



**Northern Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development**  
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The Northern Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council was established in 1990 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The RC&D council serves the four counties of WV's Northern Panhandle, including Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, and Ohio Counties. The council has four areas of focus, including: Land Conservation, Land Management, Water Management, and Community Development.

Since its inception, almost 200 projects have been completed through financial and technical assistance from the RC&D council and its partners. Projects include playground, ball field, and park improvements; development of outdoor classrooms; restoration of historical sites; community center renovations; business development training; and many more.

The Northern Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development (NP RC&D) Council is currently updating its Area Plan, or Long-Term Plan, for 2010-2014. We are encouraged that through this process, the NP RC&D will have a greater understanding of the needs of our local communities. We will use this information to broaden existing programs and develop new programs to effectively serve the Northern Panhandle.

We hope that you will provide your input by completing and returning the attached Area Plan Survey. Your comments will remain confidential and we will not share any contact information you provide to us.

If you have questions about anything, you may contact your local representatives serving on the NP RC&D Council. Their contact information is listed on page 2. You may also contact our office at 304-242-0576 ext. 109 or 110.

Sincerely,

Howard Coffield  
Chairman

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## Northern Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development Council Area Plan Survey

The Northern Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (RC&D) is seeking input from the public and partnering organizations to update its long range plan for the four county RC&D area. The Northern Panhandle RC&D council, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, works with local units of government, community organizations, groups, and individuals to coordinate technical and financial assistance to meet the needs of the local area. Through these partnership opportunities, the Northern Panhandle RC&D strives to meet needs not currently being met by other programs. The RC&D program concentrates on the 4 key elements of: land conservation, land management, water management, and community development.

1. Have you ever heard of the Northern Panhandle RC&D?  Yes  No

2. Have you or your organization utilized our services?  Yes  No

*If you answered no, go to question 6. If you answered yes, please answer questions 3 through 5 based on the quality of the service you or your organization have received (1 – Poor to 5 – Excellent). Circle one number for each question.*

3. What type of assistance did you receive?  Technical Assistance  Financial Assistance  Both

4. How would you rate the quality of products or services provided? 1 2 3 4 5

5. How effective has the Northern Panhandle RC&D been in assisting you or your organization in meeting your community's goals? 1 2 3 4 5

6. As we set our priorities, what needs do you foresee for your community over the next five to ten years? (Please select up to 3 items in each category.)

### Water Management

- Flood Management
- Water Conservation
- Groundwater Protection
- Nonpoint Source Pollution
- Riparian Corridor Protection
- Storm Water Management
- Use/Quality of Rural Water Supply
- Watershed Awareness
- Watershed Planning and Management
- Wetland Protection and Development
- Extraction Industry Waste Water Disposal
- Water Quality Monitoring Programs
- Rural Septic System Failures/Lack of System
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Development

- E-commerce Opportunities
- Entrepreneurship Opportunities
- Tourism Promotion
- Recycling Accessibility
- Historic Preservation
- Rural Fire Protection
- Development of Resource Based Industries
- Green Space Development
- Recreational Opportunities
- Adequate Rural Water and Sewer Systems
- Rural Economic Development
- Promotion of Small-Scale and Specialty Agriculture
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Land Management

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Alternative Agriculture Opportunities
- Alternative Energy Production/Use
- Open Space Management
- Farmland Protection
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement & Protection
- Easement Management
- Extraction Industries – Land Use/Protection
- Grassland Management
- Forest Management
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Land Conservation

- Protection of Land from Soil Erosion
- Sedimentation
- Soil Quality
- Agricultural and Environmental Education
- Suburban Conservation/Backyard Conservation
- Mined Land Reclamation
- Invasive Plants Control
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Of those items checked, what are the top three needs/concerns in your community / organization?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which of the following services do the community or organizations you represent need that you are currently unable to obtain? Please check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Searches for Available Grants	<input type="checkbox"/> Coalition Building
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Loans for Small Businesses
<input type="checkbox"/> Seminar/Workshop Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Grants Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilitation of Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Agent
<input type="checkbox"/> Retreats	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Referrals to Available Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Technical Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Training Opportunities (specify)

9. Do you have any project ideas that you would like for the RC&D to consider?

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10. Do you have any suggestions for RC&D, or additional comments?

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11. What county do you reside and/or work in? (Check more than one if applicable)

- Brooke     Hancock     Marshall     Ohio

**Optional**

I would like to:

- Request additional information
- Receive the Northern Panhandle RC&D newsletter.
- Become a volunteer with RC&D.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for taking the time to  
help your community!**

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