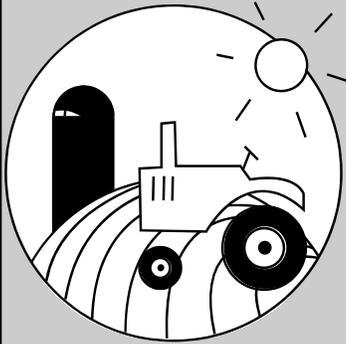


FEDERAL FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES!



USDA-NRCS offers financial assistance programs designed to improve natural resources quality while enhancing agricultural production. Conservation plans available for financial assistance include (but are not limited to):

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| Grazing Plans | Irrigation Systems | Erosion Control |
| Forestry Plans | Heavy-Use Areas | Stream Crossings |
| Prescribed Thinning | Pollinator Habitats | Energy Audits |
| Nutrient Management | Riparian Buffers | Wildlife Habitat |
| High Tunnels | Watershed Protection | |

EQIP is a financial assistance program designed to improve natural resource quality while enhancing agricultural production. Funding must address a resource concern.

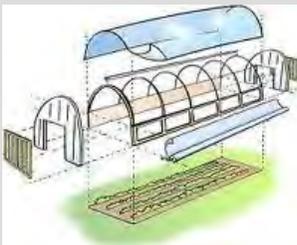
JOIN US for an open house to learn about funding through NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Separate stations will be set up (Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife, and Easements) to allow for specialized focus on programs and practices. Stop by at your convenience to speak to NRCS representatives about your own individual needs/concerns.

Eastern RI Conservation District
(401) 816-5667
April 6, 10:00 to noon
Norman Bird Sanctuary
583 Third Beach Road
Middletown, RI 02842
High tunnel tour at 10:45

Northern RI Conservation District
(401) 934-0840
March 26, 5:30-7:30
Chepachet Free Will Baptist Church
1213 Putnam Pike
Chepachet, RI 02814

Southern RI Conservation District
(401) 500-0422
April 9, 5:30-7:30
The Crandall House
188 Main Street
Ashaway, RI 02804



Practices in Action:

Seasonal High Tunnels are metal structures covered with plastic or other sheeting. Easy to build, maintain and move, they provide an energy efficient way to extend the growing season. And unlike greenhouses, they require no energy! A tour of a high tunnel in use will be held at the Norman Bird Sanctuary on April 6 at 10:45. Please see address above.

CALL TO REGISTER!

These workshops will assist you in understanding and applying for funding.

If you are unable to attend and are interested in possible EQIP funding, contact your local Conservation District.