



NACD Legislative Priorities

Guiding NACD's Government Affairs Efforts

Board of Directors 2009

Leadership	
<p>Only NACD as a national association can represent the unique views of conservation districts across the nation and districts have distinct roles and/or opportunities within the program issue areas</p>	<p>Issues: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conservation Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conservation Technical Assistance ○ State and Private Forestry ○ 319 Nonpoint Source Grants • Implementation and full funding of Farm Bill Programs • Potential USDA Reorganization
Coalitions	
<p>NACD will participate in efforts through work with current and future coalitions to support mutually beneficial partner activities and to identify future opportunities for NACD and conservation districts</p>	<p>Issues: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Recovery opportunities for conservation/Green Economy • New and renewable energy development • Forestry land management • Water Quality/Quantity (including Clean Water Act Amendments) • Climate Change (Ecosystem services, market and other opportunities) • Small acreage programs • Disaster management • Endangered species/ habitat fragmentation • Invasive species/noxious weeds
Support	
<p>Includes all other issues that are consistent with existing NACD policy</p>	<p>Use existing policies to seek out and support activities to carry out conservation district policy. NACD maintains extensive policy on natural resources covering issues <u>such as</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protecting agricultural lands/land fragmentation/conservation easements • coastal/estuary protection • fish & wildlife protection • grazing/grasslands conservation
<p>Regional/State Priorities</p>	<p>Advocate for conservation policies or programs that do not conflict with national priorities and policies.</p>

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* Issues not listed by priority