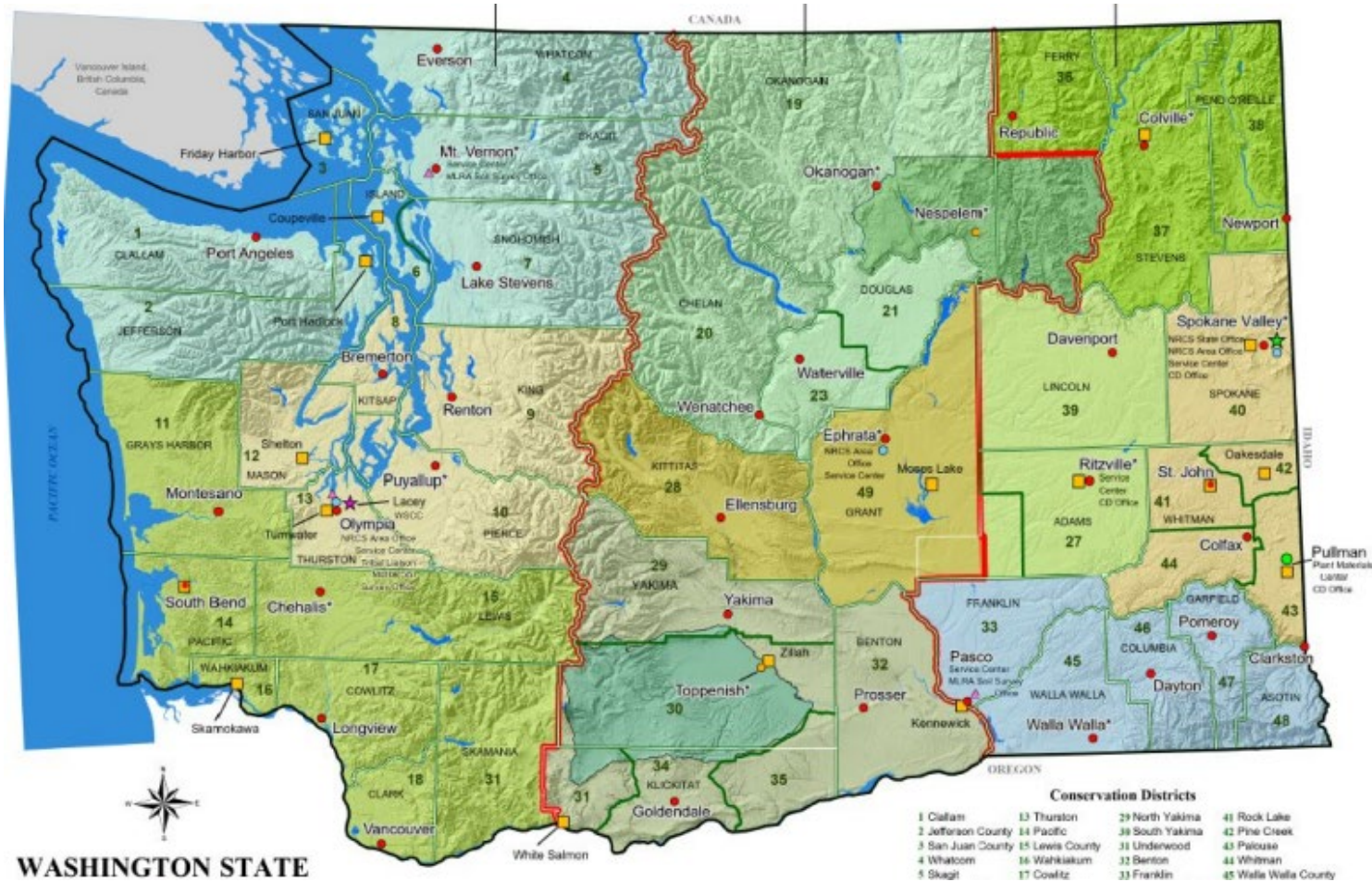




Local Work Group Updates



Washington Local Work Groups



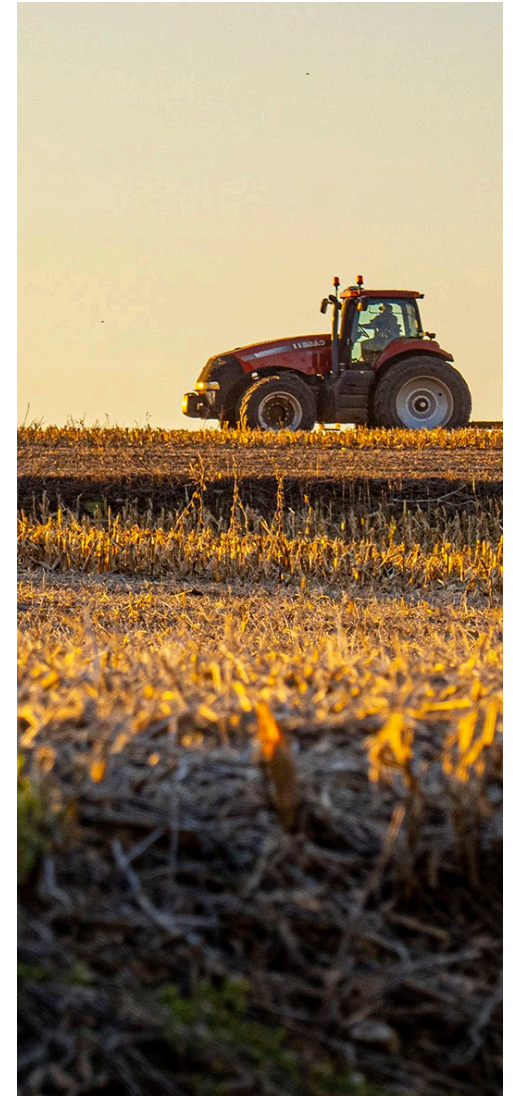
LWG Membership

- Producers
- Agriculture or Environmental Groups
- Tribes
- Units of Government
- Conservation District Board Members
- FSA County Committee and CED
- Cooperative Extension
- Local Elected Officials
