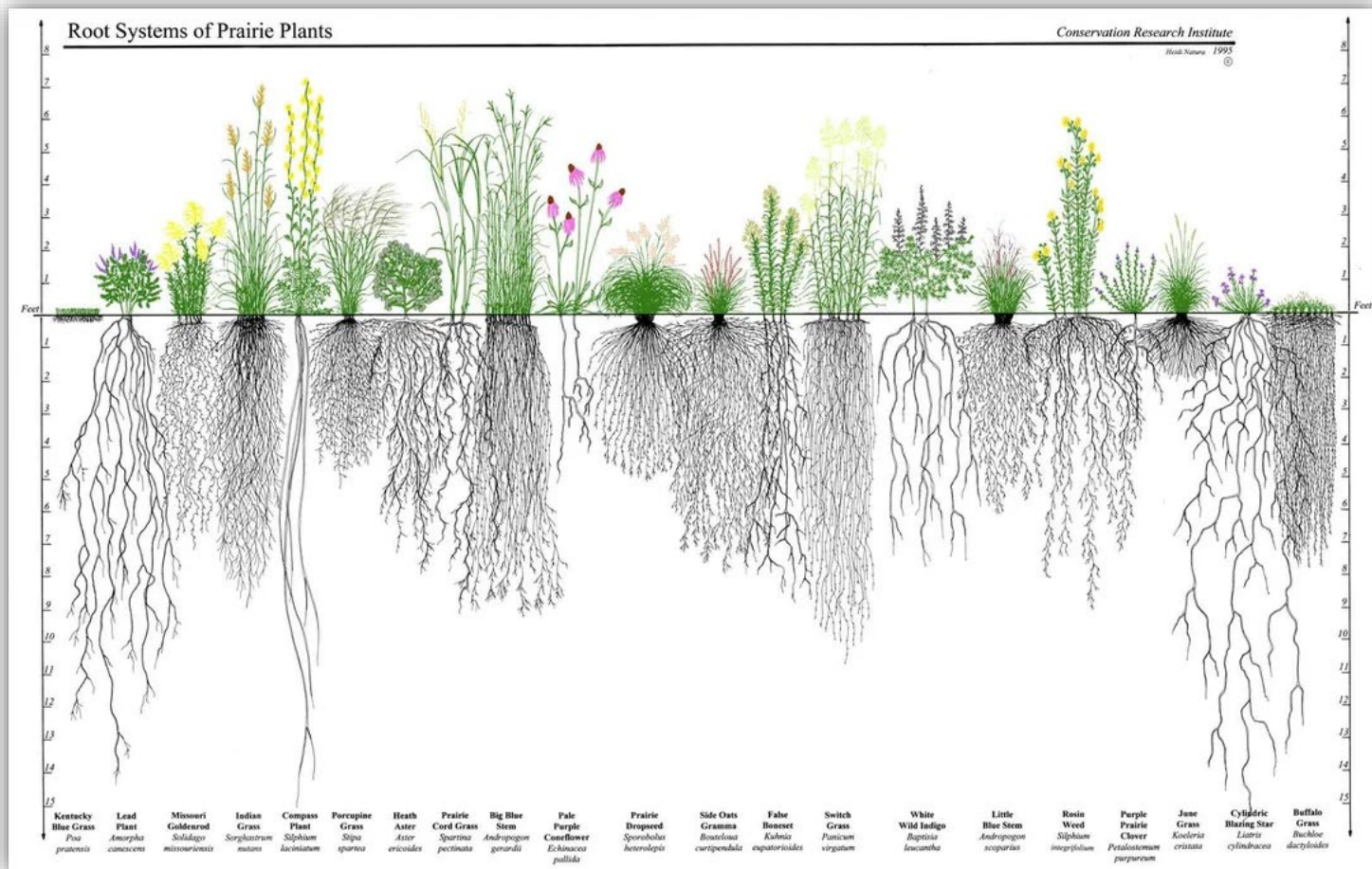




“Getting Back to the Basics”

