

State Specific Training Module for Delaware

Purpose of this Module

This module will provide some general information that TSPs need to conduct conservation planning in our state. This information is general in nature so the TSP may need to follow up with additional reading or training to make sure they have the knowledge, skill, licenses and certifications to conduct conservation planning in this state.

Review of State Laws

Delaware requires that the competence of all nutrient management planners be certified by the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

Certificates are valid for one year and can be renewed on or before the expiration date.

[Nutrient Management - Delaware Department of Agriculture - State of Delaware](#)

Review of Important Resource Issues

There most common federally listed Threatened and Endangered Species in Delaware, the Bog Turtle, Red Knot, and Northern Long Eared Bat. Bald Eagle is protected under federal law. The full list of federally Threatened and Endangered Species can be found at the following website:

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-state?stateAbbrev=DE&stateName=Delaware&statusCategory=Listed>

There are several species of greatest conservation need. The list can be found at the following website:

[Delaware's Endangered Species - DNREC Alpha](#)

Review of Major Land Uses or Agronomic Practices

Delaware's major agricultural land use is cropland, with a rotation of corn, soybeans, and small grain.

A major of Delaware's cash farm income comes from the poultry industry.

Review of Major Land Ownership

The major of land in Delaware is in private ownership.

Approximately 13% of Delaware is public lands. Most of the public land is managed for multiple use, including recreation, public hunting, and forestry. State owned agricultural land is leased to farmers.

Expected TSP Workflow

- The State Resource Conservationist (SRC) or designee will be responsible for reviewing TSP conservation planning for the National Planner Certification.
- Subsequent conservation plans will be reviewed by the District Conservationist (DC) at the local USDA Service Center.
- The SRC or designee will conduct plan reviews for TSP planner certification renewals.
- TSPs will work with the local District Conservationist to make sure the proper environmental evaluations (NRCS.CPA.52) are completed.

Additional References or Training

DE Field Office Technical Guide

[Field Office Technical Guide | NRCS – USDA](#)

Nutrient Management Certification Courses

<https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/canr/cooperative-extension/environmental-stewardship/nutrient-management/certification-sessions/>

Mid-Atlantic Nutrient Management Handbook

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/nutrient-management/educational/nutrient-management-general/mid-atlantic-nutrient-management-handbook>

Nutrient Management Handbook for Delaware

<https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/canr/cooperative-extension/environmental-stewardship/nutrient-management/handbooks/>

Delaware Professional Engineers Act for licensing requirements on engineering practices

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c028/index.shtml>

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The certificate is your acknowledgement that based on the information provided in this module, you have the proper knowledge, skills and ability to conduct planning in this State.

Within your NRCS Registry profile, enter the training and upload the signed certificate to verify completion.

STATE SPECIFIC TRAINING MODULE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

I, _____ hereby verify I have viewed and understand the content of the *[state name]* State
TSP Name
Specific Training Module and affirm I have the knowledge, skills, and ability to conduct conservation planning
services in this state.

TSP Signature

Date