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FAQ for NRCS Conservation Planning

What is a Conservation Plan?

A Conservation Plan is a written record of your farm as a whole. This includes crop rotations, tillage types/timing, and other conservation practices that you have applied and/or plan to apply within your operation.

Why should I have a Conservation Plan?

Combining your land management skills with the knowledge and tools of a Certified Conservation Planner can help you more effectively manage the resources upon which you depend to make your living. A Conservation Plan can help you maintain compliance with various regulatory requirements by helping you identify which requirements apply to your operation and addressing them within your plan. The planning process can also help you identify funding opportunities that are available to help put your plan in action.

How much does it cost?

When working with NRCS this service is offered to you at no charge.

What will be done with my information?

Your information is kept confidential and is not released to the public or other outside agencies without your consent.

Who controls what is in the plan?

You do. It's your plan. The conservation planner, however, will provide you with various alternatives for each land use and advise you about the conservation benefits each alternative will provide. You will decide which alternative best fits your operation goals.

Who is responsible for executing the plan?

Ultimately it is you who is responsible for maintaining what was agreed upon in your plan.

What's my next step?

Call or stop by your local NRCS office and make an appointment to have a conservation planner help you get started. We will work with you and guide you through the process of creating your own conservation plan.

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