- Others with interest in conservation



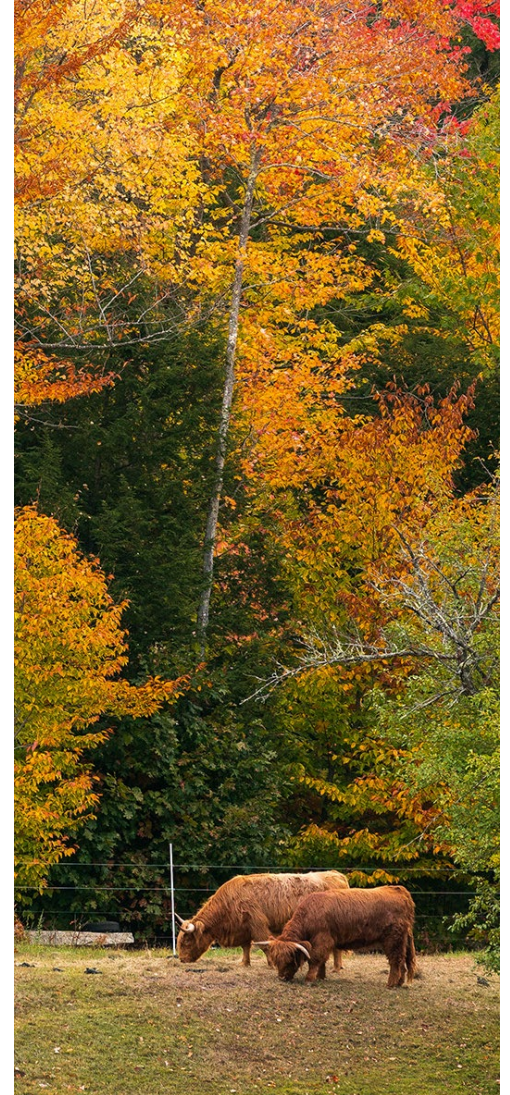
2026 Changes

- Reduced State & National Fund Pools
- Increased LWG Allocations
- LWGs each get ONE Fund Pool Category
 - Up to 5 Resource Concerns
 - Up to 6 Ranking/Evaluation Questions
- Minor LWG Policy Changes
- No Project Proposal Process
 - National Funding Opportunities Instead



