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SUBJECT: SOI–Distribution of the 2012 Soils Planner

Purpose. To distribute the 2012 Soils Planner

Expiration Date. September 30, 2013

The 2012 soils planner, ***Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Land Development***, published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in partnership with the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA), is ready for distribution.

This year's planner reflects on the 150th Anniversary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the vital role that conservation practices and soil science have contributed to the evolution of today's green infrastructure and sustainable land development.

The USDA was established by President Abraham Lincoln on May 15, 1862. The Department's purpose was to support the U.S. economy, sustain the prosperity of farms, and ensure an abundant food supply for the country. Lincoln had a vision of providing dedicated, high-quality service to the American people and referred to the USDA as "The People's Department."

Today, the NRCS, along with its partners, is leading the way in "Helping People Help the Land" by conserving and enhancing productive lands and water resources, and "going green" to support a green economy.

This planner features examples of the commitment of soil science to "Helping People Understand Soils." Soil surveys provide information to meet modern conservation planning needs and use digital processes to define, delineate, distribute, and convey soil data to expanding audiences.

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Due to a limited number of planners available this year, only one planner will be mailed to each field office. Copies will also be sent to resource soil scientists and soil survey office leaders. Requests for additional copies will be filled based on availability of supply.

Contact: If you would like to request additional copies, please contact Susan Picking, Soils Staff Office Assistant, at (785) 823-4555 or susan.picking@ks.usda.gov.

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