

An Introduction to Program Partners and Their Role in TIC

Partnerships enhance TIC programs by strengthening the community connection. Partners provide extra technical assistance, provide programming, and often expose students to local watershed projects. A program partner is someone from a local community organization who is there to help teachers achieve the highest rate of success possible with their TIC program. There are many different groups serving as program partners across the state, including local Trout Unlimited chapters, conservation districts, and watershed associations.

There are many ways a program partner can help enhance the TIC experience. A recent survey of program partners statewide shows that almost 90% of partners take an active role within the classroom. They often provide in-class activities, technical support, and participate in release days and field trips. Some are willing to help provide funds for equipment or classroom excursions.