots of people. It is okay to go ahead and spread your Flutter Flyer to a larger group! This is how information moves into new places – by our sharing. Think about the friends you have who perhaps mow their yard really short. Think about a teacher at the local school who is known to do science projects. Think of a small business with a small green area or even just a planter who could qualify for a mini space sign. Just forward your Flutter Flyer their direction!

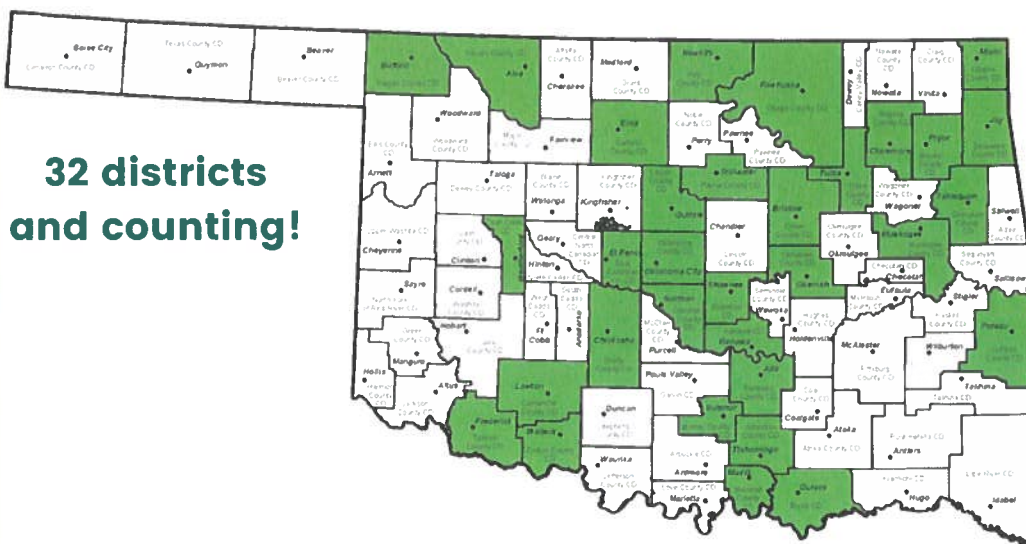
Participating Conservation Districts



Do you know your conservation district?

Conservation districts offer a variety of services to farmers and homeowners, including Yard by Yard. Learn more about your district here:

[conservation.ok.gov/
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Emergency Drought Committee Approves Assistance Program

Oklahoma City | The Emergency Drought Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, and voted to approve a new program aimed to provide emergency drought assistance to Oklahoma producers. The application period opens March 9 and runs through June 30, 2026.

The application will be available at local conservation districts and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission webpage beginning March 9.

Oklahoma State Climatologist Gary McManus attended Tuesday's meeting and provided a drought forecast. Gary reported that the majority of the state is under heightened drought conditions, with most areas in D1 (Moderate Drought), as reported by the [National Drought Monitor](#).

Eligible producers may apply for the following practices: Pasture Tap, Watering Facility, Pumping Plant, Pipeline, Pond Cleanout, and Water Well

Applications are first-come, first-served, and full program guidelines will be available soon on the Commission's website: <https://conservation.ok.gov/emergency-drought-assistance-program/>

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The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

JOIN US IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR NACD'S SPRING FLY-IN!

2026 NACD SPRING FLY-IN

MARCH 25, 2026
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Join conservation district leaders from across the country traveling to Washington, D.C., this year to participate in NACD's Spring Fly-In. Build relationships with congressional representatives and their staff, highlight the importance of locally led conservation, and advocate for strong federal conservation policies.

This Spring Fly-In is critical for conservation districts and our country's conservation delivery system. Your members of Congress need to hear from you directly about the critical impact of conservation districts and the need to pass a Farm Bill. The process of moving this necessary piece of legislation through the chambers of Congress has already begun.

Join us on **March 25**, beginning at **8:00 a.m. ET** in the Hart Senate Office Building with a Breakfast Briefing, followed by individually scheduled meetings with congressional offices. The day will end with a reception at **5:30 p.m. ET**.

Schedule meetings with your congressional representatives and their staff and [RSVP to let us know you will attend Spring Fly-In](#). If you need

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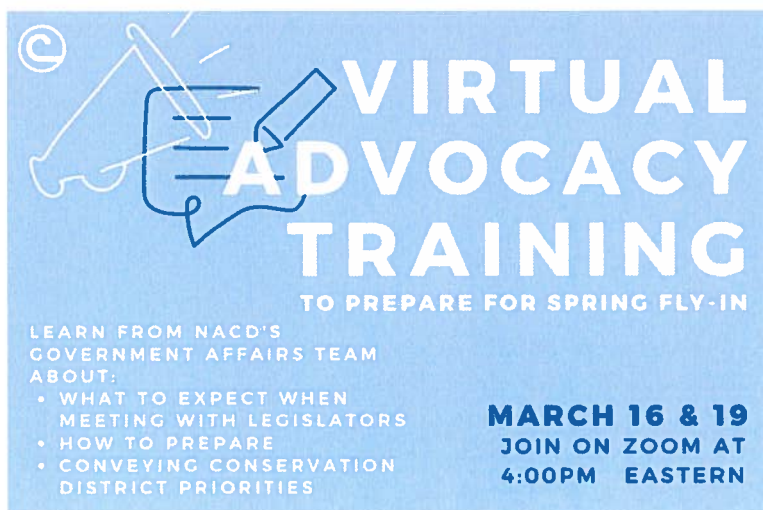


NACD Seeks Director of Membership

NACD seeks a **Director of Membership Engagement** to lead analysis, planning, and coordination of NACD's membership engagement and service delivery efforts. The Director works with conservation districts, state associations, and NACD leadership to assess district capacity, identify member needs, and develop services that strengthen member value and organizational resilience. This role provides analysis and recommendations that inform NACD's membership programs, engagement strategies, and long-term sustainability.

