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CHICAGO, Ill. — State soil and water conservation leaders met here recently to determine which path at the crossroads the federal, state, and local conservation agencies should follow.

The national meeting, "Conservation at A Crossroads," was organized by the National Association of Conservation Districts, the National Association of State Conservation Agencies, and the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

Increasing public concerns over the environment have put added pressure on these agencies to develop a strong partnership that can deliver the natural resource conservation services demanded by the public.

Representing Pennsylvania at the meeting was Robert E. Wagner, chairman of the Lancaster County Conservation District and president of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts.

Each state reported on the primary challenges facing their conservation team. Common concerns expressed were funding at the state and local level, setting conservation program priorities with less funding and increased responsibilities, opening communications between the partnership, marketing the conservation ethic as well as services, and deciding how to organize to provide those services to a changing, more urban customer.

Representatives from policy planning, environmental, and private sector organizations encouraged the state leaders to look at the changes being thrust upon them as opportunities to expand and improve natural resource services. They were advised to listen to society and to develop services that meet the needs of a diverse constituency, including more urban-oriented interests.

When the state teams met in small discussion groups, they collectively identified the need for a more holistic, or total resource management, approach when setting the conservation agenda for the future. They believe future conservation programs must be more incentive-driven with a strong voluntary approach that included a regulatory backup system, for possible "bad actors."

The Pennsylvania conservation team came away from the meeting with a stronger level of commitment and trust in their ability to meet growing natural resource conservation issues in the state.

What does this mean for the American public? The common vision shared by each conservation partner is to maintain a productive nation in harmony with a quality environment.

### Annual Tree Seeding Sale

The Lancaster County Conservation District is again sponsoring a beautification conservation project in the form of a Tree Seeding Sale.

The goal is to try to improve Lancaster County's beautiful environment.

For more information, call the district at (717) 299-5361.

