

Interesting Facts & Anecdotes

from your District Operations and Member Services Committee

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Did you know?....

The NACD Forestry Resource Policy Group (RPG) consists of representatives from each of NACD's seven regions and non-voting members from the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) and the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA). The NACD Forestry RPG meets twice annually and consults NACD leadership on national forestry policy, as well as supports state and local conservation district forestry activity.



Last year, the NACD Forestry RPG helped coordinate a nationwide survey that collected and analyzed data from close to 1,000 conservation district offices. Data showed a large number of conservation districts...

- prepare Forest Stewardship plans for landowners (34%)
- help get trees in the hands of homeowners through annual seedling sales (46%)
- have a listing of professional foresters to connect with landowners in need (57%)
- build portable skidder bridges and rent equipment to landowners installing forestry practices
- organize urban tree planting efforts and/or urban forestry educational workshops
- participate in value-added forestry efforts. This includes a wide-range of activities, such as local maple syrup tours and "big tree" programs that recognize landowners with the largest species in the county
- have favorable relations (78%) and frequent contact (49%) with state legislators

NACD shares a wealth of information relevant to conservation district forestry.

- Forestry Notes is a free, monthly electronic newsletter (quarterly print publication) that contains original feature stories showcasing conservation district forestry efforts across the country.
- Forestry Notes also shares daily content through Facebook www.facebook.com/forestrynotes and Twitter www.twitter.com/forestrynotes.
- Additional forestry stories are shared through the NACD communication tools eResource and *The Resource* magazine.
- The NACD website also houses a section dedicated entirely to forestry www.forestrynotes.com. This area includes a robust news aggregate, listing of upcoming forestry conferences, and archives of feature stories.

To learn more about NACD forestry resources, or to connect with your Forestry RPG representative, email NACD Forestry Specialist Mike Beacom at mike-beacom@nacdnet.org.