The position can be based in Washington, D.C., or remotely. See the [position description here](#) and apply by **March 27** to

guidance on who to meet with, please reach out to [Libby Wawro](#), NACD Director of Government Affairs.

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To prepare for the Spring Fly-In, the NACD Government Affairs team is holding two virtual advocacy training sessions. During these trainings you'll have time to review NACD's priorities, learn some tips and tricks for meeting with representatives, and ask the Government Affairs team questions. The same information will be presented at both sessions. [Register here](#) to join the session on **March 19 at 4:00 p.m. ET** or watch the recording from yesterday's session [here](#).

Visit the [Spring Fly-In page](#) for more information, including the day's agenda and answers to your frequently asked questions.

[RSVP FOR FLY-IN HERE](#)

EDUCATION KITS AND MATERIALS ARE READY

Great news! The supplies for the [2026 District Education Material Kits](#) have arrived, and we have made changes to help streamline order fulfillment to support the growth of the NACD Marketplace. Several kits are now assembled and ready to ship.

You can find the District Education Kits [on the NACD Marketplace](#). Options include a classroom kit for 25 students or a larger kit for up to 100 students. Each kit includes student journals, activity mats, coloring pages, and outreach materials. An optional soil probe is also available for hands-on demonstrations. These materials are designed to help districts easily host classroom visits, field days, or community events centered on this year's theme, "*Soil. Where It All Begins.*"

Stewardship Week will be celebrated **April 26 through May 3, 2026**. Please order **by April 20** to ensure your kit arrives in time for Stewardship Week activities. These kits make it easy for districts to



receive priority consideration.

Join Webinar on *Soil: Where it All Begins* Education Program

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NACD URBAN & COMMUNITY WEBINAR SERIES

Tomorrow, join NACD for the next Urban and Community Conservation Webinar, '*Soil: Where It All Begins*,' on **March 18, at 4:00 p.m. ET**, covering NACD's Stewardship & Education Programming! [Register here](#).

Hosted in partnership with The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation, join to hear from Aimee Figgatt, NACD Stewardship and Education Coordinator, about NACD's conservation stewardship and education materials. With Stewardship Week just around the corner, this is your opportunity to prepare by getting familiar with this year's soil health-themed education materials!

[Register Here](#)

National Cover Crop Survey

Farmers across the U.S.—whether they use cover crops, formerly used them, or have never planted covers—are invited to share their insights on cover crops in this year's [National Cover Crop Survey](#), being conducted by the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC), the USDA's

bring soil conservation education to students and communities across the country. *Not looking to have materials printed?* Many of our education materials are also available for [free digital download](#).

SHOP EDUCATION KITS



THE NATIONAL CONSERVATION FOUNDATION DEVELOPS CONSERVATION LEADERS

Did you know that NACD has a sister organization that cultivates, educates, and inspires conservation leaders of all ages? The **National Conservation Foundation (NCF)** was formed to develop our next generation of conservation leaders. Organized in 1952, the NCF supports the advancement of programs and partnerships to deliver conservation solutions through locally led environmental conservation and focuses on developing the next generation of conservation leaders. The foundation provides funding for public outreach, youth development, and leadership development programs.

Envirothon



Envirothon's start can be traced back to 1979, when the Pennsylvania Soil and Water Conservation Districts created an "Environmental Olympics." Their goal was to cultivate and expand high school students' interest in natural resource-based careers. The Environmental Olympics quickly gained popularity and grew rapidly to include 40 different teams at the 1987 Pennsylvania games.

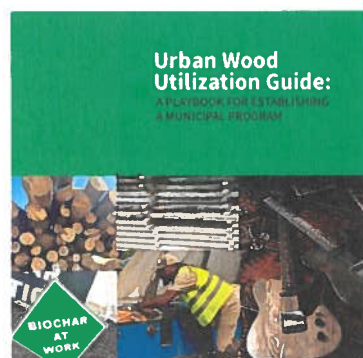
The massive success of the Environmental Olympics had gotten the attention of neighboring states. In 1988, teams from Pennsylvania,

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, and the American Seed Trade Association.

The survey is open until **March 31**. Responses are anonymous and should take about 15 minutes to complete. Visit the [CTIC website](#) to view reports from past surveys.

[Take Survey](#)

See Urban Wood Utilization Guide



The Urban Wood Utilization Guide was released in February 2026 to help cities, nonprofits, and urban forestry professionals turn downed trees and woody debris into a circular community reinvestment.

Produced by Unified Wood Economy and partners and funded by CAL FIRE and the USDA Forest Service, the Guide walks users through pre-planning, partnerships, implementation, and monitoring. It also highlights economic valuation tools, sustainability criteria, and strategies for integrating wood utilization into broader climate and waste reduction goals.

Access the guide and supporting tools [here](#).

Ohio, and Massachusetts joined together to compete in the first national competition, renaming it to "Envirothon." With the addition of the first Canadian province of Nova Scotia in 1992, Envirothon became the world's largest natural resources international competition.

Today, there are 55 programs with over 25,000 high school students from across the United States and its territories, Canada, China, and Singapore competing in local, state, provincial, and national events each year. The first-place team from each state, provincial, and partnership Envirothon competition is eligible to attend the NCF-Envirothon annual international competition to compete against the top teams for thousands in scholarships and awards.

While the competition is what brings students together, the real purpose of NCF-Envirothon is to equip students with the knowledge and skills to educate others, inspire action in their local communities, and promote a lifelong commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Next Generation Leadership Institute

While Envirothon helps our nation's students develop into the next generation of natural resource leaders and professionals, the Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) focuses on conservation district officials already serving their community and provides them with skills to meet the needs of natural resource management, decision-making, and advocacy in our country.