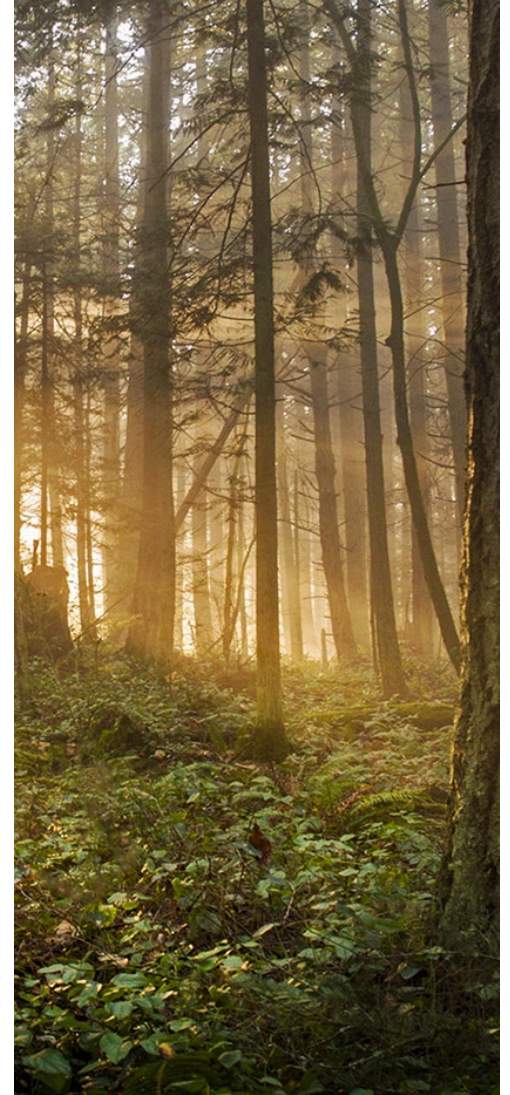
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To Do:

- Determine if facilitation is desired
- Set Meeting Date - by March 20th
- Notify NRCS
- Meeting Outreach
- Conduct Meeting by August 21st
 - Submit EQIP Fund Pool and Meeting Attendance
 - Determine if your LWG will review:
 - NWQI Watersheds
 - Conservation Practices
 - National Funding Opportunities



New Requirement

- LWG Meeting Agendas – Must be on Conservation District Letterhead





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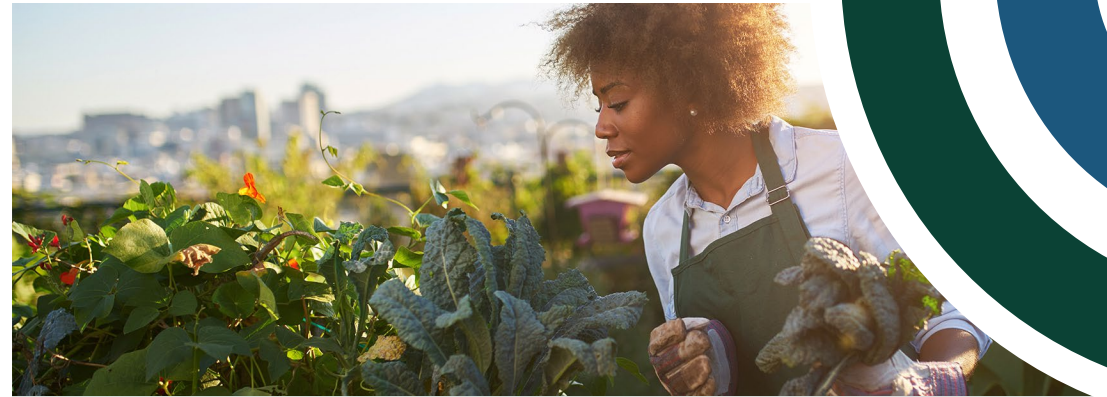


