

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Using your community to increase your local impact!

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**Teamwork is the
secret that makes
common people
achieve
uncommon results**

—— Ifeanyi Enoch Onuoha



Non-Point Source Pollution class with Partner 4 Rivers Basin Coordinator -
Graves County

REASONS FOR PARTNERSHIPS

01

Knowledge

Community organizations have expertise in specific fields - use that experience.

02

Funding

Using local or community grants allows bigger budgets for bigger impacts, and many organizations have materials to use for free.

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Community Outreach

Using community groups gives you instant, reachable audiences you might not have interested previously.

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Additional Help

Involving other groups gives you a bigger pool of workers for your project.



High Tunnel built with Cost-Sharing programs with Parter NRCS - Woodford County

COMMON PARTNERS FOR KENTUCKY CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



NRCS



Extension



Kentucky Cattlemen's Association



Local Schools

PARTNERSHIPS: NRCS

FIELD DAYS/AG DAYS

Counties: Henry, Breckinridge, Anderson, Trimble, Knox, Bath, Carter, Rockcastle, Calloway

CLASSROOM DEMOS

Counties: Anderson, Rockcastle, Calloway

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

All counties with State Cost Share programs

OFFICE SPACE/FACILITIES

Counties with their Conservation District Offices inside NRCS offices often provide administrative assistance

PARTNERSHIPS: EXTENSION

SOIL/MANURE TESTING

Counties: Jackson, Rockcastle,
Warren, Anderson, Adair, Henry,
Spencer, Woodford

AG/SAFETY/FIELD DAYS

Counties: Breckinridge, Boyle,
Union, Knox, Bath, Carter,
Meade, Calloway, Woodford

WORKSHOPS/EXPOS

Hay/Pasture and Sheep/Goat - Pike
County
Cover Crops - Jefferson
Campbell County EXPO - Cambell County

4H CLUBS

Counties: Graves, Laurel, Logan, Pike, Knott,
Calloway
Conservation presentations, scholarships
to 4H camp

Graves County, Graves County 4-H, and the Four Rivers Basin Coordinator

NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROGRAM





PARTNERSHIPS: KY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PROMOTE COST- SHARING PROGRAMS

WORKSHOPS

Promote conservation practices like rotational grazing, watering facilities, heavy-use area, and pasture management.

AG/FIELD DAYS

Counties: Laurel, Boyle, Trimble

UPDATE COMMUNITY ON PROGRAMS THROUGH FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

PARTNERSHIPS: LOCAL SCHOOLS

PRESENT CONSERVATION AND AG PROGRAMS TO CLASSES

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Teach upcoming farmers about conservation practices, use them to help with your Conservation District programs (they get community service hours), help them create community gardens

AG/FIELD DAYS

Many counties provide these opportunities to get students out of the classroom, teaching them about agriculture, safety or environmental science

PROVIDE TEACHER OR EDUCATION GRANTS

Counties: Woodford, Pike, Campbell, Knott, Jefferson

Use the money for environmental projects and education opportunities

Envirothon Partnerships



South Warren FFA Envirothon Team - Warren County

Envirothon teams are excellent opportunities to bring together community experts. These groups are important to teaching the teams the knowledge they need to compete. NRCS, Master Gardeners, college or university professors, anyone with soil experience.

Example Counties:
Warren, Kenton,
Campbell, Johnson,
Fayette

COUNTY CALL-OUT!

Anderson County
Conservation District partners
with **MANY** community
organizations throughout the
year!



Annual Farm Tour invites **NRCS** staff to help explain the practices installed. **Division of Water and EPA** for a 319(h) project to focus on a particular watershed. **NRCS** for a Focused Conservation Project (FCP) that focuses on a particular watershed. A **Local Nursery** provides discount for native pollinators bought for the Backyard Pollinator Cost-Share Program.

The Junior Conservation Board sponsored by the Anderson County Conservation District has formed many partnerships over the years:

- **Bluegrass Green Source** to collaborate with for our local Main Street Clean Sweep initiative in the spring; we also partner with **First Baptist Church** to use their parking lot as a staging area and leave our trash in their dumpster
- **Ace Hardware and KDFWR (Fish & Wildlife)** for the annual Beaver Lake Fish Habitat Project which involves collecting discarded Christmas trees in the winter and depositing them into local Beaver Lake where the fish use them for habitat
- **River Network** has provided hardware and stencils to use for rain barrels which were placed around the city
- **City of Lawrenceburg** provided metal discs to install on storm drains around town alerting people of the live stream underneath
- **Local senior facilities** to have renovated garden beds
- **America in Bloom** to remove litter and undergrowth from a stream bank that flows downtown
- **Bluegrass Green Source** also presents lessons on recycling to the Junior Board



GET CREATIVE!