Board members or district officials from any state or U.S. territory are eligible to apply to this yearlong leadership development program. Those who are selected will spend a full calendar year learning and growing with a cohort of dedicated members from across the country.

NGLI participants learn effective communication techniques, build skills in conflict management and delegation, practice advocacy skills, and develop their own unique leadership style. This group of district officials will meet virtually and in person throughout the year, including NACD's national meetings, and even make a trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with federal agency leadership and lawmakers.

Many graduates of the NGLI program have gone on to serve in leadership roles in state and territory associations and at NACD. Our current President-Elect, Mark Masters, and Second Vice President, Ryan Britt, are graduates of the 2020 NGLI cohort. Three of NACD's Executive Board members are NGLI Alumni, as well as several NACD Regional Board chairs.

Read more about NCF and these programs [on NACD's blog](#).

Membership Corner

Thank you to everyone that has already paid membership dues for FY26! We rely heavily on your contributions to support our advocacy, education, and partnership activities.

If you are interested in contributing, we accept payments via check or online by credit card or bank draft. Please [reach out to us](#) if you have questions about the best way to pay your dues. In addition to supporting NACD, your dues enable you to access the tools on our [Members Only](#) webpage and apply for our [Friends of NACD](#) grants!

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OCC Partners with Noble Research Institute to Provide Noble Grazing Essentials at Reduced Rate

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the Cherokee County Conservation District are excited to announce a partnership with the Noble Research Institute to provide Oklahoma producers with the Noble Grazing Essentials Course at a reduced rate of \$150!

Noble Grazing Essentials, developed in collaboration with grazing expert Jim Gerrish, teaches easy-to-implement grazing strategies that will revitalize your land's natural resources and your bottom line. The results? Healthier, well-fed livestock, more robust forage with increased drought resistance, fertile soil, and cleaner water systems. Plus, you'll spend less money, effort and worry on supplemental feed and equipment.

Focused in the Illinois River Watershed, the Oklahoma-producer-focused course will provide practical training and easy-to-implement grazing strategies that will revitalize your land's natural resources and your bottom line.

Start making changes today to leave a legacy of healthy land and grazing practices for years to come.

Space is limited! Register and learn more at [OCC-Noble Grazing Essentials | Tahlequah, OK | May 19-21, 2026 – Noble Research Institute](#)

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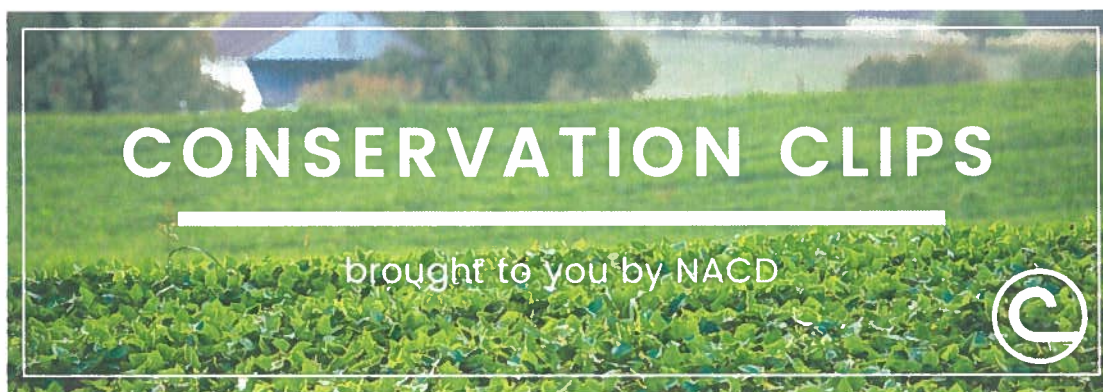
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NACD Blog: [DeAtlantic Soil Conservation District Strengthens Forestry Capacity in New Jersey](#)

03/31/2026

In southern New Jersey, the **DeAtlantic Soil Conservation District**, formerly Cape Atlantic Conservation District, began its forestry work with limited capacity to meet a growing local need. After a Northeast Mid-Atlantic Partnership for Forests and Water meeting, District Manager Michael Kent met Annica McGuirk, then NACD's Northeast Representative, who

encouraged him to utilize NACD's Technical Assistance (TA) grant program to support their needs.

FDA: [FDA Issues Emergency Use Authorization for Topical Spray to Prevent and Treat New World Screwworm in Multiple Species, Including Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Horses, Wild and Exotic Mammals, Wild and Pet Birds](#)
03/10/2026

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for F10 Antiseptic Wound Spray with Insecticide (benzalkonium chloride, polyhexanide, and cypermethrin topical solution) for the prevention and treatment of New World screwworm (NWS) infestations (myiasis).

Farm Week Now: [Senate Ag Committee to take up farm bill within weeks](#)
03/24/2026

Senate Ag Committee Chair John Boozman said he hopes to begin moving farm bill legislation through his committee within weeks. "We want to get it done as soon as possible, weeks, not months," Boozman, R-Ark., said during Agri-Pulse's Ag and Food Policy Summit March 23.

USDA: [USDA Prioritizing Common Sense Forest Management, Moves Forest Service Headquarters to Salt Lake City](#)
03/31/2026

Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service announced it will move its headquarters to Salt Lake City, Utah, and begin a sweeping restructuring of the agency to move leadership closer to the forests and communities it serves. For an agency whose lands, partners, and operational challenges are overwhelmingly concentrated in the West, the shift represents a structural reset and a common-sense approach to improve mission delivery.

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News From the States: [Regenerative agriculture offers promise of crop, environmental improvement for Kansas farmers](#)

By Dale Hogg | *Timken, Kansas* | *Northern Plains Region*

03/13/2026

Wiltse is a staunch advocate of a growing farming trend: regenerative agriculture. The science-heavy method minimizes soil disruptions and man-made chemical use while restoring farmlands to a more natural state. He has drawn heavily on microbiology classes he took while earning an agronomy degree from Kansas State University.

