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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### MEMORANDUM

2013-015

DATE: February 13, 2013

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: *for* Colleen Meredith, Director *BU*  
Soil and Water Conservation Program

**SUBJECT: Plan for the Future Regional Workshops**

Over 100 Soil and Water Conservation District board supervisors, staff, and agency partners were able to attend the Plan for the Future workshop at the November 2012 Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Training Conference. The regional workshops are a continuation of the effort to reach out to all districts for your input. There are five subcommittees that have been identified to develop input for the Plan for the Future document, which are: 1. Outreach; 2. Information and Education; 3. Program Delivery and Operations; 4. Current Conservation Practices; and 5. Emerging Issues.

At the November workshop, the discussion focused on staffing in the districts under the Program Delivery and Operations subcommittee. A special software system was used so that up to 100 people could anonymously vote on the questions posed in order to gather input from the participants. You may view the workshop slides and results of the voting on the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Intranet site at <http://swcd.mo.gov/internal/TrainingConference.htm>.

The Soil and Water Districts Commission is continuing to collect input from as many districts as possible as the Plan for the Future is being developed. The Commission at their February 6, 2013 meeting, directed Program Office staff to carry out five regional meetings, to obtain district input on matching grants in response to the many letters asking that the potential for reinstating this program for purchase of equipment be revisited. This information will be provided to the Program Delivery and Operations subcommittee and will be available on the intranet site for all districts.

A slide presentation will detail the history of the matching grant program and again allow for anonymous voting regarding information on matching grants. Districts boards and staff may attend any of the session locations that best fit with your schedules. There will be 100 voting units available for each session, so there should be enough units for at least two board members and two district employees to participate. Hopefully, there will be enough for everyone in

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attendance; Natural Resources Conservation Service and Missouri Department of Conservation staff that work with districts are welcome to attend and vote, as input from all partners is appreciated.

The regional sessions will be conducted from February 25, 2013, to March 6, 2013, with the schedule, timing and locations listed below. Lunch will be provided for all attendees, so please RSVP by completion of the attached form (one per district) to Lori Bax at [lori.bax@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:lori.bax@dnr.mo.gov) or at 573-751-5389, or fax 573-526-3508, by the date indicated below. Remember that districts may attend the session at the location that works best for you, so we hope to see you there. Thank you.

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Attachment

<b>City</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date of Regional Workshop</b>	<b>Location 10am – 2pm each workshop</b>	<b>RSVP BY</b>
Jefferson City	Monday	February 25th	DNR Bennett Springs/Roaring River 1730 East Elm Street Jefferson City, Missouri 65102	<b>2/20/2013</b>
St. Joseph	Thursday	February 28th	Pony Express, 1211 N. Belt Hwy, St. Joseph, MO 64506	<b>2/25/2013</b>
Macon	Friday	March 1st	Expo Center, 1303 S Missouri St, Macon, MO 63552	<b>2/26/2013</b>
Springfield	Monday	March 4th	Discovery Center, 438 E Saint Louis, Springfield, MO 65806	<b>2/27/2013</b>
Cape Girardeau	Wednesday	March 6th	MDC Center, 2289 County Park Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701	<b>2/28/2013</b>

**District**  
**Date of workshop**

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**Name**

**Title (Board/Staff)**

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