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# Conservation Technical Assistance

## Technical Assistance for Conservation Planning



### What is Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) and How Can It Help You?

Apart from the Farm Bill, Congress appropriates funding for conservation technical assistance so NRCS and its partners can help land users address opportunities, concerns, and problems related to the use of natural resources and help land users make sound natural resource management decisions on private, tribal, and other non-federal lands.

This assistance, in the form of resource assessment, practice design, resource monitoring, or follow-up of installed practices, can help land users:

- Maintain and improve private lands and their management
- Implement better land management technologies
- Protect and improve water quality and quantity
- Improve soil health and productivity
- Improve and conserve wetlands

- Improve air quality
- Improve pasture health
- Improve woodlands
- Maintain and improve wildlife and fish habitat and restore natural ecosystems
- Enhance recreational opportunities on their land
- Maintain and improve the aesthetic character of private land
- Explore opportunities to diversify agricultural operations
- Develop and apply sustainable agricultural systems
- Comply with Federal regulations related to highly erodible land, wetlands, and clean water
- Address other natural resource concerns.

Although the CTA program does not include financial or cost-share assistance, NRCS helps clients develop conservation plans, which may serve as a springboard for those interested in participating in USDA financial assistance programs. CTA planning



can also serve as a door to financial assistance and easement conservation programs provided by other Federal, State, and local programs.

CTA also allows the NRCS to:

- Collect, analyze, interpret, display, and disseminate information about the condition and trends of the Nation's soil and other natural resources so that people can make good decisions about resource use and about public policies for resource conservation.
- Develop effective science-based technologies for natural resource assessment, management, and conservation.

### How does CTA work with Farm Bill Programs?

The conservation technical assistance program, wholly or in part, provides technical assistance for implementation of many programs authorized by the Farm Bill. NRCS technical field staff makes highly erodible land and wetland determinations and assist land-users to develop and implement conservation plans needed to ensure compliance with the law.

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 and on private land across the country. It is the way NRCS does business, and it works. To obtain conservation technical assistance, contact your local USDA-NRCS office.