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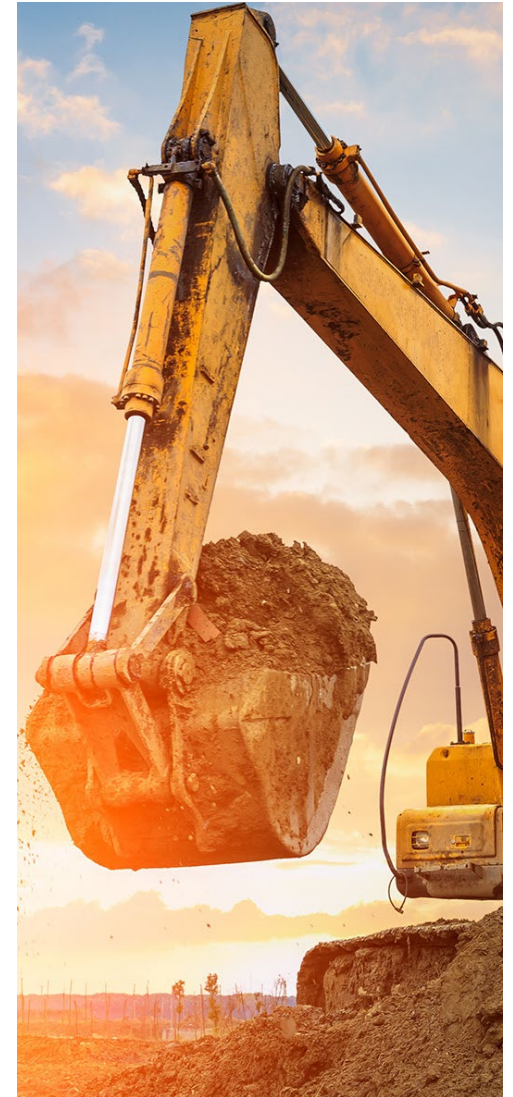
LWG Data Collection Tool



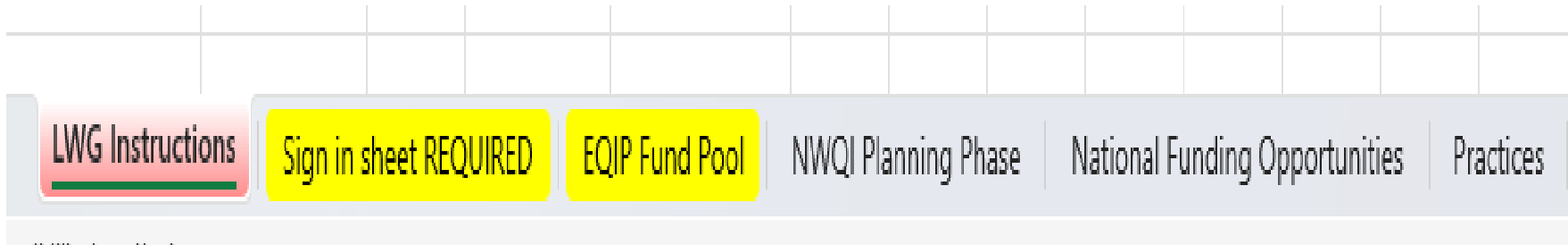
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Similar Process as Prior Year

- EQIP Fund Pool (required)
- Sign in Sheet (required)
- NWQI Watershed (optional)
- Conservation Practices (optional)
- National Funding Opportunities (optional)



