

NJ NRCS Authorization for Release of Information

Some of the information that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff gathers for your farm or agricultural operation (e.g., farm and field boundaries, acres, resource concerns, conservation practices,) is protected from disclosure by NRCS through Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill. NRCS must have your permission to share your farm information with others. Please indicate by initialing in the boxes below which, if any, of the following limited releases of information you will allow to facilitate review of your proposed conservation practices and/or to help promote conservation programs of NRCS:

Please initial the boxes for the conditions you will allow NRCS to share information about your agricultural operation.

- In order to meet obligations of environmental and historic preservation laws, we are required as a federal agency to disclose actions which might impact these resources (see associated information sheets). We must have your written permission to share the location of your agricultural operation, and to describe the proposed federal action (i.e., conservation practice designs, their anticipated environmental effect) with others. If NRCS cannot consult as required by law, NRCS will not be able to assist you with the practices which affect protected resources.

The program participant and landowner, if different, **give consent** for NRCS to release pertinent information about the affected property and proposed conservation practices and its supporting data for consultation, as needed, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New Jersey Department of Fish and Wildlife, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and other appropriate parties. The information to be released would be pertinent for compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Act - Essential Fish Habitat, the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other environmental laws and regulations.

Note: If the land is leased, the landowner's signature must also be obtained.

- Release of your non personal farm information to technical service providers (TSPs) or contractors selected to help plan and/or implement conservation practices on your farm.
- Conservation Plan Review with the _____ Soil Conservation District (SCD) at a public meeting. (Tract(s) _____ and/or Block _____ Lot _____)
- Discussion of the application of practices on your farm at public meeting of the _____ SCD for consideration of conservation awards/recognition, workshops or tours. (Tract(s) _____ and/or Block _____ Lot _____)
- Refer other farmers to talk to you regarding installed conservation practices.
- Using pictures of your conservation practices in presentations at public meetings.
- Writing about and using pictures of your farm conservation program in a _____ SCD or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) newsletter, newspaper article, publication or on a website.

(more)

Other - Define:

Additional Specific Information:

I, _____, (print your name) hereby authorize NRCS to share conservation plan and associated data for the conditions checked above.

Program Participant Signature

Date

Landowner's Signature (if different than the participant)

Date

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