The partnership has resulted in a standard system for mapping and assessing soil resources, so that soil information can be shared throughout the country and the world. To maintain a proactive and product-oriented soil survey, the NCSS system combines the resources of academic institutions, Federal, State, and local agencies, Tribes and private organizations.

The goal of the NCSS is to build a consistent, seamless soil survey that is available both digitally and as printed documents. Research for the Soil Survey is coordinated and integrated with field mapping. Soil information to the public is standardized and made available through the Web Soil Survey. The Web Soil Survey may be accessed at: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/

National Committees

Research Agenda Standing Committee
Goals:
- Establish a targeted measurement program of chemical and physical relationships in soil properties and conditions using Benchmark soils and landscapes
- Evaluate baseline geo-chemical relationships in soil properties and conditions.

Charges:
- Identify, document, prioritize, and address the critical development issues within the NCSS.
- Articulate priority research needs.
- Determine opportunities for partnerships and for funding priority research needs.

NCSS Standards Standing Committee
Goals:
- Ensure Manuals and Soil Taxonomy are current

Charges:
- Receive recommendations from other regional committees and be the clearinghouse for issues dealing with standards. Establish subcommittees as needed to deal with issues identified.

New Technology Standing Committee
Goals:
- Identify and evaluate new inventory techniques
- Identify and evaluate new data base models for inventory and analysis of soil information.

Charges:
- To develop and document procedures, processes, and standards that will be used to integrate GIS, remote sensing, landscape modeling, and other similar technologies into the mainstream of the soil mapping and landscape inventory program.