The Gazette: [Rebuilding lost habitat connections, one yard at a time](#)

By Angie Hong | *Washington County, MN* | *North Central Region*

03/31/2026

Here in Washington County, Minnesota, we've observed similar enthusiasm over the past twenty years as native landscaping has grown in popularity. To date, the **Washington Conservation District** and local watershed organizations have supported nearly 5800 conservation projects countywide, ranging in size from small pollinator gardens, to wetland and lakeshore native plantings, and even large-scale habitat restoration efforts that transform hundreds of acres of land.

WKTV: [West Michigan program receives \\$77,000 to fight invasive species threatening the outdoors](#)

By Ruth Thornton | *Michigan | North Central Region*
03/19/2026

Ottawa Conservation District received the grant to continue funding the West Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, commonly referred to as 'CISMA,' for work in seven counties, including the Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas.

3KRTV: [Working to restore eroded riverbanks with natural materials](#)

By Evan Charney | *Montana | Northern Plains Region*
04/01/2026

The **Lewis and Clark Conservation District** is working with landowners to show how to restore streambanks by using natural materials. On Tuesday, volunteers working on 200 feet of the Little Prickly Pear Creek were using a technique called "brushy toe". They cut willow that grows nearby, putting it at the base of the bank. Then, they laid branches from nearby forest fire clearing areas on top. Lastly, they packed it all down with wet soil to create a new, healthy bank.

The Medocino Beacon: [California announces 300 wildfire projects fast-tracked in 300 days](#)

By Carole Brodsky | *California | Pacific Region*
04/01/2026

The 300 projects are spread across nearly 57,000 acres. State and federal agencies, tribes, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils, private landowners and more have benefited from this streamlined permitting process. Fast-tracked projects are protecting vulnerable communities, improving defensible space, creating evacuation routes, and restoring ecosystems.

Mirr Ranch Group: [Integrating Wildlife into Ranch Management](#)

Wyoming | Southwest Region

04/02/2026

Bob Budd, Executive Director of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, joins Haley on the podcast this week to discuss how ranchers can rethink the wildlife roaming their properties for what it truly is—an asset, not a liability. Bob walks us through how landowners across the West can approach habitat management with intention, sharing real-world examples of small adjustments that lead to meaningful gains. He also highlights why healthy soil, water, and wildlife are the foundation of long-term land value.

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CELEBRATE STEWARDSHIP WEEK LATER THIS MONTH

April 7, 2026



Join Conservation
Coffee on Tackling
Nitrate

NACD presents

Soil. Where it all Begins



Stewardship Week 2026

The National Association of Conservation Districts Stewardship Week, an annual program since 1955, stands as one of the nation's largest initiatives dedicated to promoting the conservation of natural resources.



NACD's 2026 Stewardship Week will be celebrated **April 26 - May 3**, with the theme: **Soil. Where it All Begins!**

This year's focus highlights soil as a living resource that supports food production, water quality, wildlife habitat, and healthy communities. Conservation districts across the country use this week to connect people of all ages to the role soil plays in everyday life and long-term natural resource conservation. Stewardship Week is a visible way for districts to share their work and connect conservation to the communities they serve.

Here are some ways your district can celebrate Stewardship Week:

- Host educational events in your community with [ready-to-use education materials](#) from NACD designed for classrooms, field days, and community events. Resources include a K-8 Instructor Guide, student journals, and activity mats. Each education piece is flexible, so districts can adapt activities to local priorities.



Join NACD's next Conservation Coffee webinar, *Brewing Partnerships: Tackling Nitrate in Northeast Nebraska – Producer Outreach and Source Water Protection Through the Lower Elkhorn and Lewis & Clark Natural Resources Districts* on **April 23 at 3:00 p.m. ET.**

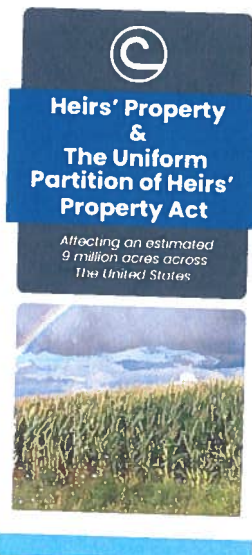
Presented by Jim Olson, Source Water Protection Specialist, learn how proactive outreach and producer partnerships are protecting drinking water in northeast Nebraska.

[Register here](#) to join.

- Ask your governor to proclaim the week of April 26 - May 3 as Stewardship Week using NACD's [sample proclamation](#) and instructions.
- Work with local news, radio, and television stations to make public service announcements [using NACD's templates](#).
- Partner with local businesses for soil-themed community projects.
- Share soil health content on your social media accounts using the [#NACDStewardshipWeek](#) and [#SoilWhereItAllBegins](#) hashtag.
- Follow NACD on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. Like and share Stewardship Week 2026 content, posts, and videos.

Find resources mentioned here and more [on NACD's website](#).

HEIRS' PROPERTY AND THE UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS' PROPERTY ACT BROCHURE



The NACD Outreach Subcommittee created the Heirs' Property and Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act brochure to aid districts in spreading awareness about heirs' property and how this issue can affect landowners' ability to access USDA Farm Bill programs. Districts can use [this Canva template](#) or [download the brochure as a PDF here](#). Please add in your own district contact information before printing and distributing the brochure.

The information in this brochure was carefully reviewed by the Outreach Subcommittee for accuracy and applicability, so we ask that you only edit the contact information in this brochure to reflect your own, and leave the content as is. If you'd like to learn more about Heirs' Property, you can read [this article](#).

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH SCIENTISTS TAGGING SALMON!

