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TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER CERTIFICATION CHECKLISTS FOR RHODE ISLAND

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE CHECKLISTS:

The purpose of the Rhode Island TSP Category checklists is to provide the TSP applicant with a method for tracking their progress in meeting the requirements, or criteria, of the individual Categories. TSP Categories have one or more certification options available to the TSP. Each option has general criteria which must be met in addition to meeting the specific criteria for the specific option.

The general criteria for certification in a category are listed at the top of each checklist. Applicants must meet **ALL** the criteria listed there in addition to meeting the specific option criteria. Certification options are listed below the general criteria. The Table of Contents are formatted to allow you to go directly to each option as well as to provide you a direct link to the general criteria for the option. There is also an alphabetical link directly to the checklists.

TSP Certification takes a certain amount of planning and diligence on the part of the applicant. In some cases, such as CNMP certification, it may take weeks, or even months, to complete all of the requirements for certification. It would be to your advantage to print out a copy of your category checklist and check off each criteria as you complete it. You will be asked to provide documentation of completion of the criteria prior to certification. Rhode Island requires copies of professional licenses, certifying organization membership, diplomas, and coursework certificates of completion prior to certification. Please have these documents available to send to the TSP Coordinator during the TSP verification process.

Please contact the Rhode Island TSP Coordinator if you have questions regarding specific criteria for your chosen category option. Also, please be advised that from time to time the certification process changes and updates to profiles may be needed.

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Agroforestry*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ Introduction to Conservation Forestry Planning

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.html>

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

___ Option 1 - Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Full membership and certification with ACF

or

___ Certified Forester certificate from SAF

___ Option 2 – Experience

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Five (5) years experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, or managing of Agroforestry practices associated with this category

___ Option 3 - Education

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Forestry or in a related plant science

and

___ One (1) year of experience successfully planning, design, layout, or managing Agroforestry practices

Certified Conservation Planner*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part II (Modules 6-8) Given by NRCS personnel
- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part III (Modules 9) Given by NRCS personnel
- TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.html>
- NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>
- Modules 1-8 of current NRCS Cultural Resources Training (not required with Validus certification)
- Modules 1-6 and Module 9 are on-line <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/cultres.html>
- Modules 7-8 are given by the Rhode Island NRCS personnel

and

- Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Validus or other NRCS recognized certification as a Certified Conservation Planner

Option 2 – Knowledge and Training

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Modules 1-9 of NRCS Conservation Planning Course <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

or

- Validus Conservation Planning Training

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Option 2 – Knowledge and Training (con’t)

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Possess and demonstrate prescribed Conservation Planning knowledge

and

___ Complete one (1) field reviewed Resources Management System (RMS) plan for a Conservation Management Unit (CMU)

and

___ Proficiency in the use of erosion prediction tools (RUSLE2 and/or WEQ) or the current water and wind erosion prediction system approved by Rhode Island NRCS

Option 3 – Organization Certifications

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Modules 1-9 of NRCS Conservation Planning Course
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

and

___ Conservation Planning certificate through one of the following NRCS approved programs:

- ___ Crop Certification through NAICC,
- ___ Validus,
- ___ other approved NRCS certification program

and

___ Complete one field reviewed Resources Management System (RMS) plan for a Conservation Management Unit (CMU)

Channel and Streambank Stabilization*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, or managing of Channel and Streambank Stabilization practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

and

- ___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

Option 2 – Certification

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

- ___ Erosion and Sediment certificate through one of the following NRCS approved programs:

- ___ Erosion and Sediment Control certification by EnviroCert International.
- ___ other approved NRCS certification program

