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## Press Release – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### NARC&DC Inks Agreement with Winrock International

The National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils (NARC&DC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development (Winrock) to bring new resources to RC&D Councils.



*James Sipperly, President NARC&DC & Annett Pagan, Director US Programs, Winrock International during a MOU signing ceremony.*

Winrock is a nonprofit organization that works with people in the United States and around the world to empower the disadvantaged, increase economic opportunity, and sustain natural resources. Winrock matches innovative approaches in agriculture, natural resources management, clean energy, and leadership development with the unique needs of its partners. By linking local individuals and communities with new ideas and technology, Winrock is increasing long-term productivity, equity, and responsible resource management to benefit the poor and disadvantaged of the world.

The MOU will guide joint action of the two organizations as they strengthen the capacity of RC&D Councils' to fund and implement projects related to rural development and natural resource management.

NARC&DC President James Sipperly stated that the MOU will assist both "Winrock and the NARC&DC in fostering RC&D Council capacity building, through training and technical assistance, as a means of improving the effectiveness of NARC&DC member non-profits in projects that result in local job creation and retention."

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**The NARC&DC represents and serves America's 375 RC&D Councils. RC&D Councils are non-profit grassroots organizations comprised of community members and local government representatives that deliver resource conservation and community development assistance throughout rural America, including soil and water quality projects, job creation programs, and renewable energy assistance.**