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### **Soil, Water, and Society - A Changing Paradigm**

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#### Abstract:

As American society continues to evolve our perspective on natural resources, their use, management, and conservation continues to evolve accordingly. Some of these changes seem to be more in the realm of temporary shifts of focus, while others seem to be more longitudinal in nature, creating changes in our support systems.

This seminar will compare the roles and structures of various entities working towards natural resource management, and changes that have been made in their mission, structure, and logistical operations to accommodate these new perspectives. Participants will also explore the impacts of these changes, and new organizations that have been formed in response.

Included in the discussion will be comparison and contrasting of the Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Wisconsin natural resources programs their mission, roles, structure, funding and logistical operations. A more in depth profile of the changing roles of the Missouri Soil & Water Conservation Districts will also be presented.

#### Impact Statement:

Participants in this seminar will draw their own conclusions about what they like and dislike in each structure, what works, what doesn't, and changes they would like to see made in their state.

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