



10-Minute Supervisor Trainings

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

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COLLABORATION SURVEY PROJECT UPDATE

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WHAT WE ARE DOING - This committee has developed a survey tool for conservation districts and conservation partners to reveal results for a better understanding of conservation district collaborative efforts, share success stories and strengthen our conservation partnerships.

The Kentucky Association of Conservation District's leadership, on behalf of the Kentucky Conservation Partnership, will assess local, regional, and state levels of conservation districts' perceived levels of collaboration, identify factors that influence our partnership's collaborative processes, and identify themes and examples of successful methods of collaboration among our districts. This assessment will allow the partnership a clear perspective on current activities, as well as provide strategies to ensure all the members of the partnership are poised for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

MILESTONES OF PROJECT-

This agreement between KACD and NRCS was started 5/26/2017.

Deliverable Agreement Items accomplished so far:

- Formation of a Partnership Planning Committee and several conference calls.
- Development of a fact sheet to explain the project to participants.
- Several conference calls between planning committee and Dr. Kendall Tyree to develop survey tool.
- Completion of Kentucky Collaborative Survey Tool and electronic version.
- Kick-Off of collaborative survey at KACD annual statewide convention.
- Dr. Kendall Tyree prepared a kick-off video to provide Virginia's experiences on conducting the survey.
- Partnership Planning Committee members made presentations at convention to kick-off survey.
- **96 surveys completed during state convention meeting. (July 2017)**

- Metrics from the surveys completed during the convention:
 - Montgomery County had the most surveys completed at the convention with 7 surveys; 46 counties and one watershed conservancy district had completed at least one survey at the convention.
 - Area 8 out of the nine areas had the most surveys completed at the convention with 21; Area 5 had 15; Area 7 had 12; Areas 6 & 4 had 10.
 - Survey were completed by district supervisors - 66%, district staff - 31%, district advisors – 2%, and watershed directors – 1% (41% female and 59% male survey participants)
 - Years of Service with SWCD – 31.5% were 0 to 5 years; 20.7% were 5 to 10 years; 19.6% were 20 plus years; 18.5% were 10 to 15 years; and 9.8% were 15 to 20 years.
 - How many state conventions have you attended? – 50% more than 5; 28% - 1 to 3; 18% 3 to 5; and 4% zero.
- First "10-Minute Training" document developed and distributed to local conservation districts for August board meetings. Division of Conservation staff presented training on survey and encouraged participation in the survey during August board meetings.
- First reimbursement request made September 5, 2017 and approved by NRCS September 7, 2017 for \$11,000.00
- End of first round of local board meetings – report as of September 4, 2017 – 236 surveys completed.
- As of September 19th- 268 collaborative surveys completed and survey cut-off date is October 31, 2017.
- As of October 31, 2017 – 412 Collaborative Surveys completed.
 - Surveys completed in a single district - Shelby – 10; Caldwell – 10; Nelson- 9; Casey-9; 92 counties and three watershed conservancy districts had completed the survey.
 - Area 7 out of the nine areas had the most surveys completed overall with 59; Area 8 with 57; Area 1 with 56; Area 4 with 53; Area 6 with 53; Area 5 with 51; Area 9 with 34; Area 2 with 24; and Area 3 with 19.
 - Survey were completed by district supervisors - 76% (304 out 847); district staff - 22% (88 out of 163); district advisors – 1%; and watershed directors – 1% (30% female and 70% male survey participants)
 - Years of Service with SWCD – 30% were 0 to 5 years; 22% were 20 plus years; 21% were 5 to 10 years; 16% were 10 to 15 years; and 11% were 15 to 20 years.
 - How many state conventions have you attended? – 38% zero; 26% - 1 to 3; 25% more than 5; 11% 3 to 5.
 - Web survey deadline was extended through November 30.
- Preliminary Results to be revealed and discussed during the Area Meetings in February-April 2018.