



NACD Legislative Program Priorities Guiding NACD's Government Affairs Efforts Board of Directors 2007

Tier I: NACD to Initiate and Lead Efforts on Conservation Issues before Congress		
Conservation Funding	Actively participate in the federal annual budget and appropriations process in support of conservation districts' funding priorities of Conservation Technical Assistance, Section 319 Grants, Water 2025 Challenge Grants, Coastal Zone Management Grants, State and Private Forestry.	Tier I Type Issues: * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Funding • 2007 Farm Bill • Drought/Disaster Legislation
2007 Farm Bill Conservation Programs	Energize membership for input and prepare to advance conservation districts' agenda for the 2007 Farm Bill based on approved principles and core statements.	
Tier II: NACD to Participate in Efforts		
Conservation Issues w/ Coalitions	Work with current and future coalitions to seek opportunities to advance conservation districts' policy agenda. Evaluate key and emerging conservation issues to position our association for future legislative initiatives.	Tier II Type Issues: * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biofuels/Alternative Energy • Carbon Trading • Disaster Management • Endangered Species • Stormwater Mgmt. • Urban Forestry/Urban Conservation/Community Conservation & Urban Strategies • Water Quality (TMDL)/Quantity
Support for Partners' Issues	Identify those relationships that call upon us for assistance and cooperate on mutually beneficial activities.	
TIER III: NACD to Monitor and Seek Opportunities to Advance Conservation District Policy		
Any Natural Resource Issue Covered by Existing NACD Policy	Use existing policies to seek out and participate in activities to carry out conservation district policy. NACD maintains extensive policy on natural resources covering issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protecting agricultural lands, • forestry management, • farm bill conservation program implementation, • coastal protection, • urban resource conservation, • fish & wildlife protection, • grazing/grasslands conservation, • renewable energy production, • water resources conservation 	Tier III Type Issues: * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grazing Permit Buyout • Air Quality • Public Lands Management • Coastal Protection and Recovery • Great Lakes • Soil Survey • Others
	Regional/State Priorities	

The major organization and committee focus in 2007 is depicted in this chart which is based on the current and new policy approved by the Board of Directors.

* Issues not listed by priority within tier