

PART 409 – CONSERVATION PLANNING POLICY

ME409.1 Conservation Planning Objective

(a)(1) Inventory natural resources during all conservation planning using the spatial datasets embedded in the file “TKv5_template_XXX.mxd” developed by the State GIS Coordinator for use in ArcGIS. This template may be modified locally if the State Resource Conservationist concurs with proposed changes.

(a)(2) Inventories and resultant consultations for special concern habitat and species will follow steps described in the special concern habitat and species assessment procedure flowchart and will be documented using the ME-ECS-1 form. The flowchart and ME-ECS-1 can be found at eFOTG - Section II -D. Threatened and Endangered Species -1. Conservation Planning.

(a)(3) Planners will review the *Rare, Declining, Imperiled Species and High-Value Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Your Conservation Project* information sheet with clients, ask permission for NRCS to conduct environmental consultations as needed, and will document reviews and client decisions in the customer assistance notes. The information sheet can be found at eFOTG - Section II - D. Threatened and Endangered Species - 1. Conservation Planning.