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PLANNER YOU CAN BE?

## ABOUT US

### THE HEARTLAND INITIATIVE

*The Heartland Regional Water Coordination Initiative is a collaboration among land-grant institutions in Iowa. The goal of the Heartland Initiative is to make research-based information, education and other capacity building resources more available to help citizens, landowners, agencies and community leaders address their water resource concerns.*

### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

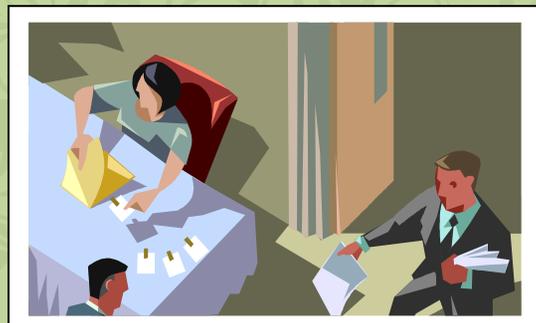
*Through our network of 100 field offices, Iowa NRCS staff provides technical assistance to the state's landowners, farmers, communities, groups and other agencies to help them protect and conserve the states' natural resources including soil, water and wildlife habitat.*



WE CAN HELP.

Conservation Planning is that integral "first step" that all conservation decisions are built upon. True conservation planning involves not only a working knowledge of the science of resource management, but also an understanding of the cultural, social and economic factors that influence a landowner's decisions.

This course enables TSPs to understand the NRCS conservation planning process and to work more effectively with producers who participate in NRCS programs.



### Registration & Payment

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## Conservation Planning, Part II





# Conservation Planning Part II

Date: November 7 – 10, 2011

Place: [Boulders Conference Center](#)  
Dennison, IA 51442  
712.263.2200

Cost: \$575.00 – All meals included

This is the second of a three-part NRCS Conservation Planning course. The purpose of the course is to prepare participants to independently apply the NRCS planning process; and utilize supporting technology to assist clients in making decisions that protect, conserve, and enhance the resources, and meet client needs.

## Course Topics

- Steps of conservation planning
- Planning tools
- Resource assessment
- Feedlot/Home Place assessment
- Introduction to RUSLE2 and other online conservation tools
- Field Exercise & Farm Visits
- Planning Exercise

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Is this training accepted by all states?

A

You will need to contact the specific State Coordinator to determine if this course meets the State's criteria for Conservation Planning Part II. It is modeled on the Iowa NRCS course and has classroom and field components.

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Will this course qualify me to meet the criteria required to certify as a TSP?

A

Each TSP category has individual criteria that must be met. For the categories requiring completion of Conservation Planning, Modules 1-9, completion of this course will be critical.

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Will there be time for me to work in the evening?

A

This is a very time intensive class. Wednesday, in particular, you should plan to be working late on a group planning project. On Monday and Tuesday, you should be free by 7:00 pm.

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How often is this class held?

A

Iowa last held the class in 2009 and will probably not hold it again until 2013. Iowa is one of the few States that offer this course to TSPs.

### Registration information:

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