Local Banks and Credit Unions – donations, grant funding, community help, advertising

Basin Coordinators – Kentucky has 7 major rivers basins, each with a Coordinator. They offer materials and expertise to use in teaching about clean water

Fiscal Courts/City and County Managers – donations and grant funding, reach out to start community gardens or green initiatives

County Master Gardener's groups – expertise in planting, available for classes and workshops, community involvement

Libraries – meeting spaces, help with community events

Local Boy and Girl Scout troops – help with events for community service, get youth involved

Local Parks and Greenspaces – locations for cleanups or workshops, community involvement

County Fairs – location for workshops and advertising, booths for Conservation District materials or education

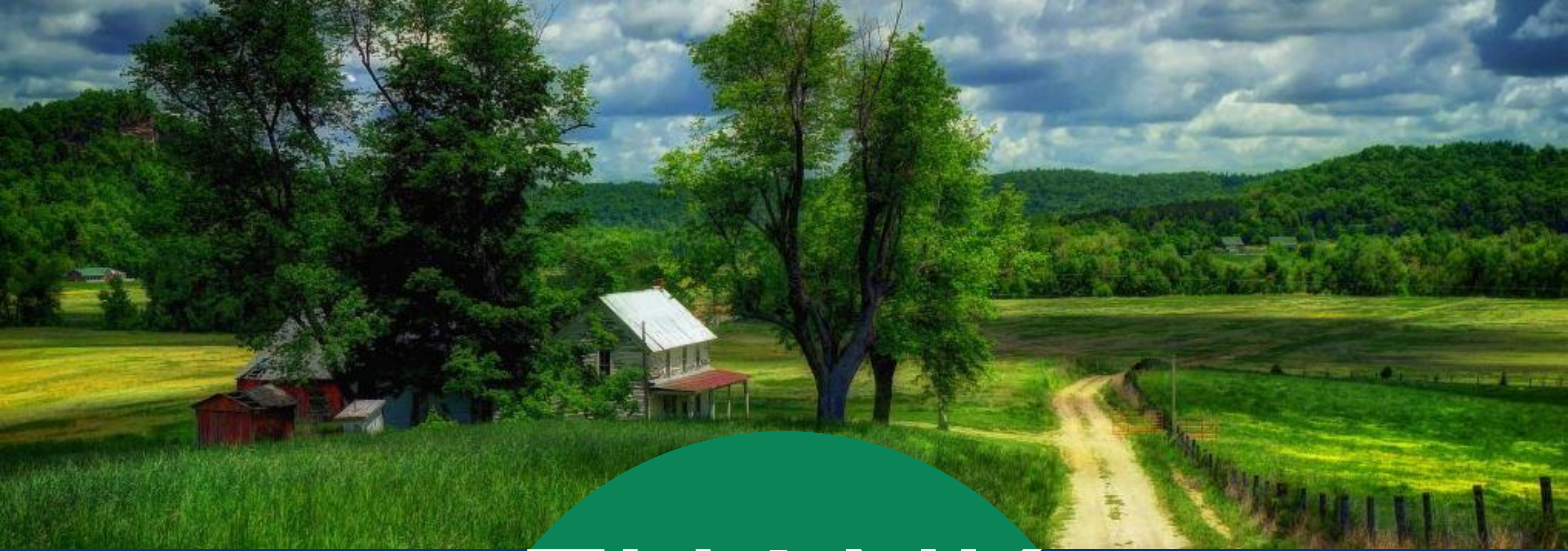
Local Churches – great for staging events, parking locations for field trips, community gardens and events

Farmers Markets – meeting space for Conservation District booths and educational sessions, workshops

Local Tourism – get involved with Ag Tours, Holiday Tours, Farm Tours

Regional Watershed Conservation Districts or Research Groups – expertise for events, provide materials, grants and funding for projects

Utility Companies – interest in promoting environmental and conservation efforts through funding grants and materials



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YOU