

An Invitation To Join The Colorado Conservation Districts Small Acreage Consortium



Many conservation districts in Colorado and around the U.S. are being significantly impacted by land use changes brought about by small acreage development and urbanization within district boundaries. Some Colorado districts and others around the nation have taken the opportunity to work with these landowners, addressing associated natural resource problems, offering unique on-the-ground conservation options, and providing needed education for these individuals.

The goal of the Colorado Conservation Districts Small Acreage Consortium is to provide districts statewide with the tools, associations, and possible partnerships to deal with problems and issues connected to small acreages, urban landscapes and small acreage forestry management.

This consortium would be facilitated by Mark Cronquist, Conservation Specialist with the Colorado State Conservation Board, and would be a **voluntary** collaboration of districts around the state interested in sharing information about successful practices, educational programs and materials they have used, and potential resources from other states and agencies.

Initially, participating districts will receive:

- ✓ Quarterly e-newsletter covering small acreage conservation success stories, training programs, information from other states and discussing emerging issues for districts to consider when developing Annual Plans of Work and Long Range Plans. These will be archived for future reference.
- ✓ Time-sensitive information (workshops, conferences, etc.) will be shared as it arrives.
- ✓ Assistance will be provided to districts in locating appropriate speakers or presenters for annual meetings, workshops, or other educational or programmatic opportunities.
- ✓ One group meeting is planned each year at the Annual CACD Meeting to discuss common issues, provide training, and offer educational materials.

If your district would like to participate in the Small Acreage Consortium, please send an email to Mark Cronquist at mark.cronquist@co.nacdnet.net . Please provide 1) the district name, 2) email address for Consortium communication, and 3) a primary contact for the district regarding small acreage/urban issues. You will receive email confirmation.

Questions may be directed to the email address above or call 970-590-6596.