



NACD North Central Region Meeting

January 11 – 12, 2024 • Springfield, MO

The NACD North Central Region will be holding the winter meeting in Springfield, IL, January 11 – 12, 2024 at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield: a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

Attendees

NACD invites all conservation partners and their membership within the NACD North Central Region to attend the meeting. The conservation partners include:

- National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD/SWCDs) – local, state, and regional, and national board members and employees
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – local, state, and regional, and national employees
- National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA) – local, state, regional, and national members
- National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) – state, regional, and national members
- National Association of Resource Conservation Development Councils (NARCDC) – local, state and national members
- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 and Region 7 Ag Advisors and others.

Other conservation-minded partners and attendees are welcome as well – just be sure to notify [Beth Mason](#).

There will be no virtual option for attendees.

Location

President Abraham Lincoln Springfield: a DoubleTree by Hilton, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701

Reservations: Hotel rooms can be reserved online at [this link](#) or by calling (217) 544-8800 and using the **group code ACD**.

Rooms will be available the night of January 10 and January 11 for a rate of \$101 per night + tax. Parking is on-site and \$10/day.

The room block expires December 20. At that time, the special rate or room availability can no longer be guaranteed, however, the hotel can still take reservations if the rooms are available.

Amenities:

- Complimentary wireless internet in all guest rooms
- Onsite Restaurant and Bar
- Indoor pool
- Business center
- Restaurants and night life within walking distance

Potential for Partner Meetings

If any attendees would like to have breakout meetings with your association or agencies, on the front or back end of this meeting, please contact Beth Mason for some options and to make sure we have any additional rooms secured in the room block to accommodate any extra evenings that might be required.

Arriving early for a restaurant group lunch on January 11 or staying a little later on January 12 for a restaurant group lunch can be a way to squeeze in some dedicated time for discussion, planning, and networking.

Meeting Registration

There is NO REGISTRATION FEE for this meeting – as the North Central Region Board of Directors and State Associations are covering the cost through their annual collection of region dues. However, we will need the attached registration form filled out and returned to plan for catering and other logistics. You may also just email the information to beth-mason@nacdnet.org in lieu of the form.

Air Travel/Transportation

Attendees can fly into the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport (SPI) and take a taxi/Uber/Lyft to the hotel which is only four miles away.

Local Attractions

This downtown Springfield location has multiple dining and socializing options as well as the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and other visitor-friendly options within walking distance. As home to the largest number of Abraham Lincoln historical sites in the world, while in Springfield, you can also visit the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Lincoln Tomb, Old State Capitol, and more. The room block includes a few rooms the night before the meeting to allow for some local touring.

For more information

Please contact Beth Mason, NACD at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or (317) 946-4463 (office and cell).

Draft Agenda

The program agenda is still under development with some speaker confirmations needed. As the agenda develops, updates will be made. All times are approximate.

Thursday, January 11

1:00 pm **Welcome/Introductions**

1:15 pm **Program starts**

5:00 pm **Approximate time to end**

Friday, January 12

Attendees can eat breakfast on their own in the hotel restaurant or across the street at Starbuck's.

7:45 am **Coffee and Networking**

8:00 am **Program starts**

11:30 am **Approximate time to end**

(Because many items require discussion, times may vary, and we schedule this meeting to end no later than 12:00 pm)

Registration (Due December 20)

You may send in this information in the text of an email to beth-mason@nacdnet.org if that works better for you.

Contact/Basic info

Name
Organization/
Agency

Title

Address

City, State, Zip

E-mail

Cell #

☐ Special Dietary Needs

By sending in your registration, you will:

- Reserve your seat at the meeting
- Receive all associated meeting materials
- Be notified if there's a weather emergency at the location (there's always a chance in the winter!)

To register and for questions/more information, please contact Beth Mason, NACD at 317-946-4463 (cell/office) or beth-mason@nacdnet.org.