



Conservation Drainage Network Committee Annual Report

Education/Extension Committee

Report Period: April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

Committee Purpose: Coordinate and advance education about conservation drainage for contractors, agency staff, farmers, and others. This may include identifying regional materials/publications, videos or other communication that need to be written or developed (i.e., new tools and updates) and increasing awareness of existing opportunities such as drainage schools.

Committee Roster:

Chair: Adrienne Marino (adrienne.marino@tnc.org),
The Nature Conservancy (former chair)
Vinayak Shedekar (shedekar.1@osu.edu),
The Ohio State University (current chair)

Members:	Ryan Bartelheimer	Snohomosh Conservation District
	Bethany (Brittenham) Bertsch	Mauer-Stutz, Inc.
	Rachel Cochran	Ohio State University Extension
	Chris Hay	Iowa Soybean Association
	Matt Helmers	Iowa State University
	Xinhua Jia	North Dakota State University
	Kris Kohl	Iowa State University Extension
	Jill Kostel	The Wetlands Initiative
	Bryan Maxwell	University of Illinois
	John McMaine	South Dakota State University
	Kelly Nelson	University of Missouri
	Timothy Rosen	Shore Rivers
	Gary Sands	University of Minnesota
	Stephanie Singer	The Nature Conservancy
	Ranvir Singh	Massey University, New Zealand
	Abigail Tomasek	Oregon State University
	Scott Wagner	NRCS - Indiana

Activities, accomplishments and outcomes during the reporting period:

The Education/Extension Committee met during the CDN Annual Meeting in April 2022, and included both in person and virtual participants. They discussed the following priorities:

- Clarifying key audiences and their needs related to education and training on conservation drainage topics, including any current relationships with committee members.
- Contributing to extension publications that bring recent/planned publications on controlled drainage to a wider audience of users.
- Identifying additional resources for the website so that a more comprehensive suite of conservation drainage practices is described and represented.
- Collaborating with other committees and individuals if there are needs related to education and outreach on conservation drainage practices broadly and to specific audiences.

Following the annual meeting, the Education/Extension Committee did not meet formally again during the reporting period and did not complete any joint activities or projects.

Planned activities for the next reporting year: *List and briefly describe planned activities*