



**The foundation of successful agriculture in America** is landowner access to consistent, reliable knowledge, and expertise. The nation's 3,000 conservation districts have been providing this critical expertise and knowledge to landowners for over seven decades through what is called "conservation technical assistance."

Technical assistance – such as services like conservation planning, soil testing, and training programs – supports and enables voluntary and locally-led conservation on all landscapes nationwide, from rural farms to suburban backyards. The delivery of technical assistance requires adequate funding, both through annual appropriations bills and through the farm bill.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. **How do conservation districts help producers access conservation programs?**

Conservation districts work with a variety of government partners at the federal, state, and local level to implement conservation practices and programs. Conservation districts help producers through outreach, education, and technical assistance.

### 2. **What happens when producers are not able to obtain the technical assistance necessary to implement conservation practices or to access conservation programs?**

An opportunity is lost – both in the short term and the long term – to get conservation practices on the ground. Often times, producers that experience difficulty or frustration in accessing assistance for conservation practices are not inclined to seek any form of future assistance.

### 3. **What action is NACD taking to ensure sufficient technical assistance is available?**

NACD continues to work with Congress to provide information on the importance of technical assistance and to secure adequate funding. NACD also works with USDA to increase efficient and effective delivery of technical assistance at the local level.

