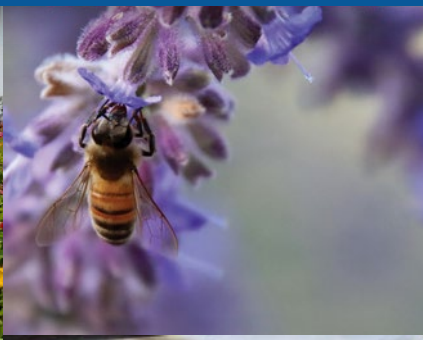


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What Does NACD Do?



Advocate for
conservation districts
with a **unified voice**



Communicate the
value of conservation
districts



Develop
conservation leaders



Provide **grants and**
services to
conservation districts

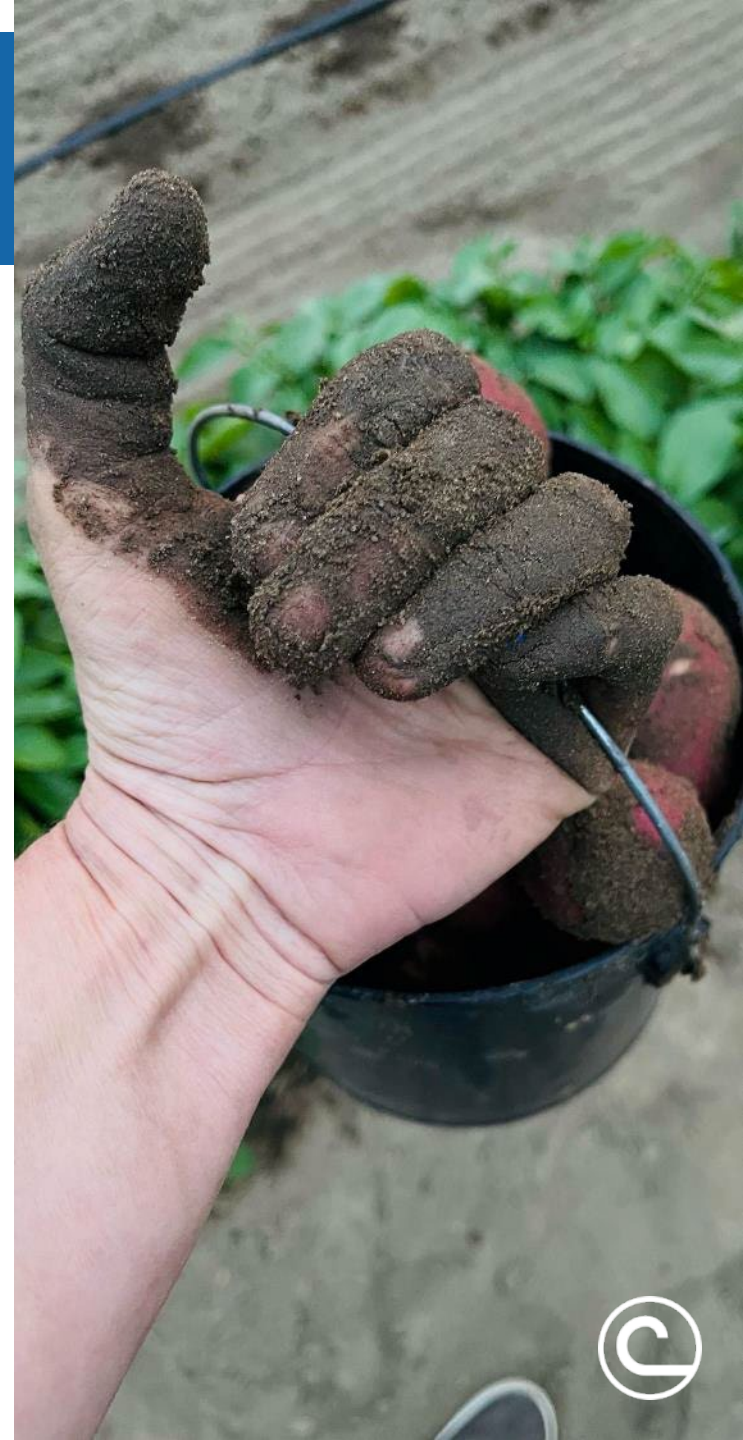




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Our Brand of Conservation

- **Locally-led**
- **Voluntary**
- **Incentive-based**
- **Nonpartisan**
- **All lands, all people**