Re-Establish Our Roots



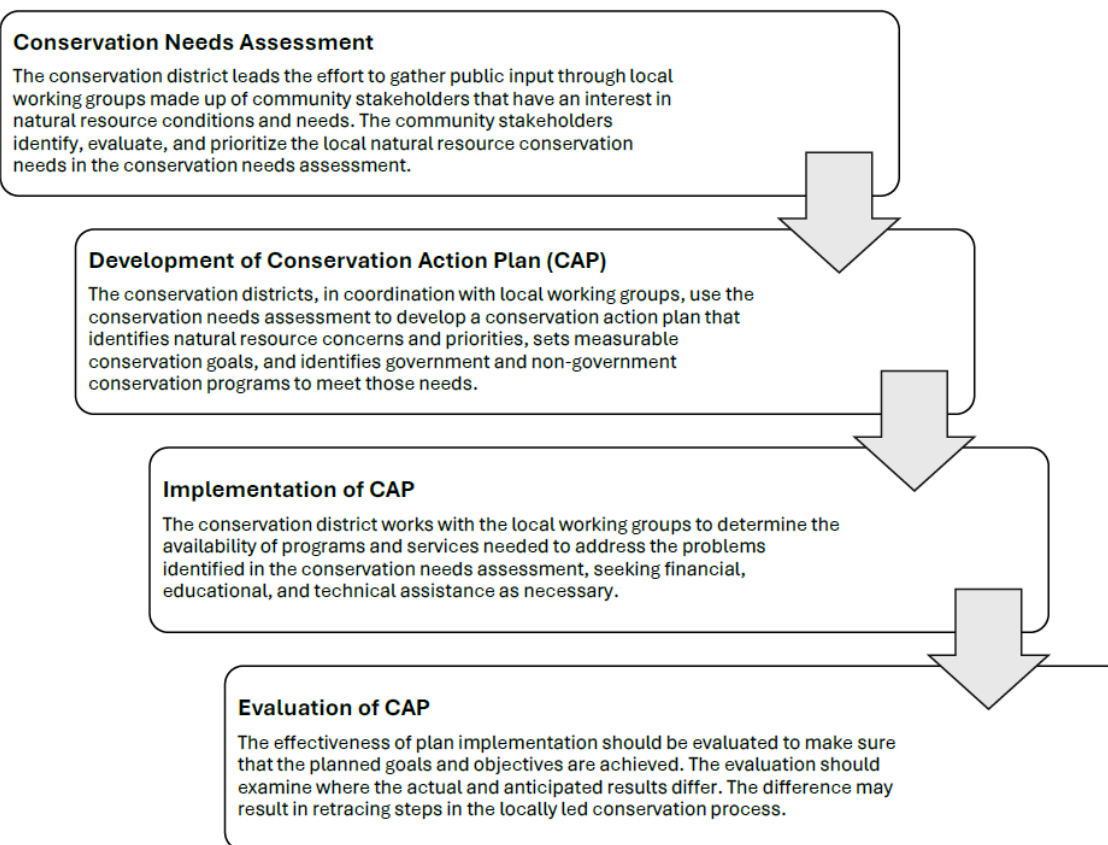
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Locally led conservation begins with the community itself, working through the local conservation district. It is based on the principle that community stakeholders are best suited to identify local natural resource concerns and any related economic and social concerns. By identifying the local natural resource concerns, the community stakeholders can then determine the applicable federal, state, local, and non-governmental programs to address those concerns.



Locally Led Process



Conservation Need Assessment

Evaluation of natural resources based on input and data.

- 1. Setting natural resource priorities**
- 2. Identifying extent of conservation systems and practices**
- 3. Funding scope and priority areas**
- 4. Programs that can help**



Conservation Action Plan (CAP)

- 1. Identify priorities and concerns**
- 2. Measurable conservation goals**
- 3. Technology needed to achieve goals**
- 4. Responsibilities and timeline**
- 5. Federal, state, partner services/programs.**
- 6. Are new programs or processes needed?**



Implementation of the CAP

- 1. Development of Strategic funding proposal (SFP)**
- 2. Development of Priority Resource Opportunities (PRO)**
- 3. State and National Funding priorities**
- 4. Easement priorities**
- 5. Emergency reserves**



Evaluate Results

- 1. Evaluate if conservation goals have been achieved**
 - 2. Celebrate success**
- Or**
- 3. Reassess previous steps and adjust.**

Local Work Groups

- 1. Led by Conservation Districts**
- 2. Members: community members with interest on agriculture and natural resources**
- 3. Responsibility:**
 1. Conservation Needs Assessment
 2. Set Priorities
 3. Funding and program recommendations
 4. Multi-county coordination
 5. Support Outreach



Conservation Districts

- 1. Assemble and lead Local Work Group**
- 2. Develop/finalize conservation needs assessment**
- 3. Develop Conservation Action Plan**
- 4. Deliver priorities and funding requests to DC**

STAC

- Provide information, analysis, and recommendations to NRCS on conservation priorities and criteria for natural resources conservation programs
- Identify emerging natural resource concerns
- Recommend conservation practice standards specs
- Recommend program policy based on resource data
- Review LWG recommendations
- Outreach
- Identify education and training needs.



Questions??????????

