

Conservation Easements



Agricultural Land Easements

NRCS provides financial assistance to eligible partners for purchasing Agricultural Land Easements that protect the agricultural use and conservation values of eligible land. In the case of working farms, the program helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. Eligible partners include Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs.

NRCS may contribute up to 50 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement. Where NRCS determines that grasslands of special environmental significance will be protected, NRCS may contribute up to 75 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement.

Wetland Reserve Easements

NRCS also provides technical and financial assistance directly to private landowners and Indian tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands through the purchase of permanent easements, 30-year easements, term easements, and 30-year contracts. NRCS pays 100 percent of the easement value for the purchase of a permanent easement, and between 50 and 75 percent for the others. Additionally, NRCS pays between 75 to 100 percent of the restoration costs for permanent easements and 50 to 75 percent for the others.



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Water Quality for Farms and Forests

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Helping People Help the Land.
Providing Technical and Financial Assistance to Enhance Natural Resources on Private Land.



From mountain forests to river valley farms, we can help you keep your land and water healthy and clean.

Financial Assistance

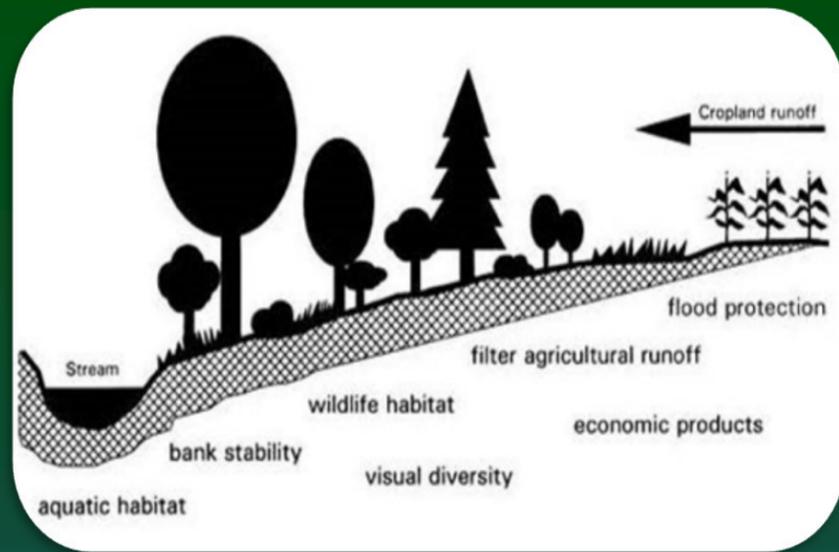
Forests	Farms
Forest Management Plans	Riparian Buffers and Filter Strips
Young Forests	Hayland Reseeding
Forest Trail Stabilization	Cover Crops
Right-sized Culverts	Streambank Stabilization
Fish & Wildlife Management Plans	Nutrient Management
Timber Management	Remove Invasive Species
Wood in Streams	Heavy Use Areas
Gates to Restrict Access	And More . . .



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Farming and Water Quality



Wood in streams improves water quality by reducing stream velocities and retaining sediment on floodplains and creates habitat for native brook trout

Forestry and Water Quality



Buffers

Between farm land and streams protects bank stability, wildlife, filters agricultural runoff and provides flood protection



Culverts

NH has a wonderful cold water stream resource. Improving fish passage and connectivity is a priority by improving permanent crossing and supporting temporary bridges.



Cover Cropping/ Hayland Reseeding:

Breaking up compaction and re-seeding puts valuable nutrients back in the soil and reduces erosion into streams.



Forest Trail Stabilization

After commercial harvests and on historic forest trails, NRCS focuses on stabilizing soils with best management practices especially near surface waters. Providing seasonal access to private landowners helps them manage timber resources and share forest management with new generations.



Invasive Species Removal:

Invasive species displace rare plants, reduce forest productivity and hamper forest re-generation, especially on richer soils.



Forest Management Plans

Improving timber quality and forest health is a priority across much of the forested Northeast. Large tracts of land in NH have been "high graded" meaning crop trees are harvested without consideration for regeneration.