CNMP Plan Approval*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

___ National Planning Procedures Handbook – Part 600.5 – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance ([NRCS eDirectives - Part 600 - National Planning Procedures Handbook](#)– found at <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on Title 180 – Conservation Planning and Application)

and

___ Complete additional criteria as determined by the State Conservationist (request info from TSP Coordinator)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ Modules 1-9 of NRCS Conservation Planning Course
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

or

___ Equivalent NRCS approved Conservation Planning Training (in RI this is usually NRCS training)

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.html>

___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Complete an approved NRCS training program (Validus is currently the only nationally recognized equivalent training provider for Conservation Planning)

and

___ Possess and demonstrate prescribed NRCS Conservation Planning knowledge

and

___ Complete at least one (1) field reviewed Resource Management System (RMS) plan for a Conservation Management Unit (CMU)

Option 2 – Knowledge and Training

All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Modules 1-9 of NRCS Conservation Planning Course

<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

or

Equivalent NRCS approved Conservation Planning Training (Validus is currently the only nationally recognized equivalent training provider for Conservation Planning)

and

Possess and demonstrate prescribed NRCS Conservation Planning knowledge

and

Complete at least one (1) field reviewed Resource Management System (RMS) plan for a Conservation Management Unit (CMU)

Option 3 – Organization Certification

All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Modules 1-9 of NRCS Conservation Planning Course

<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

or

Equivalent NRCS approved Conservation Planning Training (Validus is currently the only nationally recognized equivalent training provider for Conservation Planning)

and

Conservation Planning certificate through one of the following NRCS approved programs:

Crop Certification through NAICC

Validus

other approved NRCS certification program

CNMP Plan Development – Land Treatment*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

___ National Planning Procedures Handbook – Part 600.5 – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance ([NRCS eDirectives - Part 600 - National Planning Procedures Handbook](#)– found at <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on Title 180 – Conservation Planning and Application)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>

___ ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

___ Animal Waste Management System – 1 Primer

___ Animal Waste Management System – Level 2

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

___ Option 1 – Knowledge and Training

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Complete an NRCS approved training course meeting all the general requirements for CNMP Certified Specialist categories. This information is found in the NRCS General Manual. The online Manual is found at [NRCS eDirectives - 409.10 Minimum Standards for Providers of Conservation Technical Assistance Associated with Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans](#). (The link address to the site is: <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on General Manual, Title 180– Conservation Planning and Application, Part 409.10)

___ Option 2 – Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Land treatment certification through one of the following:

___ U of Tenn/ISU CNMP Land Treatment certification

___ Validus CNMP Plan Development – Total Planning

___ Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality by Enviro Cert International

CNMP Plan Development – Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage*

Note: If you are certifying in this category, you will also need to certify in Surface Water Detention/Retention if you will plan, design, install or checkout a sediment basin ([NRCS practice code 350](#))

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)
- National Planning Procedures Handbook – Part 600.5 – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance ([NRCS eDirectives - Part 600 - National Planning Procedures Handbook](#)– found at <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on Title 180 – Conservation Planning and Application)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- Agricultural Waste Management Systems: A Primer Course (waived for engineers)
- Agricultural Waste Management Systems: Level 2
- Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introdh20.thml>
- NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>
- Animal Waste Management System – 1 Primer
- Animal Waste Management System – Level 2

and

- Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

- Meet any education or licensing required by state, tribal, or local law

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Knowledge and Training

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

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___ Complete an NRCS approved training course meeting all the general requirements for CNMP Certified Specialist categories. This information is found in the NRCS General Manual. The online Manual is found at [NRCS eDirectives - 409.10 Minimum Standards for Providers of Conservation Technical Assistance Associated with Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans](http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/). (The link address to the site is: <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on General Manual, Title 180– Conservation Planning and Application, Part 409.10)

___ **Option 2 – Certification**

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ CNMP - MWHS certification through one of the following:

___ U of Tenn/ISU CNMP Nutrient Management

___ Validus CNMP Plan Development – Nutrient Management

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)
- ___ National Planning Procedures Handbook – Part 600.5 – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance ([NRCS eDirectives - Part 600 - National Planning Procedures Handbook](#)– found at <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on Title 180 – Conservation Planning and Application)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introdh20.thml>
- ___ ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>
- ___ Agricultural Waste Management Systems: A Primer Course (waived for engineers)
- ___ Nutrient & Pest Management Considerations – Track 1, Part 1 (Modules 1-7)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/nutandpest.html>
- ___ Animal Waste Management System – 1 Primer
- ___ Animal Waste Management System – Level 2

