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Getting Started

By developing a conservation plan, and working to add conservation to your farm, you will be protecting the ability of your land to provide for your family and for future generations. The plan provides your path for profit, protection and production.

NRCS is here to help you meet your natural resource conservation goals, while supporting the profitability of your farm.

Using a conservation plan makes it easier to identify how and when you could qualify for Farm Bill financial assistance to help you implement management, and/or structural conservation practices.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

CONSERVATION
Your Farm | Your Plan



For more information:

Contact your local Minnesota
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**How Your Minnesota
Conservation Plan Can
Boost Your Bottom Line**

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Using Your Conservation Plan to Boost Your Bottom Line

A comprehensive conservation plan is the first step to managing the natural resources on your farm. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) planning process combines existing production methods with recommended conservation practices to best manage the unique natural resources on your farm.

The conservation plan can provide additional benefits including but not limited to:

- Increasing the overall effectiveness of conservation practices on your farm.
- Improving water quality
- Improving wildlife habitat.
- Maintaining productivity.
- Meeting USDA Highly Erodible Land provisions.



SOIL



WATER



AIR



PLANTS



ANIMALS



ENERGY



HUMANS

Your Step-by-Step Minnesota Conservation Roadmap

Your conservation plan is the end product of the NRCS conservation planning process. As your conservation decision partner, NRCS provides free assistance to landowners to reach land use and natural resource goals. Our conservation planners, along with conservation professionals with local knowledge, can help you make well-informed conservation decisions.

During the planning process, we will work closely with you on your farm. We will:

- Discuss your objectives;
- Walk the landscape with you and inventory natural resource concerns;
- Discuss areas for possible protection and improvement;
- Discuss your current farming operations and your future plans;
- Review your conservation practice options derived from both on-site conditions and conservation technologies [soils maps, aerial photography, LiDAR, etc.] and helps you weigh your alternatives;
- Provide you with multiple options that fit your needs.

The final alternatives will be selected by you and placed within the conservation plan.

Each of these factors is considered when NRCS writes a conservation plan for your approval and implementation.

Conservation plans are developed to meet your objectives while solving resource concerns. The planning process involves developing alternatives and options for you, the producer. The producer is the decision maker!

