

# VT Locally Led Conservation Delivery System Outline

2024

## Conduct Local Needs Assessments

- NRCD Natural Resource Assessment  
Conservation District report that describes the natural features and resources of the District, community demographics including characteristics of the working landscape, how they have changed over time, and their current status. This Assessment includes information from the Tactical Basin Plans and other regional plans.
- Community and partners local workgroup survey.  
NRCD gather public input from a broad range of agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals in the local area who have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs to identify locally-led priorities to prioritize and direct staffing and funds for addressing natural resource concerns in the county and watershed. The survey results are be used to inform the creation of the Conservation District's local Conservation Action Plan, which will help guide annual funding for natural resource conservation in your community.

## Host Local Workgroup Public Meetings

- Convene community stakeholders - the public and natural resource professionals- to review and evaluate natural resource conditions in the natural resource assessment, survey results and gathered local NRCS program statistics and to set recommended priority goals for local conservation.
- Conservation District develops a Local Work Group (LWG) conservation needs assessment report with outcomes from the needs assessments and the meeting(s).

## Develop a Plan

- Conservation Districts guide community stakeholders in the development a 5-year action plan to address their natural resource priority goals.

## Obtain Resources

- Conservation district and community stakeholders obtain the resources needed to carry out the plan.
- Including Applying to NRCS for the Local Fund Pool
  - Working with NRCS staff and following the NRCS FY directive the Conservation District applies annually to obtain resources achieve their natural resource priority goals.
- Conservation District presents summary of the LWG report and Conservation Plan to the NRCS State Technical Committee

## Implement Solutions

- Community stakeholders implement the solutions.
- The Conservation District works with NRCS to set local fund pool ranking
- NRCS staff and Conservation District staff respond to CTA requests, develop a conservation plan, rank local funding pool applications, obligate ranked projects, and provide technical assistance for implementing the conservation plan.

## Measure Success

- Community stakeholders measure the success of their efforts.