Collaborating with a County Conservation Department

Here are some resources a county conservation department might provide to a producer-led group:

- **Project Management**
  With years of experience serving local communities, Counties can provide assistance with organization, project management, and leadership.

- **Integration with Multiple Projects**
  Counties partner with multiple water quality projects and can help watershed groups integrate and leverage resources.

- **Technical Support**
  County staff can offer strong technical expertise in survey design and assistance in construction of Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- **Access to local land use information**
  County departments have access to land use information including: current and historic land use maps and GIS expertise, knowledge of current and historic farm operations, construction plans, conservation plans, and conservation lease agreements.

- **Meeting and Event Planning**
  County departments can assist with meeting locations and facilitation.

- **Local Partnership Development**
  County departments can help expand producer-led groups’ networks through the positive relationships they have with local farmers and businesses within the agriculture community, as well as with other county department, agencies, non-farming community, and nonprofits with shared goals.

- **Fiscal Assistance**
  County departments can provide fiscal management, substantial grant writing assistance, and expertise.

- **Cost Share Assistance**
  County departments can supplement incentive money with cost share money for conservation practices.

Please contact your local county conservation department directly to discuss additional collaboration opportunities and available resources.

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