

NRCS – Helping People Help the Land

Mission Statement

We deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world.

Vision Statement

A world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes, and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation.

A photograph of two men sitting in a field of tall grass, engaged in a conversation. The man on the left is wearing a blue cap and a plaid shirt, while the man on the right is wearing a dark visor and a maroon polo shirt. The background shows a body of water and more greenery.

**NRCS provides one-on-one,
personalized advice.**

**NRCS helps people make
investments in their operations
and local communities.**

**NRCS generates, manages and
shares the data, technology and
standards to help make informed
decisions.**

Voluntary Conservation Approach

- State Technical Committees
- Local Work Groups
- Local Conservation Districts
- Outreach



Science - Based

Climate
GIS

Agronomy

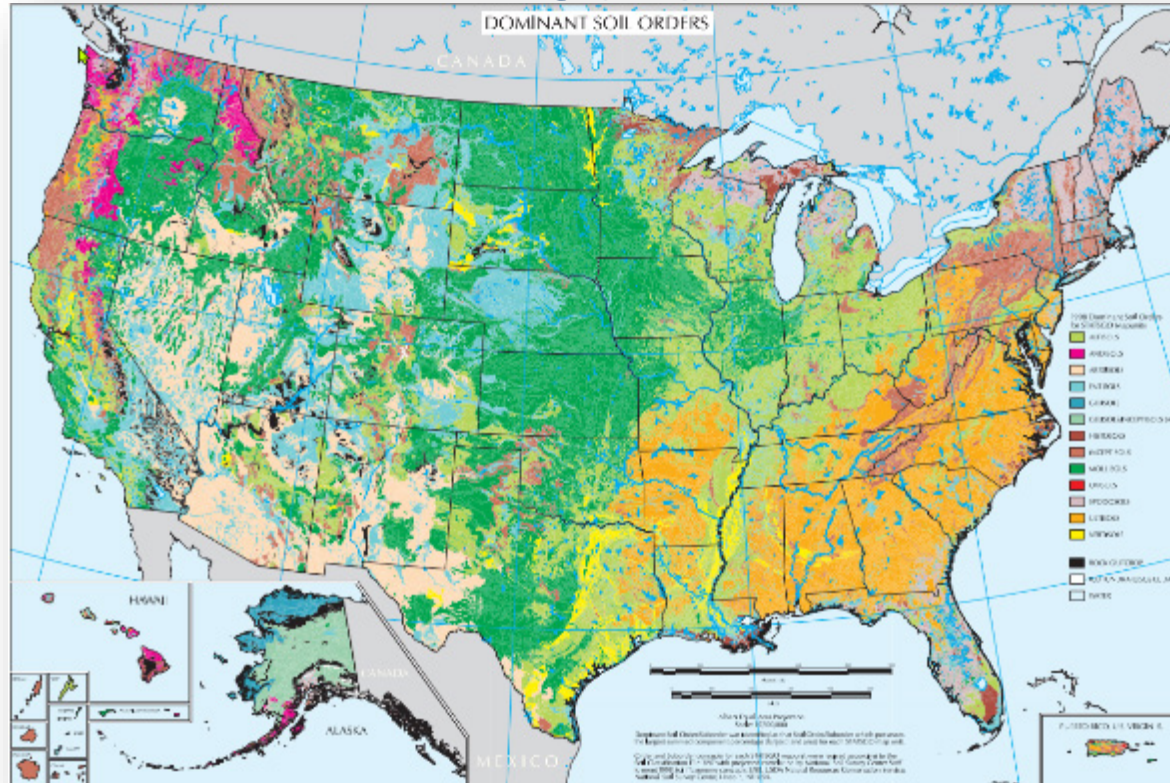
Biology

Engineering

Animals

Soils

Forestry



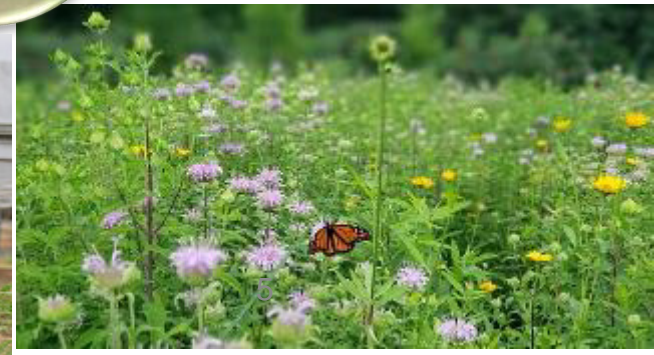
Soil
Maps
& Data

Resource
Concerns

Conservation Practice
Standards

National Planning
Procedures Handbook

It all starts with the Customer's Land.



NRCS Assistance – Technical (TA) & Financial (FA)

- CTA – Conservation Technical Assistance (TA) – On-going
- EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentive Program (FA) – Avg 5 Yr.
- CSP- Conservation Stewardship Program (FA) – 5 Yr.
- ACEP – Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (FA) Permanent
- RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program (TA/FA) – Avg 5 Yr.

Where to Start?

- Visit the local USDA Service Center in your state for assistance.
 - On-Site Farm Review and Assessment – Conservation Planning
- Submit program application
 - Applications are accepted year-round.
 - Competitive process – applications are ranked
 - Producer and land eligibility requirements must be met before we get to contracting
- Conservation Contract
 - Get a full understanding of program and conservation practice requirements.
- Follow up with Technical Specialist