

Statute

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Resource Conservation and Development Program

Excerpt – “Subtitle I— The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008

SEC. 2805. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

(a) Locally Led Planning Process.--Section 1528 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “planning process” and inserting “locally led planning process”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (9) and (8), respectively, and moving those paragraphs so as to appear in numerical order;

(3) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated)--

(A) by striking “planning process” and inserting “Locally led planning process”; and

(B) by striking “council” and inserting “locally led council”.

(b) Authorized Technical Assistance.--Section 1528(13) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451(13)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (C) and (D) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

“(C) providing assistance for the implementation of area plans and projects; and

“(D) providing services that involve the resources of Department of Agriculture programs in a local community, as defined in the locally led planning process.”.

(c) Improved Provision of Technical Assistance.--Section 1531 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3454) is amended--

(1) by inserting “(a) In General.--” before “In carrying”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) Coordinator.--

“(1) In general.--To improve the provision of technical assistance to councils under this subtitle, the Secretary shall designate for each council an individual to be the coordinator for the council.

“(2) Responsibility.--A coordinator for a council shall be

directly responsible for the provision of technical assistance to the council."

(d) Program Evaluation.--Section 1534 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3457) is repealed.