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Knowledge and Training

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Complete an NRCS approved training course meeting all the general requirements for CNMP Certified Specialist categories. This information is found in the NRCS General Manual. The online Manual is found at [NRCS eDirectives - 409.10 Minimum Standards for Providers of Conservation Technical Assistance Associated with Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans](#). (The link address to the site is: <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on General Manual, Title 180– Conservation Planning and Application, Part 409.10)

Option 2 – Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ CNMP - MWHS certification through one of the following:

___ U of Tenn/ISU CNMP Plan Development – Nutrient Management

___ Validus CNMP Plan Development – Nutrient Management

CNMP Plan Development – Total Plan*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)
- ___ National Planning Procedures Handbook – Part 600.5 – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning Technical Guidance ([NRCS eDirectives - Part 600 - National Planning Procedures Handbook](#)– found at <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on Title 180 – Conservation Planning and Application)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Agricultural Waste Management Systems: A Primer Course (waived for engineers)
- ___ Agricultural Waste Management Systems: Level 2
- ___ Nutrient & Pest Management Considerations – Track 1, Part 1
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/nutandpest.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>
- ___ Animal Waste Management System – 1 Primer
- ___ Animal Waste Management System – Level 2

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

- ___ Have completed any education or licensing required by state, tribal, or local law

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Knowledge and Training

and

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Complete an NRCS approved training course meeting all the general requirements for CNMP Certified Specialist categories. This information is found in the NRCS General Manual. The online Manual is found at [NRCS eDirectives - 409.10 Minimum Standards for Providers of Conservation Technical Assistance Associated with Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans](#). (The link address to the site is: <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> - click on General Manual, Title 180– Conservation Planning and Application, Part 409.10)

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_____ Option 2 – Certification

_____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

_____ CNMP – Total Plan Development certification through one of the following:

_____ Validus CNMP Plan Development – Total Plan

_____ U of Tenn/ISU CNMP Plan Development – Total Plan

Individual Certifications in ALL of the following specialty areas:

_____ Land Treatment

_____ Manure and Waste Water Handling and Storage

_____ Nutrient Management

_____ Feed Management

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>
(an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Certification as a fishery professional by the American Fisheries Society (AFS)

and

- Two (2) years experience with knowledge in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out associated with Fisheries

Option 2 – Education

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Bachelor or higher-level degree in Fisheries science or other related sciences

and

- Two (2) years experience with knowledge in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out of practices associated with Fisheries

Fisheries Interdisciplinary Biological/Engineering*

(This category requires biological and engineering disciplines)

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)

<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance

<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

___ One (1) year experience in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out associated with this category

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Certification as a Fisheries biologist by the American Fisheries Society (AFS)

Option 2 – Engineers License

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

___ Knowledge of the interdisciplinary nature of the associated practices as it relates to the biological and engineering component.

Option 3 – Education

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Fisheries science or other related sciences,

Forestry*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Membership & certification certificates from ACF

or

- ___ Certified Forester certificate from SAF

Option 2 – Experience

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Five (5) years experience with knowledge in planning, design, layout, inspection, or managing of Forestry practices associated with this category

Option 3 - Education

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Forestry or in a related plant science

and

- ___ One (1) year of experience and knowledge successfully planning, design, layout, or managing Forestry or Agroforestry practices

Grazing/Forages*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Certification through one of the following:

- Certified Range Management Consultant through SRM
- Certified Grassland Professional by AFGC
- Crop Certification through NAICC

Option 2 – Education & Experience

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Bachelor or higher-level degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, or in a related plant science

and

- One (1) year of experience successfully planning, design, layout, or managing Grazing/Forage practices

and

- Five (5) years experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, or managing of Grazing/Forage practices