[Register Here](#)

Save the Date: Upcoming Meetings

There are tons of opportunities this year to connect and network with fellow conservation districts at NACD national and regional meetings, including:

NACD's Summer Conservation Forum and Tours | July 17-22 | Grand Rapids, MI | Hosted in partnership with the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts

Northern Plains Region Meeting | June 22-24 | Helena, MT | Hosted by the Montana Association of Conservation Districts

Southeast Region Meeting | August 9-12 | Cherokee, NC | Hosted by the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Northeast Region Meeting | August 24-27 | Wilmington, DE | Hosted by the Delaware Association of Conservation Districts

Pacific and Southwest Joint Region Meeting | August 24-28 | Guam | Hosted by Guam's conservation districts

South Central Region Meeting | September 22-23 | Hosted by the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts

FDA Approves Screwworm Spray

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has approved emergency use



Join **Benton Conservation District** and scientists from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) as they implant high-tech tags into young salmon fish along the Columbia River during an award-winning live streaming event called Virtual Salmon Summit for Earth Day, hosted in 20-minute sessions from **10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. PT on April 21 and 22.**

Watch as elementary school students accompany individual salmon through each step of the tagging and release process, explained by PNNL scientists and American Sign Language interpreters. Teachers can submit student questions during the event, asking anything about the fish, the scientists' career, or even what happens if a tagged fish gets eaten! Scientists will respond to questions during the event. Participating teachers will receive updates after the event as the tagged salmon migrate downstream past milestones along the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean.

Pre-registration is required for this free event; the registration deadline is **April 15**. [Click here to register](#). For assistance contact rachel-little@bentoncd.org.

WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

The White House released the President's Budget on April 3. Similar to last year's proposed budget, many programs utilized by conservation districts have been zeroed out in favor of the administration's other priorities. The President's Budget is regarded as a guiding document for Congress to highlight the administration's priorities but ultimately Congress makes the final decision on spending through the appropriation process. NACD will provide a deeper analysis in next week's update.

USDA announced further plans for reorganization by highlighting changes to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). USFS states it is realigning its organizational structure to strengthen local leadership, streamline operations, and improve mission delivery. The changes include moving headquarters to Salt Lake City, transitioning to a state-based leadership model—similar to moves made by the Bureau of Land Management in the last Trump administration—and building a network of operations centers.

Action Items

NRCS is reviewing and requesting feedback on the Conservation Practice Standards (CPS). They have posted the redline documents for

of a topical spray to help prevent and treat New World screwworm, giving producers another tool as the threat continues along the southern border.

The spray, F10 Antiseptic Wound Spray with Insecticide, can be used on cattle, sheep, goats, deer, birds, and captive wildlife. It is not approved for dogs or cats. The product works by protecting open wounds from flies and killing larvae that cause screwworm infestations.

The spray is sold over the counter and can be used on wounds as needed. Producers must follow label directions and observe 30-day slaughter withdrawal for treated cattle, sheep, and goats. Milk from treated animals must be discarded during treatment and for 10 days after.

Learn more in [this release from FDA](#).

Join Women Caring for the Land Professionals Event

The University of Missouri's Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Kansas Soil Health Alliance are hosting Women Landowners Leading Regeneration events. These events are designed to bring together women landowners and conservation professionals to support successful, resilient farmland management. Attendees will gain practical conservation knowledge and build confidence in connecting with tenants.

Join one of the upcoming in-person events:

- Columbia, MO | Tuesday, May 5 | [Register Here](#)

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7	Did observations indicate a legitimate need?	☒ Yes ☐ No	7 Was the payment request submitted to the district board? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Review Remarks		Inspection Remarks	
05/07/2026 - Completed field visit. Had significantly low pond water levels. Also showed where the pipeline from water tap from street hookup.			
Reviewer Name (print) Gabriel Parker		Inspector Name (print)	
Signature 		Signature	
Date Review was Performed 05/09/202		Date Inspection was Performed	

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EMERGENCY DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

APPLICATION REVIEW and INSPECTION OF COMPLETED WORK

Tulsa County

Conservation District

Applicant	
Name LiL Red Ranch	
Farm Name (if applicable) LiL Red Ranch	
Email Address Bennett.Kevin6211@gmail.com	Phone Number 937-243-7139
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee Applicant ☐ completed or ☒ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
Practice(s) Installed	
	<u>Latitude / Longitude (required)</u>
☐ Watering Facility (can include pumping plant, pipeline, and HUAP)	
☐ Pasture Tap	
☐ Pumping Plant (standalone practice if installed on existing tank or well)	
☐ Pipeline (standalone practice if installed to existing tank or well)	
☒ Pond Cleanout (limited 1 per pasture, maximum 3 per applicant)	35.89679, -95.840238
☐ Water Well (can include pumping plant; well repair allowed; no payment for dry holes)	

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	☒ Yes ☐ No		☐ Yes ☐ No
2	If not the landowner, was required documentation submitted?	2	Were the installed practice(s) the same as those listed on their Application? If no, list practices actually installed?
	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A		☐ Yes ☐ No
3	Has the applicant received EDAP funds in 2024, 2025, or 2026? (district director or employee applications only)	3	Were practice(s) installed in the approved location? If no, record latitude/longitude of actual installation site.
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Review Remarks		Inspection Remarks	
Has multiple ponds ranging in size. Do need to be cleaned out. Embankment on biggest pond has visual erosion into the pond. Producer plans to use clean out contents to help build up eroded dam.			
Reviewer Name (print) Gabriel Parker		Inspector Name (print)	
Signature 		Signature	
Date Review was Performed 04/09/2026		Date Inspection was Performed	

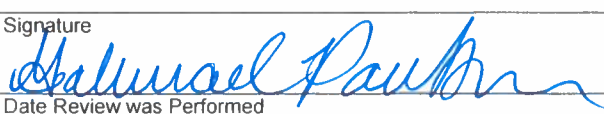
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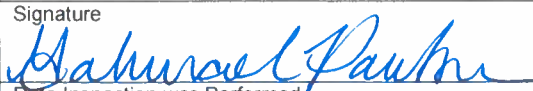
Tulsa County

