The National Association of Conservation Districts’ Northeast Region is coming together to build capacity in the region, continue to develop leaders, and create a model for strengthening the conservation partnership across the country. We are currently recruiting members for three work groups.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The conservation partnership in the Northeast continues to be the best kept secret in natural resources conservation. However, it is time to let the secret out. The Communications Work Group will:

- Increase the visibility of the conservation partnership;
- Better communicate who the partners are and how they work together; and
- Inventory the partnership’s assets as a region, as partners, and as states.

This work group will strengthen communications both within and outside the partnership. It will create opportunities to share our assets with the partners across the region. It will also establish a region-wide event to publicly highlight the work of the partnership.

**BOARD/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

A capable conservation district board is important to a district’s success. The Board/Leadership Development Work Group will:

- Help districts recruit new board members by sharing best practices and
- Formalize systems across the region, such as job descriptions, contact lists, orientation procedures, etc. for district and partnership leaders.

This work group will inventory the regions best practices and develop materials that can be used to assist districts region-wide.

**TRAINING**

Effective conservation delivery requires a significant amount of training, both for technical skills and other abilities such as communications and development. Currently, there is the opportunity to increase the quantity and efficiency of training for partnership employees in the Northeast. The Training Work Group will:

- Identify training needs for conservation district and NRCS staff region-wide;
- Look for opportunities to conduct more training within the region; and
- Coordinate training opportunities across states within the region.

This work group will increase the access to training within the region while ensuring the burden of conducting this training is spread throughout the states.

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