Irrigation (Water Conveyance)*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

- ___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Licensed Engineer

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Experience in planning, design, layout, inspection of Irrigation Water Conveyance practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

Option 2 – Irrigation Association (IA) Certification

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Certification by the Irrigation Association

Irrigation System (Application)*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

- Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Licensed Engineer

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, of Irrigation Systems Application practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

Option 2 – Irrigation Association (IA) Certification

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Certification by the Irrigation Association

Irrigation Water Management*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

- ___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

___ Option 1 - Certification

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Certification through one of the following:

- ___ Irrigation Association certification as a Certified Irrigation Designer (CID) – Agriculture: Drip/Micro, Sprinkler, or Surface
- ___ Irrigation Association certification as a Certified Agricultural Irrigation Specialist (CAIS)
- ___ Crop Certification through NAICC

___ Option 2 - Education

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, or in a related plant science,

and

- ___ One (1) year of experience successfully planning, design, layout, or inspection of Irrigation Water Management practices

Option 3 – Experience

_____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

_____ Five (5) years experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of Irrigation Water Management practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

Option 4 – Licensed Engineer

_____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

_____ Five (5) years experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of Irrigation Water Management practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

Land Treatment - Buffer*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introdh20.thml>

___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Agronomic Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Certification through one of the following:

___ Crop Certification through NAICC

___ Certification in Erosion and Sediment Control by Enviro Cert International

Option 2 – Experience

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Five (5) years experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of Buffer conservation practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

and

___ Proficiency in the use of erosion prediction tools (RUSLE2 at:) or the current water erosion prediction system approved by Rhode Island NRCS: <http://www2.ctic.purdue.edu/CTIC/RUSLE2Training.html>

Option 3 - Education

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, or in a related plant science

and

___ One (1) year of experience and knowledge successfully planning, design, layout, or inspection of Buffer conservation practices

Land Treatment – Surface Water Management*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.html>
- NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

- Experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of Surface Water Management practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

Land Treatment – Tillage and Erosion*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introdh20.thml>

___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

___ Proficiency in the use of erosion prediction tools (RUSLE2) or current water erosion prediction system approved by Rhode Island NRCS <http://www2.ctic.purdue.edu/CTIC/RUSLE2Training.html>

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

___ Option 1 - Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Certification through one of the following organizations:

___ CCA - Certified Crop Advisor certification from ASA

___ CPSSc – Certified Professional Soil Scientist certification from ASA

___ CPCSc – Certified Professional Crop Scientist certification from ASA

___ CPAg – Certified Professional Agronomist certification from ASA

___ Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control by Enviro Cert International

___ Crop Certification through NAICC

___ Option 2 – Experience

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Five (5) years experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, or managing tillage practices

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Option 3 - Education

_____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

_____ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, or in a related plant science

and

_____ One (1) year of experience successfully planning, design, layout, or managing of Tillage practices

Land Treatment – Vegetative Land Stabilization*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>

___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

___ Proficiency in the use of erosion prediction tools (RUSLE2) or the current water erosion prediction system approved by Rhode Island NRCS <http://www2.ctic.purdue.edu/CTIC/RUSLE2Training.html>

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

___ Option 1 - Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Certification through one of the following:

___ Crop Certification through NAICC

___ Certification in Erosion and Sediment Control by Enviro Cert International

___ Option 2 – Experience

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Five (5) years experience with knowledge in planning, design, layout, inspection, or managing vegetative practices

___ Option 3 - Education

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, or in a related plant science

and

___ One (1) year of experience and knowledge successfully planning, design, layout, or management of Vegetative Land Stabilization practices

Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)

<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance

<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

___ Agricultural Waste Management Systems: A Primer Course (waived for engineers)

___ Agricultural Waste Management Systems: Level 2

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.html>

___ Animal Waste Management System – 1 Primer

___ Animal Waste Management System – Level 2

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

and

___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer for the planning, design, implementation, and checkout of engineering practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Experience

