

## What is Conservation Technical Assistance?

The Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) program provides scientific natural resource information and engineering guidance in planning and implementing conservation practices to land users who voluntarily address natural resource concerns. CTA is a free service offered to people working to conserve, improve and sustain natural resources on private, Tribal, and public lands for the benefit of the local watershed and the larger community.



### What are the benefits of CTA?

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers technical assistance for planning and implementing natural resource solutions to:

- Reduce erosion
- Improve soil health and productivity
- Improve water quantity and quality
- Improve and conserve wetlands
- Enhance fish and wildlife habitat and restore natural ecosystems
- Improve air quality
- Improve range and pasture health
- Improve forest lands
- Address other natural resource issues

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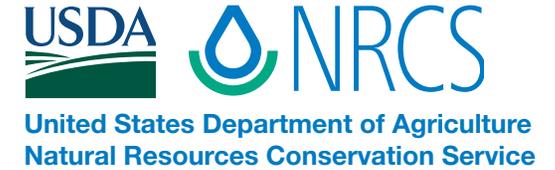
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## How does CTA work?

CTA is available to all types of land users who want to apply conservation to their land. NRCS field staff will help you to inventory and assess the capabilities and limitations of your natural resource base and develop feasible land use and treatment alternatives so you can make informed land use decisions. A conservation plan will be developed to record your decisions and schedule the implementation of the selected conservation practices.

The working relationships that landowners and communities have with their local NRCS staff are unique. One-on-one help through flexible, voluntary programs occurs every day in local NRCS offices across the state and the country. It is the way NRCS does business, and it works.

## What is NRCS's role?

Through the CTA program, NRCS:

- Assists individual land users, communities, conservation districts, and other agencies in meeting their goals for resource stewardship
- Helps agricultural producers to address soil, water, air, plant and animal concerns, and develop economically and ecologically sound conservation plans
- Provides technical assistance to participants in USDA cost-share and incentive programs
- Inventories resources, analyzes information and provides alternatives to achieve agricultural sustainability
- Develops effective science-based technologies for natural resource assessment, management, and conservation



## What is the landowners role?

You can address natural resource concerns on your land by requesting conservation technical assistance and working with NRCS staff to develop a conservation plan. Making important, informed decisions about your land use and treatment, and implementing those decisions, will ensure that your land is productive now and for future generations.



## Is funding available to help implement my conservation plan?

The conservation technical assistance program provides the basis for implementation of many other programs authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Cost-share funding may be available through these programs for installation of some conservation practices on your farm, ranch or forest.



***To obtain conservation technical assistance, contact your local USDA-NRCS office.***

Office information can be found in your local phone book under "US Government" or online at:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=FL>