

# NJACD Candidates Biographical Questionnaire Responses

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## **Raymond Cywinski**

Bergen SCD (15 years)

*Candidacy:* NACD Board Member

*Please list the various positions you have held within your district over the years:*

Vice-Chairman from 2020 - Present.

*Additional offices, committees and relevant activities (i.e. county/state boards or commissions, non-profits, etc.)*

Current Committees/Organizations/Offices:

NACD Board Member for NJ (2020 - Present)

Bergen County Environmental Council

Association of NJ Environmental Commissions (Past President)

NJ Association of Conservation Districts (Past President)

State Soil Conservation Committee

Rotary (1997 to Present)

Rockland County (NY) Water Quality Committee (Treasurer)

Former Committees/Organizations/Offices:

NJ Shade Tree Federation (Past President)

Demarest Council (12 years)

Demarest Mayor (2011-2018)

Demarest Planning Board (Former member)

NY Section American Water Resources Association (Past President)

*Please list any accomplishments in your district conservation program:*

Active with Bergen County Environmental Council with 319 grants and annual planting projects for 12+ years.

*Why are you interested in serving in the selected office?*

With my involvement on the BCSCD, SSCC, NJACD and as Alternate NACD Board member for NJ under Joe Lomax, I have the experience to continue as NACD Board Member for NJ. I have been an active participant and voice on the NACD Board.

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## **Louise Davis**

Morris SCD (28 years)

*Candidacy:* NJACD President, SSCC Northern Representative

*Please list the various positions you have held within your district over the years:*

Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, North Jersey RCD Liaison, Liberty RCD Liaison

*Additional offices, committees and relevant activities (i.e. county/state boards or commissions, non-profits, etc.)*

Chair Morris County Flood Committee (current), Morris County Open Space, Morris County Farmland Preservation, Founding member of Sustainable Jersey, past president Garden Club of NJ, three term elected Councilwoman, Deputy Mayor

*Please list any accomplishments in your district conservation program:*

Arranged day long in person event for group involved with Lake Hopatcong water quality to meet with group from Lake George Association to discuss HAB/ lake management

Encouraged/supported the funding of two new hires in my District to train with NRCS as conservation planners.

*Why are you interested in serving in the selected office?*

Due to staffing changes, the NJDA is no longer able to provide the level of support it traditionally provided the Districts. It is important the Association step forward to fill this gap. At the same time members of the Partnership want to strengthen their relationship with the Districts. All of this requires someone to serve as President, who has the time, commitment and experience to make this happen. I'm willing to make that commitment. My years with the District, my past years on the Association Board ( including President), my experience serving on other boards, my continued close association with my family's 8th generation farm, my time on my local Planning Board ( including as chair), my past corporate job give me the needed experience.

SSCC North Position- In addition to above noted background, previously when I served as Association President I served on the SSCC as well. I found it beneficial to serve on both simultaneously and would like to do so again.

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## **Dennis Dougherty**

Camden SCD (10+ years)

*Candidacy:* NJACD Treasurer, NACD Alternate Board Member, SSCC Southern Representative

*Please list the various positions you have held within your district over the years:*

Treasurer, currently Chair

*Additional offices, committees and relevant activities (i.e. county/state boards or commissions, non-profits, etc.)*

NJACD board member (Treasurer, Secretary, VP, and President) - 10 years

Executive Board to the State Committee

*Please list any accomplishments in your district conservation program:*

Management and implementation of various grant programs

*Why are you interested in serving in the selected office?*

Continuing my commitment to my District, the NJACD, the State Committee, and continue opportunities for NJ through NACD

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## **James Hill**

Hunterdon SCD (~6 years)

*Candidacy:* NJACD Secretary, NACD Board Member

*Please list the various positions you have held within your district over the years:*

District Supervisor and presently Vice Chairman

*Additional offices, committees and relevant activities (i.e. county/state boards or commissions, non-profits, etc.)*

South Branch Watershed Association 8 years, President for 3 years until merger with Raritan Headwaters Association. Soil and Water Conservation Society since 86, International Erosion Control Association, NJACD - Treasurer and Secretary, NJ and NY PE societies, Past History - started in NYS with USDA-SCS 1970 - Asst Eng Binghamton and PL566 Watershed Unit, Area Engineer -Utica for old Area 3, Adirondacks Area 73-77, IPA assignment 1977-84 from SCS to Adirondack Park Agency as Soil and Water Engineer. in NJ Township Engineer, Director of Public Works - Readington 1985 - 2001. Lebanon Borough Sewer Authority Engineer since 1986, Currently on Flemington PB -3 years, NJPO - instructor 5 years

*Please list any accomplishments in your district conservation program:*

*Why are you interested in serving in the selected office?*

Trying to provide service to organization as time allows

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## **Joseph L. Lomax**

Cape-Atlantic SCD (42 years)

*Candidacy:* SSCC Southern Representative

*Please list the various positions you have held within your district over the years:*

Secretary, Treasurer

*Additional offices, committees and relevant activities (i.e. county/state boards or commissions, non-profits, etc.)*

State Soil Conservation Committee and its Executive Subcommittee, Board of Director's Member to NACD, in addition to NE Regional Chair, Executive Committee, HR Committee, Bylaws Committee, Natural Resource Policy Committee and Chair of the Coastal Resource Policy Group. Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts.

*Please list any accomplishments in your district conservation program:*

NRCS Innovation Grant, Coastal Resources Conservancy LLC (Non-Profit)

*Why are you interested in serving in the selected office?*

As a current member of the State Soil Conservation Committee and the Executive Subcommittee, I believe that I can bring my experience on the local, state and national level to benefit the activities of the State Committee.

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## **Matt Ward**

HEP SCD (35 years)

*Candidacy:* NJACD Second Vice President, SSCC Northern Representative

*Please list the various positions you have held within your district over the years:*

I have been a supervisor for the HEP District dating back to May 1986. In sum -- just over 35 of involvement. During that time I have served as Chairperson for the district in different time period and serve now as chairperson for the last several years. My Board at our October meeting just re-elected to continue in the position.

I am presently one of the three SSCC committees from the north. I have previously served on the SSCC committee in years prior.

I was on the ground floor, along with other supervisor from the northeast part of the State in creating an innovative trial outreach effort -- called the Urban Conservation Action Partnership (UCAP). This program provided the first real involvement in the key urban areas and had the involvement of several key partners -- including the NJ Dept of Ag, NRCS and locally led elected leaders and ordinary citizens.

My involvement has an ongoing and regular attendance at NJ State Conferences, the Northeast NACD, meetings and, when circumstances have permitted, eight (8) national NACD conferences.

*Additional offices, committees and relevant activities (i.e. county/state boards or commissions, non-profits, etc.)*

Two-term municipal councilman for the City of Clifton; past member and former president for the Clifton Board of Education, Also served on the Clifton Planning Board and was an original appointee by the County of Passaic to serve on their initial Open Space advisory committee.

I also have Masters in Public Administration from the University of South Carolina.

*Please list any accomplishments in your district conservation program:*

We are most proud to have been successful, through our involvement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension, to win grants that have permitted HEP to deepen the meaningful collaborations we first started a number of years ago via the UCAP program.

*Why are you interested in serving in the selected office?*

I believe the overall demographics of HEP provides for a footprint that is unique among all districts in NJ. I believe my continuing with a board position with NJACD and being re-approved be one of three North reps to the SSCC gives me a valuable and needed overview on how such outreach efforts can work more effectively at the rural, suburban and urban levels.