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Funding for Water Quality Protection: 319 Grants

- The 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act (CWA) established the Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program.
- Under Section 319, states, territories and tribes receive grant money that supports a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source (NPS) implementation projects.



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Funding for Water Quality Protection: 319 Grants

- All states, territories, and some tribes have met two basic requirements to be eligible for a section 319 grant:
- Develop and gain EPA approval of a NPS pollution assessment report which identifies waters impacted or threatened by NPW pollution which includes agriculture, urban runoff, or forestry.
- Develop and obtain EPA approval of a NPS pollution management program.



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Funding for Water Quality Protection: Source Water Collaborative

- Agricultural Collaboration Tool Kit:
 - Step by step approach developed by NACD, the Source Water Collaborative, and NRCS.
 - Focuses on conservation practices to help protect sources of drinking water and how to effectively partner with CDs and NRCS
- SWC work groups, resources, access to potential partners and subject matter experts

Sourcewatercollaborative.org



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Funding for Water Quality Protection: State Revolving Funds

- The SRF programs include the Clean Water SRF (CWSRF), which provides financial assistance for wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source pollution control activities; and the Drinking Water SRF (DWSRF), which provides financial assistance for public drinking water systems.
- Nationally, the SRFs have cumulatively provided more than \$3 billion in assistance related to activities that may contribute to source water protection in all 50 states and US Territories.
- CWSRF programs can finance source water protection activities.
- Eligible activities and borrowers are determined by federal and state statutes, rules, and policies.



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Funding for Water Quality Protection: State Revolving Funds

SRF Tools & Resources:

- Quantified Ventures SRF Academy
- River Network SRF Advocacy Tools
- Source Water Collaborative Tools



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Funding for Water Quality Protection: NRCS National Water Quality Initiative

- NWQI is a partnership among NRCS, state water quality agencies and the EPA to identify and address impaired water bodies through voluntary conservation.
- NRCS provides targeted funding for financial and technical assistance in small watersheds most in need and where farmers can use conservation practices to make a difference.
- NWQI solicited feedback in 2023 to improve program delivery and reach in FY24.
- Updates over the last year include a focus on watershed assessment, planning, and multi-year budgets to demonstrate long-term commitments in assisting water quality efforts.



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Northeast Mid-Atlantic Partnership for Forests & Water

NACD received a \$600,000 Forest Service LSR grant in 2023 to establish the Northeast Mid-Atlantic Partnership for Forests and Water.

Encouraging collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes.

- Project Coverage Area: Maine to West Virginia and Ohio.
- Modeled after the Southeastern Partnership for Forests & Water.
- Lead organization is the National Association of Conservation Districts.
- Currently funded by a US Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration grant



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Northeast Mid-Atlantic Partnership for Forests & Water

- Current work is focused in Ohio and Connecticut and on Partnership establishment across the 13 states.
- Anticipated work in 2025 and beyond includes:
- Riparian buffer demonstration sites and landowner education events in Pennsylvania in partnership with the districts
- Riparian forest BMP implementation in support of Working Lands for Wildlife Program with support from the districts and wildlife partners in West Virginia
- Natural resource professional trainings on engaging landowners in understanding and implementing BMPs that support forested watersheds and water quality protection.
- Developing communication tools like practice cross walks, developing regional nomenclature for use across the Partnership, and landowner engagement materials in support of Partnership goals.



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