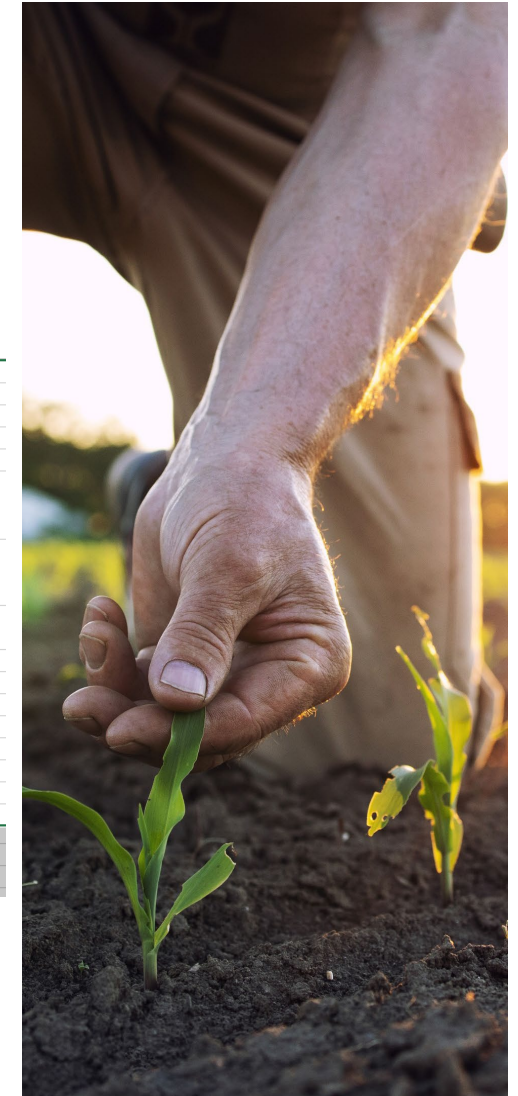
Data Collection Tool Tabs



EQIP Fund Pool

LWG Name for Fund Pool: (droplist)											
LWG Resource Concerns:											
% of LWG allocation of funds Must total 100%	Enter Fund Pool Name	Landuse** (drop List)	Category Type All 3 are required/ fund pool (droplist)	% of Category Type allocation of points Must Total 100%	Resource Concern* Minimum 1 required per Fund Pool Category (droplist)	% of resource concern allocation each color Must = 100% per fund pool	Enter LWG Question (no more than 6 questions allowed)	Question Type (droplist)	Points	Total Points Must = 200 points per fund pool	
			Air_quality_emissions	0%	Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen	0%					
						0%					
						0%					
						0%					
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* Fund pool resource concerns selected by LWG cannot duplicate existing state or national fund pools and their selected resource concerns.
** Please refer to NEW NRCS Resource Concern list and Planning Criteria to determine what landuse is allowed for each selected Natural Resource Concern.

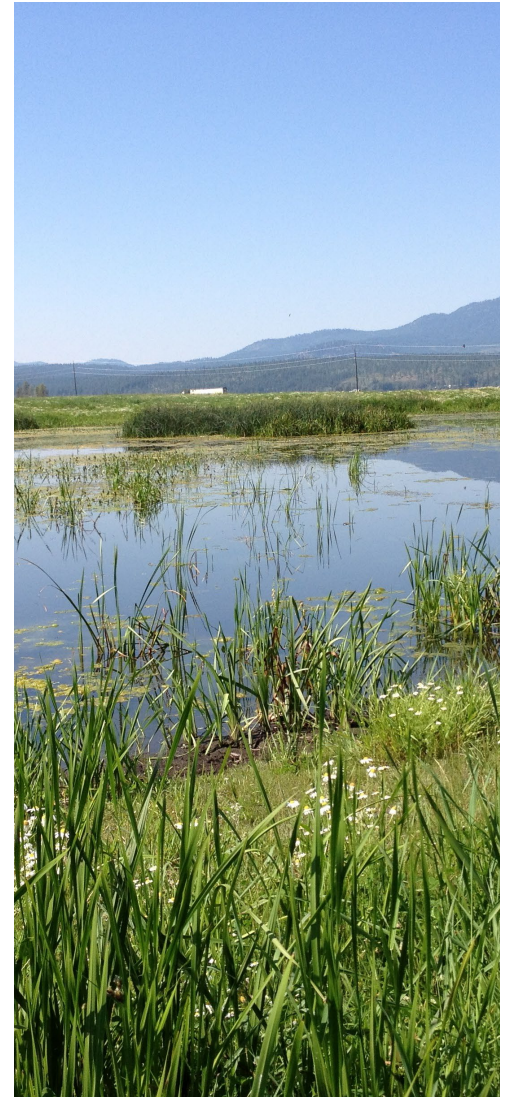


National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)

Purpose: Sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Reduction within a priority 12-digit HUC