Conservation District

Applicant	
Name Flying G Irrevocable Trust	
Farm Name (if applicable) Flying G Ranch	
Email Address mikespradling.fgr@gmail.com	Phone Number 918-237-0347
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee Applicant ☒ completed or ☒ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
Practice(s) Installed	
☒ Watering Facility (can include pumping plant, pipeline, and HUAP)	<u>Latitude / Longitude (required)</u> 36.131509, -96.211018
☐ Pasture Tap	
☐ Pumping Plant (standalone practice if installed on existing tank or well)	
☐ Pipeline (standalone practice if installed to existing tank or well)	
☒ Pond Cleanout (limited 1 per pasture, maximum 3 per applicant)	36.128855, -96.212018
☐ Water Well (can include pumping plant; well repair allowed; no payment for dry holes)	

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7	Did observations indicate a legitimate need?	☒ Yes ☐ No	7 Was the payment request submitted to the district board? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Review Remarks		Inspection Remarks	
05/13/2026 - Conducted a field visit. Based on what I saw, he does not have a legitimate pond to clean out. It is more of a low lying area that gets water logged. He could potentially build a pond in the location. Suggested he talk to Clay Davis about the possibility. He spoke about the pasture tap. He doesn't need one, but could benefit from a pipeline to connect the waterlines to each of his pastures. Already has water hydrants is some locations.			
Reviewer Name (print)		Inspector Name (print)	
Gabriael Parker			
Signature		Signature	
			
Date Review was Performed		Date Inspection was Performed	
05/13/2026			

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7	Did observations indicate a legitimate need?	☒ Yes ☐ No	7 Was the payment request submitted to the district board? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Review Remarks 0512/2026 - Conducted a field visit. Took a tour of 1000 acres. Cleaned out two ponds and had the material spread over the embankments. Also, installed two watering facilities. Provided receipts and in-kind form. Do not have before pictures due to it being completed prior to March 09, 2026		Inspection Remarks 0512/2026 - Conducted a field visit. Took a tour of 1000 acres. Cleaned out two ponds and had the material spread over the embankments. Also, installed two watering facilities. Provided receipts and in-kind form. After pictures are in the file.	
Reviewer Name (print) Gabriel Parker		Inspector Name (print) Gabriel Parker	
Signature 		Signature 	
Date Review was Performed 05/12/2026		Date Inspection was Performed 05/12/2026	

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Tulsa County

Conservation District

Applicant	
Name TYG land & Cattle	
Farm Name (if applicable)	
Email Address brylan.pittes@icloud.com	Phone Number 405-397-7052
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee Applicant ☐ completed or ☐ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
Practice(s) Installed	
	<u>Latitude / Longitude (required)</u>
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☐ Pasture Tap	
☐ Pumping Plant (standalone practice if installed on existing tank or well)	
☐ Pipeline (standalone practice if installed to existing tank or well)	
☒ Pond Cleanout (limited 1 per pasture, maximum 3 per applicant)	(36.2683268, -95.8861405)
☐ Water Well (can include pumping plant; well repair allowed; no payment for dry holes)	

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Review Remarks Did a field visit on April 3, 2026. Has been cleaned out. Took photos of and will be attached or in folder.		Inspection Remarks Took photos and are in the file.	
Reviewer Name (print) Gabriel Parker		Inspector Name (print) Gabriel Parker	
Signature 		Signature 	
Date Review was Performed 4/3/2026		Date Inspection was Performed 4/3/2026	

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Tulsa County Conservation District

Applicant	
Name Aaron Kern	
Farm Name (if applicable) Kern Farms	
Email Address kboy1 OO@live.com	Phone Number 918-810-0188
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee Applicant ☐ completed or ☒ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
Practice(s) Installed	
	<u>Latitude / Longitude (required)</u>
☒ Watering Facility (can include pumping plant, pipeline, and HUAP)	36.34373 N, 95.89904 W
☒ Pasture Tap	36.34373 N, 95.89904 W
☐ Pumping Plant (standalone practice if installed on existing tank or well)	
☐ Pipeline (standalone practice if installed to existing tank or well)	
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Review Remarks		Inspection Remarks	
05/05/2026 - Conducted field visit. Aaron already started trenching for the pipeline. Showed me the location of where the pasture tap is going. It was raining and could not do anything until the trench dried up a little.			
Reviewer Name (print)		Inspector Name (print)	
Gabriael Parker			
Signature		Signature	
			
Date Review was Performed		Date Inspection was Performed	
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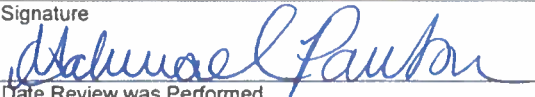
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Tulsa County

Conservation District

Applicant	
Name Brandon Walker	
Farm Name (if applicable)	
Email Address	Phone Number (918) 289-5627
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee	
Applicant ☐ completed or ☒ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
Practice(s) Installed	
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☒ Pond Cleanout (limited 1 per pasture, maximum 3 per applicant)	36.0831533,-96.1015658
☐ Water Well (can include pumping plant; well repair allowed; no payment for dry holes)	

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Reviewer Name (print) Gabriael Parker		Inspector Name (print) Gabriael Parker	
Signature 		Signature 	
Date Review was Performed 4/13/2026		Date Inspection was Performed 4/13/2026	

