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To: NARD Board of Directors, NRD Managers and NRD Administrators
From: NARD Staff
Date: January 14, 2026
Re: Washington DC Meeting

Make plans now to attend the NRDs Annual Washington DC meeting, March 28 – April 1, 2026

Deadline for Hotel Reservations – February 25, 2026 – Make your reservations by calling 1-800-774-1500 and ask for the NARD Annual Meeting block at the Embassy Suites Hotel Washington D.C. Convention Center – 900 10th St. NW, Washington DC, 20001. We have a group rate of \$354 for single/double occupancy. Enjoy the complimentary, fully cooked-to-order breakfast each morning in the Finn & Porter restaurant and start your evenings with the nightly Manager's Reception.

Deadline for Registration – March 13, 2026 - Register using the attached form, or register on-line at: [2026 Washington DC Meeting | Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts](#)

Outline and Tentative Agenda

March 28-29 - Travel days. Enjoy visiting the monuments and museums on your own.

Monday, March 30 – Morning Speakers & Afternoon Tour w/ Dinner

Tuesday, March 31 – Full Day of Speakers in Conference Room

Wednesday, April 1 – Morning visit to the U.S. Capitol

Tentative Topics/Speakers

- Welcome & General D.C. Update – Kris Polly, Water Strategies
- Policy Update – National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)
- Waters of the United States (WOTUS) – American Farm Bureau Federation
- National Special Districts Association
- Using AI to Expedite Conservation Planning & Enrollment – The Commons
- Leveraging the Fieldprint Calculator to Accelerate Conservation – Field to Market
- 319 Program – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Trade Policy Overview – U.S. Grains Council
- Carbon Policy & 45Z Tax Credits – Renewable Fuels Association
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Programs
- U.S. Capitol visit to meet with Nebraska Delegation/Staff (Wednesday, April 1)

Tour – Monday Afternoon (March 30)

The tour includes lunch at the hotel, transportation, park admission, guided tour, and dinner.

Mount Vernon: The home of America's first president, George Washington's Mount Vernon estate along the Potomac River is one of the nation's most visited historic sites. The estate includes the Mansion, Tombs of George & Martha Washington, Outbuildings, Gardens, Distillery & Gristmill, and Library. Plans are being made for a guided tour as well as time to explore the grounds on your own.

250th Anniversary

In 2026, the U.S. will celebrate and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, marking America's Semiquincentennial. Due to the anniversary, there will likely be additional things to see and do in Washington, D.C.