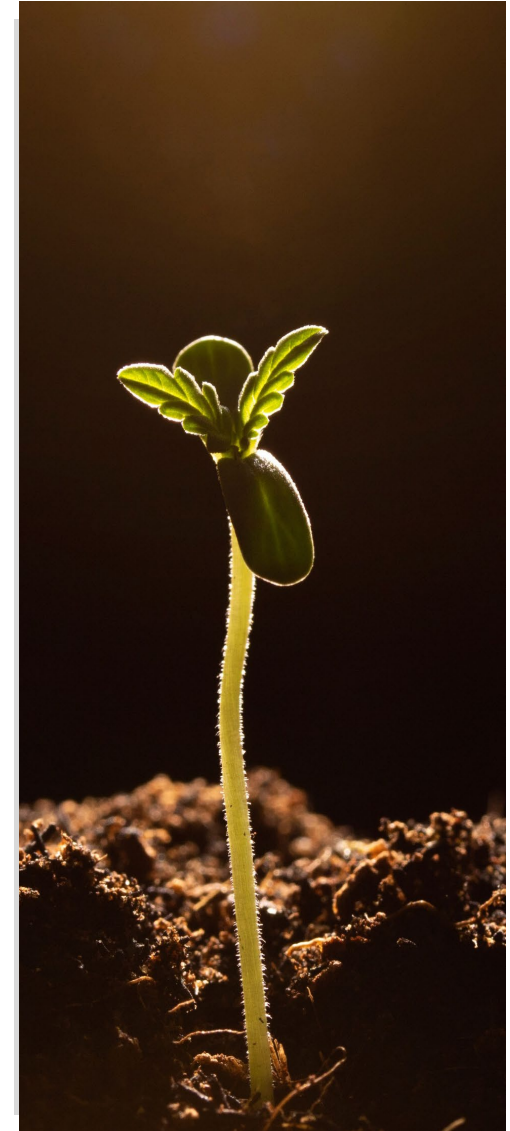
Process:

1. Watersheds selected
2. Plan developed and approved
3. Watershed receives dedicated EQIP Funds



NWQI – Planning Phase Watersheds

National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) - Watersheds to be Considered for the Planning Phase	
LWG Name:	
NWQI Priority 1: (must be a 12 digit HUC - include name and HUC number)	
Current Conditions and Objectives:	



National Funding Opportunities

National Funding Opportunities

LWG Name:

Initiative Priority 1:

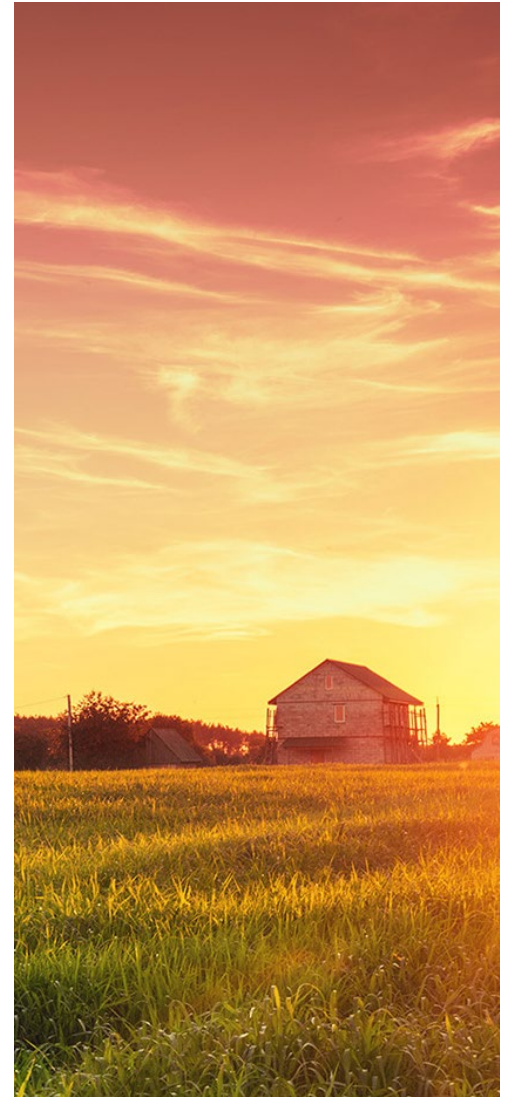
Objectives:

Estimated Priority Treatment Acres:

No. Operations [# Oper.]	Typical Size [Ac./Oper.]	Treatment Acres [Acres]	Requested Funds [\$]
		0	\$0