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage (MWHS) practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

Option 2 – Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Certification through one of the following:

___ U of Tenn/ISU - Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage

___ Validus CNMP Plan Development – Total Plan

and

___ Experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage (MWHS) practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

Nutrient Management – Organic and Inorganic*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>
- ___ Nutrient and Management Track of Nutrient and Pest Management Considerations in Conservation Planning Modules 1-7
- ___ Modules 1-6 and Module 9 are on-line <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/cultres.html>
- ___ Module 7 is a Rhode Island NRCS classroom course Contact the [Rhode Island TSP Coordinator](#) for details.

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Organizational Certification

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Certification through one of the following:

- ___ CCA - Certified Crop Advisor certification from ASA
- ___ CPAg – Certified Professional Agronomist certification from ASA
- ___ CPCSc – Certified Professional Crop Scientist certification from ASA
- ___ CPSSc – Certified Professional Soil Scientist certification from ASA
- ___ Crop Certification through NAICC
- ___ U of Tenn/ISU CNMP – Nutrient Management
- ___ Validus CNMP Plan Development – Total Plan

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Option 2 – State Certification (The State Rhode Island does not issue Nutrient Management Certification. Therefore, there is no requirement in Rhode Island)

Option 3 - Education

_____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

_____ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Animal, Dairy, or Poultry Nutrition Agronomy, Agriculture, or in a related plant science

and

_____ One (1) year of experience successfully planning, design, layout, or managing of animal nutrition and feeding practices associated with this category

and

_____ Knowledge of conservation practices and management activities to reduce the potential for nutrient transportation

and

_____ Proficiency in the use of erosion prediction tools (RUSLE2) or the current water erosion prediction system approved by Rhode Island NRCS and nutrient transport risk assessment tools (including Phosphorus Index) <http://www2.ctic.purdue.edu/CTIC/RUSLE2Training.html>

Option 4 – Experience

_____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

_____ Three (3) years experience in the last five (5) years in the field of Nutrient Management planning

and

_____ Knowledge of conservation practices and management activities to reduce the potential for nutrient transportation

and

_____ Proficiency in the use of erosion prediction tools (RUSLE2) or the current water erosion prediction system approved by Rhode Island NRCS and nutrient transport risk assessment tools (including Phosphorus Index) <http://www2.ctic.purdue.edu/CTIC/RUSLE2Training.html>

Pest Management*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- Pest Management track of Nutrient and Pest Management Considerations in Conservation Planning Modules 1-7
- Modules 1-6 and Module 9 are on-line <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/cultres.html>
- Module 7 is a Rhode Island NRCS classroom course Contact the [Rhode Island TSP Coordinator](#) for details.

and

- Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Certification through one of the following organizations:

- CCA - Certified Crop Advisor certification from ASA
- CPAg – Certified Professional Agronomist certification from ASA
- CPCSc – Certified Professional Crop Scientist certification from ASA
- CPPP - Certified Professional Plant Pathologist from ASA
- Crop Certification through NAICC

and

- Proficiency in the use of erosion prediction tools (RUSLE2 and/or WEQ) or the current water and wind erosion prediction system approved by Rhode Island NRCS and pest management risk assessment tool (Win PST)

Option 2 – Knowledge and Training

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Proficiency in the use of erosion prediction tools (RUSLE2 and/or WEQ) or the current water and wind erosion prediction system approved by Rhode Island NRCS and pest management risk assessment tool (Win PST)

Prescribed Burning*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

Note: A Prescribed Burning State Certificate is NOT available in the State of Rhode Island

- All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- Submit three (3) burn plans (that meet the “Plans and Specifications” section of the National Practice Standard PRC 338 Prescribed Burns) demonstrating proficiency in the planning, installation, and certification of prescribed burns
- Complete sixteen (16) hours of Basic Fire Behavior/Prescribed Burning training for recommendation of Prescribed Burning as a planting alternative

