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Brief History

In 1947, the New York Association of Conservation Districts was formed to represent Soil and Water Conservation Districts and voice their concerns and needs regarding natural resource conservation at the state and federal levels. Incorporated in 1958, the New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (NYACD) provides education and information on conservation, orderly development and wise use of the state's natural resources. The Association, a non-governmental, non-partisan, volunteer organization, represents the county [Soil and Water Conservation Districts](#). NYACD implements programs that encourage proactive, cooperative alliances with others to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability. Consistent with our dedication to natural resource management, NYACD provides advocacy and representation of our members at the state, regional and national levels.

Who We Are

About Us

The New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. was created as the voice of Soil and Water Conservation Districts by a united group of District Directors. Directors serve the needs of local conservation districts, including programming and projects lead by respective boards of directors and employees.

Mission Statement

The New York Association of Conservation Districts unifies the Directors of local Soil and Water Conservation Districts statewide, and serves as a platform for relationships, networking, advocacy, training, and education.

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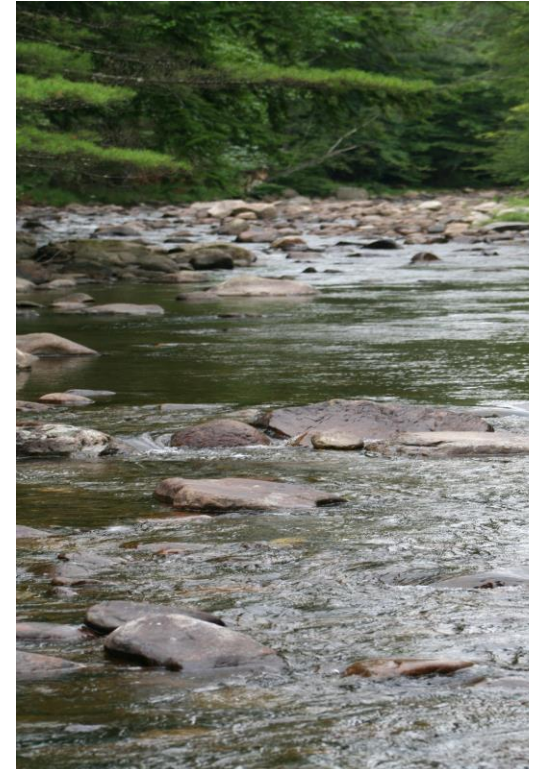
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*NYACD is Celebrating its
70th year in 2017!*



Keeping our Eyes Focused on Our Future!
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Vision Statement

The New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. provides leadership in the wise use of soil, water, and related natural resources. This direction is provided through programs that support member Soil and Water Conservation Districts' scientific and marketing/outreach programs and that encourage networking and building alliances with outside groups that have related interests.

2015 & 2016 District Resolutions

1. Waterfront Revitalization Resolution

In 2015 the Waterfront Revitalization Resolution became a bill when passed the NYS Senate 62 – 0 with 1 absent. The NYS Assembly refused to let out of the committee. The Assemblyman Englebright, Chair and senior staff member, Steve Bliss, finally in 2016 agreed to change. If made by Senate the Assembly will allow the bill to come out of committee.

A meeting is being arranged with Senator Pamela Helming, Dan Farrand, Ron Montesi, and Blanche Hurlbutt to see if she is able to move this process of bill #S6621 along and finalize the Waterfront Revitalization bill.

2. CAPO Regulations Resolution

The CAPO Regulations Resolution was a federal matter, which was submitted to the Legislative Committee of NACD. This resolution did not get out of the committee at the national level.

2017 District Resolutions (this will be presented at the NYACD Annual meeting to be discussed)

1. District Law Section Change

The NYSCDEA', Chemung, and Madison County SWCD's have requested through a resolution to have Section 11a-1c Law wording changed to remove the wording "on a competitive basis."

We are working with a Senator to gain support to make this resolution a bill. First the resolution will need to be presented to the House of Senators. The Senators will need to take a vote, push it through and on to the Assemblyman for a vote. It will become a bill, if both Senate & Assemblyman pass the resolution.

2017 District Resolution Continues.....

NYACD will be meeting with both the Senate Rural Resource Commission and Assembly Rural Resource Commission to present this resolution. In hopes that NYACD can get the committees to sponsor legislation.

2014 District Resolutions

In 2014 NYACD was the driving force to have the Soil & Water Conservation Districts reimbursement increased from \$30,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

NYACD has and will continue to move forward with the Senate & Assembly any and all resolutions recommended by Districts and voted upon at the NYACD Annual meeting.

NYACD Receives Funding...

The NYACD receives funding by District support with the annual dues, the annual training/meeting session, and by donors.

Searching for funding is an ongoing process that continues through-out the year, by reaching out to businesses, that support Districts across NY.

If you would like to donate please feel free to send your donation to:

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