

Conservation Plan Process

The process to obtain a conservation plan has 4 basic steps:

Step 1

Visit Your Local USDA Service Center



Here you will find the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The NRCS provides assistance to agricultural producers in a manner that will promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. The conservation planning process puts you in charge. It enables you to obtain your own conservation plan that incorporates your goals and objectives, and when approved, will qualify for financial assistance and meet NRCS requirements for its cost-share programs. Your local NRCS office has conservation planning experts who will assist you.

Step 2

Develop a Conservation Plan



A conservation plan is a comprehensive plan for your entire farming or ranching operation that will identify resource problems associated with soil, water, air, and other natural resources, along with conservation solutions to address those problems. Many good solutions to common resource problems have been developed over the years and are incorporated into conservation practices. NRCS can help you to select conservation practices that best suit your operation.

Step 3

Let the Plan be Your Guide



An organized conservation plan will provide a roadmap of resource development opportunities over the next five- to ten-year period. This document will reduce the probability of making short-term decisions that may conflict with your long-term goals. The plan will include conservation practices that, when applied, produce benefits to the environment.

Step 4

An Approved Plan Offers Many Advantages



The choice to develop a farm conservation plan is yours - it is voluntary; but developing it has many advantages. Certain NRCS programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), encourage an approved conservation plan. It will also map your route to achieving sustainable farming practices.

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