Soil Stabilization for Access (Roads)*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>
- ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Licensed Engineer

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

- ___ Experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of soil stabilization or access practices

Option 2 – Certification

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

- ___ Certification through one of the following:

- ___ Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control from Enviro Cert International
- ___ Any other NRCS approved Certification program

and

- ___ Two (2) years experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of soil stabilization or access practices

and

- ___ Irrigation Association (IA) certification as a Certified Irrigation Designer (CID) – Agriculture: Drip/Micro

Water Supply Facilities*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- ___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- ___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- ___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- ___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introdh20.thml>
- ___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- ___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1

- ___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- ___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

- ___ Experience in planning, design, layout, and inspection of water collection practices including any applicable Standards and Specifications

Water Well*

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

- _____ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

- _____ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>
- _____ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>
- _____ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introdh20.thml>
- _____ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

- _____ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

_____ Option 1 - Certification

- _____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

- _____ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

- _____ Experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, and certification of Water Well practices

Wetlands (Interdisciplinary) Biological Components*

(This category requires biological and engineering discipline)

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

___ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

___ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

___ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

___ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introdh20.thml>

___ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

___ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ One (1) year experience in planning, design, layout, inspection, or managing of wetland practices associated with this category

and

___ Be knowledgeable of the interdisciplinary nature of the associated practices as it relates to biological components and engineering components

and

___ Certification through one of the following:
___ Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society

___ Professional Wetland Scientist by the Society of Wetland Scientists

Option 2 - Education

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Biology or other ecological science

and

___ Two (2) years of experience in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out of wetland practices associated with this category

and

___ Be knowledgeable of the interdisciplinary nature of the associated practices as it relates to biological components and engineering components

Wetlands (Interdisciplinary) Engineering Components*

(This category requires biological and engineering discipline)

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

_____ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

_____ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/consplan.html>

_____ TSP Orientation (new applicants only) <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/tsporientation.html>

_____ Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.html>

_____ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
<http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

_____ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 – Engineers License:

_____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

_____ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

_____ Two (2) years experience in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out of wetland practices associated with this category

and

_____ Be knowledgeable of the interdisciplinary nature of the associated practices as it relates to biological components and engineering components

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> (an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

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Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

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Introduction to Water Quality <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/introhdh20.thml>

NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance <http://www.nedc.nrcs.usda.gov/catalog/envcom.html>

and

Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Certified Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society

and

One (1) year experience in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out of practices associated with this category

Option 2 - Education

All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

Bachelor or higher-level degree in Wildlife Management or other related science

and

Two (2) years of experience in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out of practices associated with this category

Wildlife (Interdisciplinary) Biological/Engineering Components*

(This category requires biological and engineering discipline)

General Criteria which must be met to certify in any option in this category:

Have Knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of:

_____ NRCS Field Office Technical Guide <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>
(an eFOTG online course is available on <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/>, if needed.)

and

Have Completed the following NRCS courses:

_____ NRCS Conservation Planning Course – Part I (Modules 1-5)
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_____ NRCS Level 1 Environmental Compliance
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and

_____ Provide Two (2) customer references who can verify your experience and technical proficiency in planning, designing, installation/layout and checkout of category practices

Choose The Certification Option That Best Fits Your Knowledge, Skills and Ability:

Applicant must meet all criteria for that option

Option 1 - Certification

_____ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

_____ Certified Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society

and

_____ One (1) year experience in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out of practices associated with this category

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Option 2 – Engineers License

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Current licensure by the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer

and

___ One (1) year experience in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out of practices associated with this category

and

___ Be knowledgeable of the interdisciplinary nature of the associated practices as it relates to biological components and engineering components

Option 3 - Education

___ All General Criteria for this category has been met

and

___ Bachelor or higher-level degree in Wildlife Management or other related science

and

___ Two (2) years of experience in planning, design, installation/layout, and check out of practices associated with this category