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Tulsa County

Conservation District

Applicant	
Name Mitt Chinsethagid	
Farm Name (if applicable)	
Email Address "Mitt C" <mitt240@gmail.com>	Phone Number 918-520-4757
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee Applicant ☐ completed or ☐ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
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7	Did observations indicate a legitimate need?	☒ Yes ☐ No	7 Was the payment request submitted to the district board? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Review Remarks I did not see any livestock, but I did see crops planted. He said the pond is for irrigation. Pond has significant aquatic vegetation That needed to be cleared out. Took a hoe and showed the water level. It was approximately two feet high.		Inspection Remarks Conducted second field visit. Pond is significantly clear of the aquatic vegetation. Water level is almost six feet deep. Materials cleaned from the pond in further away from the pond so there is not a threat of washing back into the pond. Improvement is visibly significant.	
Reviewer Name (print) Gabriel Parker		Inspector Name (print) Gabriel Parker	
Signature 		Signature 	
Date Review was Performed May 1, 2026		Date Inspection was Performed 05/14/2026	

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
EMERGENCY DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
APPLICATION REVIEW and INSPECTION OF COMPLETED WORK

Tulsa County

Conservation District

Applicant	
Name Cynthia Dillingham	
Farm Name (if applicable)	
Email Address alternatcynthia@gmail.com	Phone Number 918-902-0997
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee Applicant ☐ completed or ☐ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
Practice(s) Installed	
☒ Watering Facility (can include pumping plant, pipeline, and HUAP)	<u>Latitude / Longitude (required)</u> 36.0057674/-95.7881664
☐ Pasture Tap	
☒ Pumping Plant (standalone practice if installed on existing tank or well)	36.0032341/-95.7884459
☒ Pipeline (standalone practice if installed to existing tank or well)	36.0049526/-95.7882362
☐ Pond Cleanout (limited 1 per pasture, maximum 3 per applicant)	
☐ Water Well (can include pumping plant; well repair allowed; no payment for dry holes)	

Review		Inspection	
1	Was the application fully completed, signed, dated, and submitted with IRS Form W-9? ☒ Yes ☐ No	1	Do submitted receipts contain all required information? (e.g., merchant name, payer name, transaction date, amount paid, items description) ☐ Yes ☐ No
2	If not the landowner, was required documentation submitted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A	2	Were the installed practice(s) the same as those listed on their Application? If no, list practices actually installed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3	Has the applicant received EDAP funds in 2024, 2025, or 2026? (district director or employee applications only) ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A	3	Were practice(s) installed in the approved location? If no, record latitude/longitude of actual installation site. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Review		Inspection	
4	Is there evidence of an adequate water source on the property?	☐ Yes ☒ No	4 Do installed practice(s) appear complete and functional? (i.e. tank holds water, well is operational) ☐ Yes ☐ No
5	Is there evidence of livestock and / or a perimeter fence?	☒ Yes ☐ No	5 Was adequate before-and-after date stamped photographic documentation provided? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6	Was the property reviewed using aerial mapping prior to site visit?	☒ Yes ☐ No	6 Based on documentation and inspection, were program requirements met? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7	Did observations indicate a legitimate need?	☒ Yes ☐ No	7 Was the payment request submitted to the district board? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Review Remarks		Inspection Remarks	
05/08/2026 - Conducted a field visit. Saw several different types of livestock. Goats, geese, chickens, sheep. Also, has two high tunnels. Requesting pump for the water well, and pipeline to have water in three of the four fields she has. Those three fields do not have any water source in them currently.			
Reviewer Name (print)		Inspector Name (print)	
Gabriael Parker			
Signature		Signature	
Date Review was Performed		Date Inspection was Performed	
May 8, 2026			

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Notarized Claim Voucher

Disbursement of Payroll Withholdings

CLAIM OF: Tulsa County Conservation District

6660 S. Sheridan Rd Suite 120

ALT. NAME: **Tulsa, OK 74133**

Vend I.D.: **73-0723957** **#02**

OSF-Audited By:

For Agency Use Only:

TOTAL CLAIM AMOUNT	AGENCY BUSINESS UNIT	CLAIM VOUCHER NO.	WARRANT NO.
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TOTAL												
Notary Seal		DATE	ITEM CODE	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION								AMOUNT CLAIMED
		April-26		TYG Land & Cattle LLC/Bryan Walker 02-ED4-008								
			PC Pond Cleanup									\$ 7,500.00
THE SECTION BELOW IS NOT REQUIRED FOR WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS-EXCEPT FOR WITHHOLDING REFUNDS											TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED	\$ 7,500.00

The undersigned contractor, vendor, individual, or duly sworn agent, of lawful age, upon oath says that this claim is true and correct. Affiant further states that the work, services, or materials as shown by this claim have been completed or supplied in accordance with the plans, specifications, orders, requests, and all other terms of the contract. Affiant also states that any refunds represented by this payment are due. (NOTE: Claimant signature only for payroll withholding refunds.

Claimant

State of *Oklahoma* County of *Tulsa*

Subscribed and sworn before me

Notary Public (or Clerk or Judge)

My Commission expires
April 16, 2029

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Notarized Claim Voucher

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TOTAL												
Notary Seal		DATE	ITEM CODE	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION								AMOUNT CLAIMED
		April-26		Brandon Walker 02-ED4-013								
			PC Pond Cleanout									\$ 7,363.20
THE SECTION BELOW IS NOT REQUIRED FOR WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS-EXCEPT FOR WITHHOLDING REFUNDS											TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED \$	7,363.20

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OCC Stream Monitoring Program Training Takeaways

March 2026

This training resource is designed to help conservation district directors and employees stay informed of key points discussed in recent web-based training. The document should be listed on the district's meeting agenda for discussion and review.

The Basics

OCC's stream monitoring program documents improvements in water quality across Oklahoma. Many of these improvements are the result of district-led and partner conservation practices, not regulation. The data collected by the monitoring program is integral to supporting the conservation work of the agency, districts, and other partners.

