NC-109, a committee of land grant university people interested in using soil information for land use planning, met in Chicago October 31 and November 1 to compare notes on activities in the various states and, especially, to investigate ways in which regional cooperation can be achieved. Although most of the committee representatives are from universities, federal agencies such as Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service are also represented on the committee and the work done within the states represents cooperative efforts of many agencies and departments. Francis Hole, Wisconsin, presided over the meeting.

This article will report some of the highlights of the meeting to illustrate the activity in the midwest according to reports of participants.

R. R. Davis, Administrative Advisor; a National Land Use Planning Committee will be appointed to give direction to research efforts and to coordinate activities. Federal and state people will constitute the 12-member committee.


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Bill McKenzie, Soil Conservation Service: Soil surveys are still being produced faster than they are being published. However, a program to publish a survey within a year after completion of field work will