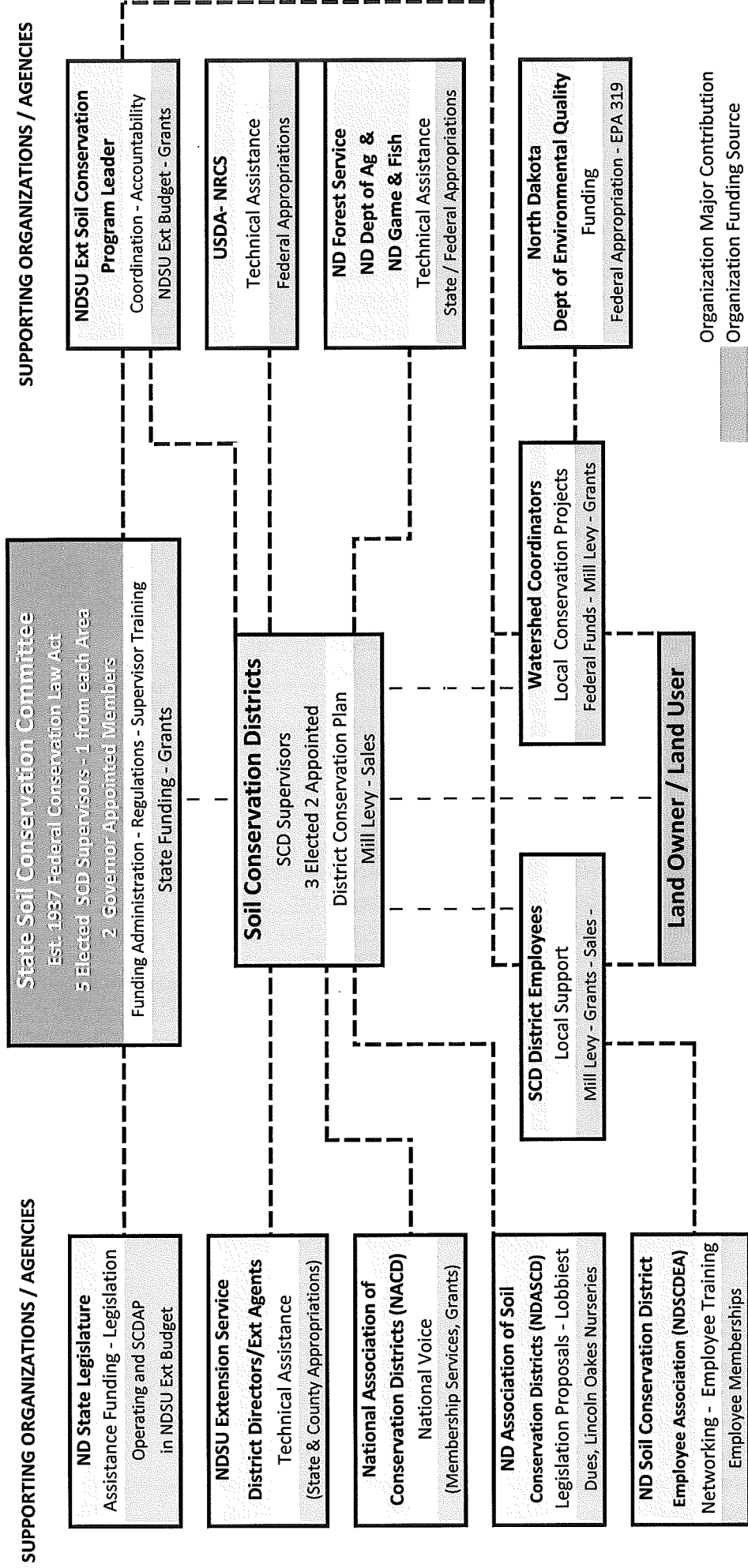


ND Structural Organization Soil Conservation Districts



Conservation Partner Roles at the State Level

Our conservation partnership works because each of the core partners is accountable to contribute specific attributes. Listed below are some general responsibilities state partners assume.

NRCS

- Training for district/agency staff (Technical and Programs)
- Funding to address resource concerns as identified by district/local workgroup
- Conduct the State Technical Committee function (including district and state agency participation)
- Coordinate with and support districts in the executing local workgroup activity/responsibilities
- Administer federal programs
- Provide framework for conservation planning functions
- Coordinator with district boards on conservation plan and practice approvals
- Ensure engagement of conservation districts and discussions of participant specific activity complies with Sections 1619 and Section 1244 provisions protecting confidentiality of records
- Share resources with districts/agencies
- Technical standards and assistance

State Soil Conservation Committee

- Administrate State Appropriated Funding for districts wages/salaries
- Training for district boards/staff (Programs and Administrative)
- Coordination between districts
- Request and manage legislative budget appropriations for conservation
- Serve on State Technical Committee

Conservation Districts

- Combine funds from varied sources to implement conservation practices/programs
- Develop long range and annual plans to address local concerns
- Utilize conservation planning process
- Conservation education/outreach
- Identify opportunities and build partnerships around local natural resource issues
- Host and manage local workgroup meetings and processes

Conservation District Employees Association

- Promote professional development
- Support and implement conservation district long range and annual plans of operation including local district programs
- Carry out technical assistance, conservation education and outreach work including conservation planning
- Share resources/tools/techniques

State Association of Soil Conservation Districts

- Coordination between districts
- Represent and provide political support for districts/state agency
- Represent districts at the state/territory level
- Serve on State Technical Committees
- Unified voice for conservation districts
- Provide non-profit status benefits