How to View Priority Resource Concerns in Texas

Just open the map and click to explore

FY 2021 priority resource concerns are available by NRCS Resource Team or SWCD.

Every year the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) hold a Local Working Group (LWG) meeting annually to decide priority resource concerns for financial assistance for 2018 Farm Bill programs.

Click on the link below and users may choose to view the results from the SWCD LWG meetings or the consolidated priorities for the NRCS Area Resource Team.

Visit web address: https://arcg.is/1H9LDD

The information can be found by using the web application or the new dashboard feature. The filter function and new dashboards makes finding your local information even easier.

Filter function can help search for resource concerns throughout Texas

A newly added filter function allows users the option to search resource concerns within the web app.

Once selected, the region(s) where the resource concern was identified will become highlighted in green. Land use is not considered in this option.

Additionally, the user may choose to view the priority resource concerns of a conservation district or NRCS Resource Team by accessing the respective dashboard.

Resource concerns by land use are displayed by SWCD by using the web application and/or SWCD dashboard.
How to view
the interactive
dashboard

The web application involves an interactive dashboard that features two different search options. Searching by the NRCS Resource Team dashboard or SWCD dashboard to see the top three resource concerns by land use can be done by simply clicking on the map.

A resource concern is defined as an expected degradation of the soil, water, air, plant, or animal resource base to an extent the sustainability or intended use of the resource is impaired. Because NRCS quantifies or describes resource concerns as part of a comprehensive conservation planning process that includes client objectives, human and energy resources are considered components of the resource base.

This online program provides resource concern data for the entire state of Texas, by NRCS Resource Team or SWCD just by clicking on the map using the simplified dashboard and filters. Just click to explore.

Get involved by attending your Local Work Group Meeting

The Local Working Group meeting’s purpose is to collect input from farmers, ranchers, federal, state and local agencies, agricultural leaders, organizations, businesses and other individuals who have an interest in natural resource conservation. Input allows a LWG to identify and prioritize a county’s resource concerns that need to be addressed through eligible 2018 Farm Bill conservation programs and also aids in establishing ranking criteria for county-based funding based on practices.

Meeting recommendations are provided to and reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee which advises the NRCS state conservationist on the conservation programs offered by NRCS. Through stakeholder meetings like LWGs, the public has an opportunity to help local conservation leaders prioritize and set natural resource concerns in their counties.

Visit the [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov) to find out more information on programs, LWG dates, and any other information about conservation or call your local USDA-NRCS office to meet with a conservationist.

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