Conservation Practices

Practice Code	Practice Name



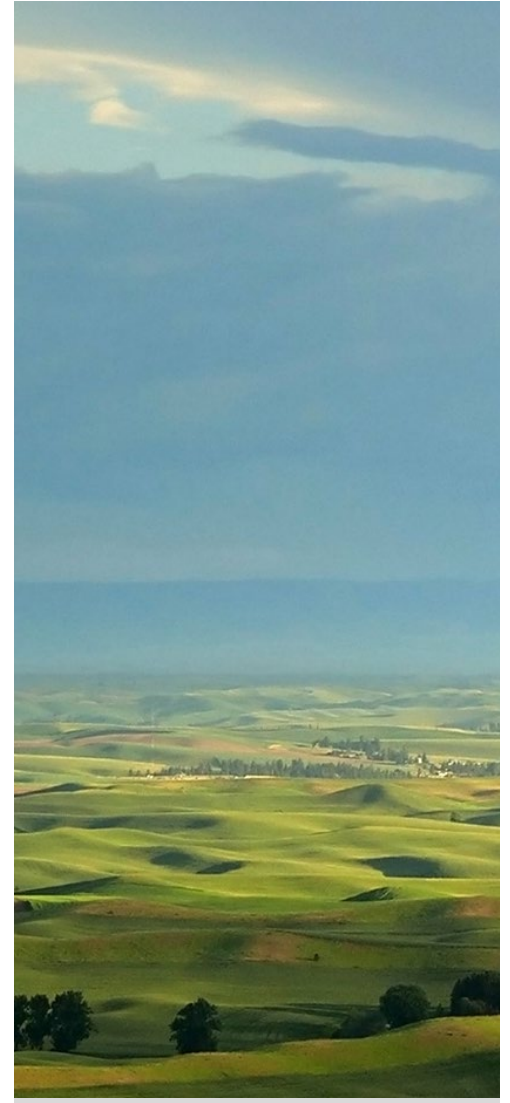
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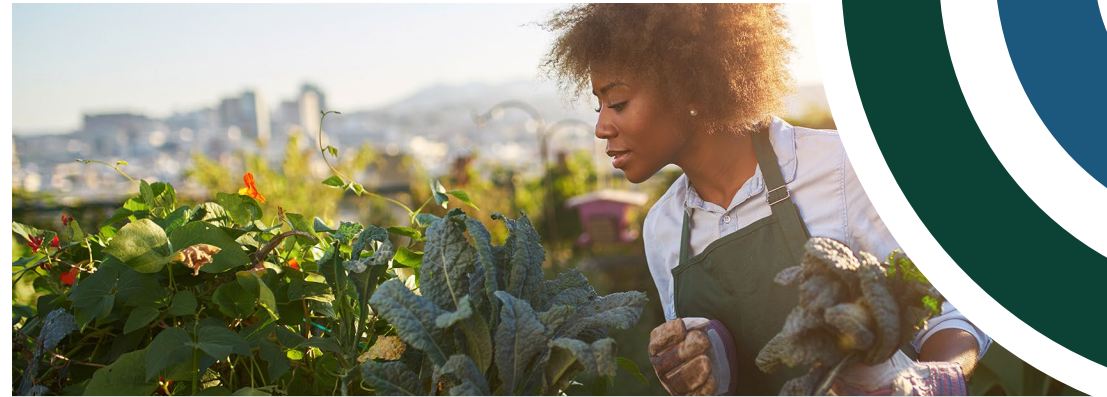
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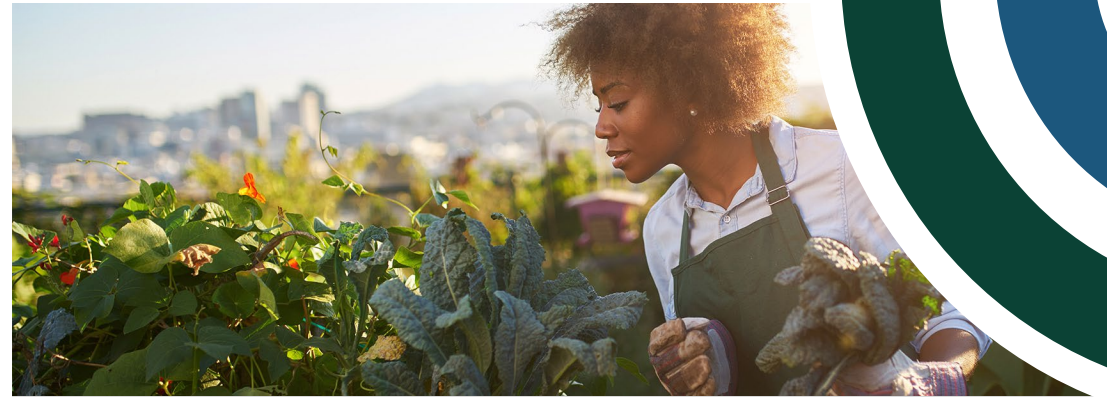


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