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Next Generation Extension
– Learning For Leaders
Collaboration With NRCS
September 14, 2018

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Purpose of The August Leadership Summit

- To enhance the partnership between NRCS and LGUs.
- To identify approaches that will improve our ability to work together.
- To prioritize a range of activities, actions, steps, etc. that can be taken over time that will lead to more effective natural resources and conservation programs.

Participants in the Leadership Summit

LGU Representation

Arthur	Allen	Professor	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Frank	Casey	Director, School of Natural Resources	North Dakota State University
Albert	Essel	Executive Administrator	1890 Extension
Deb	Hamernik	Associate Dean and Director	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Mike	Harrington	Executive Director	Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
Chuck	Hibberd	Dean and Director, ECOP Chair	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Lyla	Houglum	Executive Director	Western Extension Directors Association
Glenda	Humiston	Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources	University of California System
Jeff	Jacobsen	Executive Director	North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
Gene	Kelly	Deputy Director	Colorado State University
Rick	Klemme	Executive Director	National Extension System
John	Lawrence	Vice President for Extension and Outreach	Iowa State University
Keith	Owens	Associate Vice President	Oklahoma State University
Rick	Rhodes	Executive Director	Northeast Regional Association
Fred	Schlutt	Extension Director	University of Alaska
Robin	Shepard	Executive Director	North Central Cooperative Extension Association
Alton	Thompson	Executive Administrator	1890 Association of Research Directors
Eric	Young	Executive Director	Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
Jon	Wraith	Dean and Director	University of New Hampshire

NRCS Representation

Ben	Malone	State Conservationist	Alabama
Craig	Derickson	State Conservationist	Nebraska
Obediah	Racicot	Acting State Conservationist	Maine
Mary	Podoll	State Conservationist	North Dakota
Kasey	Taylor	State Conservationist	Delaware
Carlos	Suarez	State Conservationist	California
Clint	Evans	State Conservationist	Colorado
Astor	Boozer	Regional Conservationist	West
Terrell	Erickson	Acting Regional Conservationist	Northeast
Xavier	Montoya	Acting Regional Conservationist	Southeast
Jimmy	Bramblett	Deputy Chief	Programs
Diane	Gelburd	Acting Deputy Chief	Science & Technology
Lillian	Shawver-Woods	Acting Deputy Chief	Soil Science & Resource Assessment
Amanda	Schaller	Natural Resources Specialist	
Sharif	Branham	Acting Chief of Staff for Associate Chief for Conservation	
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ALSO: Office of the Chief representatives: Leonard Jordan (Acting Chief), Leslie Deavers (Acting Chief of Staff for the Chief), or James Tillman (Acting Associate Chief for Conservation)

Agenda

In Brief

Tuesday, August 14th (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

- Who we are - the modern missions, roles, and organization values.
- Who are our stakeholders, and where do stakeholders overlap?
- What allows us to improve our collaborations?
- Opportunity for working collaboratively on key issues.

Wednesday, August 15th (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

- Identifying joint priorities and joint work products at state and regional levels.
- Benchmarks for the next five years.
- Plans for future collaboration.

Afternoon Session August 15th (12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

- A sub-set of regional leaders.

Major Themes To the Summit's Recommendations

NOTE: These are still being formulated – offered as examples.

Organization Issues

(Examples Only – no priorities)

- Common goal setting.
- Training and professional development.
- Institutionalizing a framework for partnering that supports and rewards working together.
- A focus on the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for working collaboratively and identifying state opportunities.
- Enhancing state-level connections (*e.g., review participation in State Technical Committee, engineering standards, Farm Bill program roll-out, etc.*).
- Others – to be added to this list.

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Resource Issues/Initiatives

(Examples Only – no priorities)

**All of these are general themes at this point and will likely need more detailed discussion to establish joint priorities within them.)*

- Soil Health
- Cropping Systems
- Emerging Local Food Systems
- Water (quality and quantity)
- Enabling technologies and tools.
- Others – to be added to this list.

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Next Steps – The Follow Up Timeline

(Approximate Dates)

August 24 – September 24:

Leadership Group (sub-set of Summit Participants) reviews and edits notes from the Summit.

September 24:

General Overview Webinar with NRCS and LGUs.

(NOTE: similar efforts are likely with AES and NCRCS in late September or early October.)

By October 1:

Leadership Group develops a draft Operational Plan and edits the Summit notes.

Early October:

Draft Operational Plan with Summit notes are distributed to Summit participants.

Mid to Late October:

Leadership Group collects feedback from Summit participants and provides Summary Report(s) to NRCS and LGU Leadership.

Late October – Early November:

Begin broader discussion within NRCS and LGU of Summary Report Recommendations.

Contact us



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