Program Focus

- Non-point source pollution (NPS), which is the leading cause of water quality problems nationwide; generally considered to be anything not from a pipe. OCC's program primarily addresses impacts from agricultural processes, but NPS also occurs on urban landscapes.
 - Surface water health
 - Stream impairments, including turbidity (soil in streams) and nutrients in streams
- Conservation practices and other best management practices help to improve water quality. The stream monitoring program collects data to quantify the improvements achieved through voluntary conservation. These improvements, shown through data, may result in an impaired stream improving enough to be delisted.
- OCC is unique in that its program collects and analyzes the data. Many programs only collect raw data.

Rotating Basin Program

- The rotating basin program monitors approximately 250 streams across the state.
- The state is divided into 5 basins with each stream being monitored for 2 out of 5 years.
- Started in 2001, the program is currently in its 6th rotation. The long dataset created from this ongoing program allows the agency to see trends across the landscape.
- Data collected through the program is used for integrated reporting every 2 years (helping to identify impaired waterbodies), for internal data analysis (such as site summaries and web applications), and to identify and report changes.
- Data collection is completed by OCC's rotating basin team.
- Districts are encouraged to join the monitoring team when they are in the local basin. The team will reach out before monitoring begins to let the district know they will be in the area and to gain local perspectives.

Reporting

- Integrated reporting, completed every 2 years, considers a waterbody's beneficial use(s) and examines specific criteria thresholds to determine if it is impaired or not.
- Reporting is completed by OCC's water quality technical team.
- The data is also used by the team for:
 - Site Summaries – a stream's report card
 - District Summaries – an overview of the program's activities within the district
 - And a variety of web applications.

Wetlands Program

- The Wetlands Program works to improve the quality, quantity, and diversity of wetlands in Oklahoma while also supporting others in wetland management.
- Wetlands work to reduce flooding, improve water quality, recharge aquifers, and provide wildlife habitat.
- The program is led by the wetlands team and as of 2026 includes a Wetlands Cost-share program.

Additional Resources

- OCC Stream Monitoring staff
- OCC Wetlands website (<https://wetlands.ok.gov/>)
- [EPA Success Stories](#)
- Site Summaries (available upon request)
- District Summaries (available upon request)
- [Water Quality Data Portal](#)
- [Rotating Basin Report Application](#)
- [Unified Watershed Assessment](#)



Conservancy Districts Not Conservation Districts Training Takeaways

April 2026

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Conservancy Districts the Basics

- Separate entities from Conservation Districts
- Some still exist, but most do not and are defunct
- They have different rules than Conservation Districts
- Can tax landowners (assessments) that were protected by Flood Control Structures

What is a Conservancy District

- Purpose: preventing floods, regulating stream channels, providing irrigation, reclaiming or filling of wetlands, regulating stream flows, and diverting water flows.
- In certain areas anyone that wanted to use water in a Conservancy District had to apply to the district for the right to use water.
- Water rights given to those with the greatest need and most reasonable use requests
- Have the power to tax

Powers of Conservancy Districts

- Preventing floods
- Regulating Stream Channels
- Providing for irrigation
- Reclaiming or filling of wetlands
- Regulating stream flows
- Diverting water flows
- Developing and providing water for domestic, industrial and agricultural requirements, and to persons within the territory of the district.
 - This also may include the construction, operation and maintenance of storage, distribution, treatment, supply and other works, installation, improvements and facilities necessary.

Conservancy Districts & Conservation Districts Shared Responsibilities

- Sponsored NRCS flood control dams – have responsibility for operation and maintenance.
- Built their own flood control dams and performed operation and maintenance
- **NOTABLY** – Conservancy Districts and Conservation Districts are **NOT** the same.

What happened to Conservancy Districts?

- Over time most Conservancy Districts stopped functioning – board members did not appoint new board members to replace them and existing board members passed away, leaving them inoperable and defunct.

YES! - Some Examples of Conservancy Districts that Still Exist

- Lake Thunderbird Master Conservancy District
- Payne County Conservancy District #16 – Payne County
- Red Rock Conservancy District – Noble County
- Black Bear Conservancy District – Garfield County, Noble County and Pawnee County
- Turkey Creek Conservancy District – Garfield County

For additional questions or guidance, please contact the
District Services Division of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission

- Lost Duck Creek Conservancy District – Kay County
- Fourche Maline Creek #10 – Latimer County

Easements held only by Conservancy Districts

Some operation and maintenance easements are only held by Conservancy Districts. Janet and Stephanie are working to find solutions to transfer these easements.

Phone Calls

- Typically, callers are Title Companies
- Callers typically want to know if property being sold will be taxed by the Conservancy District
 - Callers will ask for an “assessment letter,” this means they are asking for a written statement about Conservancy District taxes.
- Ask local NRCS office for information about local Conservancy District status
- Long-serving NRCS personnel may have knowledge of Conservancy Districts from decades ago
- Ask other Conservation personnel in your District office if they have information about Conservancy District status
- If you are aware of Conservancy District activity – refer caller to appropriate Conservancy District contact person
- If you are not aware of Conservancy District, give caller information to Janet Stewart & Stephanie Acquario, attorneys

Conservation District Receiving Conservancy District

- Conservancy Districts & Conservation Districts are **SEPARATE ENTITIES**
- Districts that receive Conservancy District bank statements may only receive them because the two districts shared a board member, or shared an employee
- Bank accounts for Conservancy Districts **ARE NOT CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDS**
 - Therefore, they should not be included in audits or compilations
 - Your accountant may not know this!

Finding Information about local, defunct Conservancy Districts

- Ask county treasurer employees about Conservancy district records, or assessments completed (taxes on properties)
- Ask County Court Clerk about Conservancy District petition and filing of a map
- General detective work... ask around town if anyone has heard of “X Creek Conservancy District No. 31” who were the last board members? Did they pass away without a successor?

Additional Resources

- OCC General Counsel (Janet Stewart & Stephanie Acquario)
- County Clerk’s Office
- Local NRCS personnel