

NACD Northeast Region Meeting- Draft Agenda

August 24-27 | Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington, DE

Off Site	Governor's Hall	Christina Ballroom	H&H Combined	Lobdell	Pusey & Jones
Monday, August 24					
NACDE Tour					
12 pm - 5 pm					
		Welcome Dinner			
		5 pm - 7 pm			
Tuesday, August 25					
Breakfast (7 am - 8 am)					
		Opening Session			
		8 am - 9:45 am			
Break (9:45 am - 10 am)					
			Management Excellence	Engaging the Community: Outreach, Education, and Urban Growth	Smart Conservation: Innovative Tools & Technologies for Implementation
			10 am - 12 pm		
Lunch (12 pm - 1 pm)					
			1 pm - 3 pm	Engaging the Community (cont.)	Smart Conservation (cont.)
Break (3 pm - 3:30 pm)					
			3:30 pm - 5 pm	Engaging the Community (cont.)	Smart Conservation (cont.)
		Reception (5 pm - 6 pm)			
		& Movie (in Auditorium)			
Dinner on your own					
Wednesday, August 26					
Breakfast (7 am - 8 am)					

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			Management Excellence 8:00 am - 10:00 am	Funding the Mission: Expanding Revenue and Building Capacity	Adapting to New Land Use: Emerging Conservation Issues in Developed Land Uses
Break (10 am - 10:30 am)					
			10:30 am - 12:00 am	Funding the Mission (cont.)	Policy in Action: The District's Role in Legislative Change
Pick up boxed lunches					
Field Trip- Delaware Food Bank & UD Research			1 pm - 5 pm (with break)		
Dinner on your own					

Thursday, August 27

Breakfast (7:00 am - 8:00 am)					
			Management Excellence 8 am - 12 pm	Partner Meetings (if requested)	NACD Session

Breakout Sessions:

1. Funding the Mission: Expanding Revenue and Building Capacity

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<p>This track focuses on the essential business of sustaining district operations, detailing successful, practical strategies for expanding Revenue Sources for Districts (e.g., diversifying grants, fee structures, local funding). Presentations will also showcase effective models for Partnerships to Build District Capacity, including how to successfully leverage Corporate Sustainability Initiatives and develop impactful Public-Private Partnerships that strengthen district resources and expertise.</p>					
<p>2. Adapting to New Land Use: Emerging Conservation Issues in Developed Land Uses</p>					
<p>This critical track explores how conservation districts are innovating their work in the face of rapid development. We seek proposals that detail real-world examples of how districts are adapting their work based on the increasing development in solar operations, data centers, warehouses, etc. Presentations will highlight practical mitigation strategies, planning adaptations, and implementation protocols that ensure resource protection alongside development.</p>					
<p>3. Smart Conservation: Innovative Tools & Technologies for Implementation</p>					
<p>This track is dedicated to the adoption of cutting-edge technology to increase efficiency and impact. We invite presentations that feature the practical application of Innovative Tools & Technologies (not just the theory), including Remote Sensing, AI, Customer Service Management (CSM), Project Management, and Implementation Tracking & Reporting Tools. Presentations focus on how these tools are currently being used in local districts to solve real conservation problems and measure success.</p>					
<p>4. Engaging the Community: Outreach, Education, and Urban Growth</p>					
<p>This track focuses on effective engagement and reaching new audiences. Presenters will share proven methods for Effective Outreach & Education strategies that lead directly to conservation adoption. We'll offer practical success stories and models related to Urban and Community Agriculture, including how districts are supporting these efforts and integrating conservation practices into non-traditional settings to address local food security and environmental issues.</p>					
<p>5. Policy in Action: The District's Role in Legislative Change</p>					
<p>This track examines the direct influence districts have on the regulatory landscape. Presentations will analyze and detail the successful, on-the-ground impact of districts within policymaking at the federal, state, and local levels, and include examples of effective advocacy, coalition building, and how districts successfully translate local conservation needs into actionable public policy.</p>					