



Memorandum of Understanding and Unfunded Cooperative Agreement

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MOU - NRCS_SWCD_DNR_Commission 2_11_25 Final Draft.docx; Unfunded Coop Agrmt NRCS_SWCD 2_11_25 Final Draft.docx;

Good afternoon.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission (Commission) signed Memorandums of Agreements (MOA) approximately 5 years ago that specify ways the agencies/entities can cooperate to deliver technical assistance and financial resources to Missouri's farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners. Signing of the MOA was followed by the signing of an Unfunded Cooperative Agreement (UCA) between NRCS and each SWCD to further clarify roles and document the sharing of resources. Although the MOA specified the agreement's period of performance would remain in effect until mutually modified or terminated, NRCS has learned that all federal agreements have a 5-year lifespan. Thus, the signatory entities assembled a team made up representatives from NRCS, DNR, MASWCD, and MSWCDEA to update and edit the MOU (now called a Memorandum of Understanding or MOU) and the associated UCA.

The draft MOU and UCA are attached for your review and comment. Please provide all comments to the Soil and Water Conservation Program office at soil&waterconservationprogram@swcd.mo.gov with a subject line of "**MOU UCA Comments**" by **April 15, 2025**. This allows the review team time to consider all comments, revise the documents as needed, and have the MOU ready for a signing ceremony at the June 2025, Commission meeting. The signing of the UCA by NRCS and the SWCD Board Chair would follow. **The district board and staff are being asked to provide one consolidated response for the district.** If you have any questions regarding either of these documents, please contact your District Coordinator or the District Conservationist for your county.

Thank you for taking the time to review and provide feedback to make the conservation partnership here in Missouri even stronger.

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