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North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts
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Ref: North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee
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FON: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGT-23-07 Coalition Support Letter

The North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee has the duties and powers to secure the cooperation and assistance of state, federal, regional, interstate, and local, public, and provide agencies with districts and to facilitate arrangements under which district may assist or serve county governing bodies and other agencies in the administration of any activity concerned with the conservation of natural resources. The delivery and support of the NDSSCC represents the 54 Soil Conservation Districts in partnership with the North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts. The North Dakota State Soil Conservation Commission has authority and powers to represent the 54 Soil Conservation Districts for the delivery of conservation implementation and the ability align with partners on behalf of the SCD's in North Dakota.

The North Dakota Soil Conservation Districts charge is to provide for the conservation of the soil and soil resources of the state and for the control and prevention of soil erosion, and to preserve the state's natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in navigability of rivers, preserve wildlife and protect the tax base, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this state.

The NDSSCC along with the North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts will work in concert together delivering the ND Tree and Shrub Initiative on behalf of the 54 soil conservation districts for the state of ND. The NDSSCC will represent the 54 soil conservation districts, provide program guidance, disseminate materials timely, assure SCD's are following all perimeters of the program, and work towards the common goals of preserving and addressing or natural resources.

This grant opportunity will allow both NDASCD and the NDSSCC the ability to operate within our operational duties of each entity. With this partnership it allows for a unified message and the importance of conservation implementation for the landowners within North Dakota.

The North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee holds the representation power within the 54 Soil Conservation Districts. If selected for grant consideration the NDSSCC and NDASCD will be able to provide individual Memorandum of Agreements for the 54 soil conservation districts by the date indicated of July 1st, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Martin (Apr 1, 2024 11:40 CDT)

Bob Martin, Chairman

North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee