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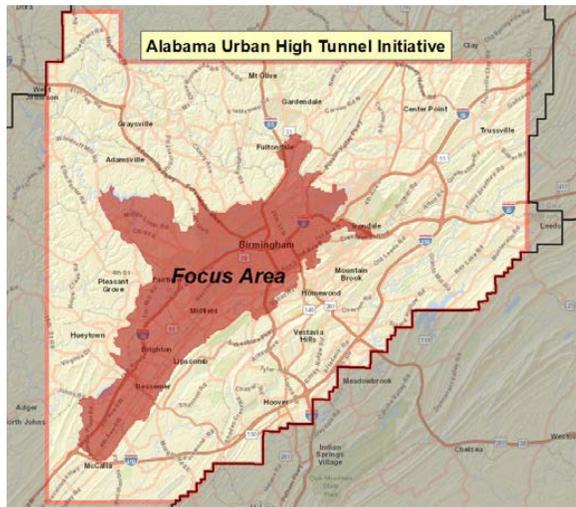
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Urban High Tunnel Initiative Announced for Metro-Birmingham and Bessemer

AUBURN, Ala., January 21, 2021 – USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist for Alabama Ben Malone announced a new initiative focused on addressing urban conservation in Alabama’s urban areas. Eligible individuals in the metropolitan Birmingham and Bessemer area are encouraged to apply for funding by March 22, 2021.

This initiative will be focused on strengthening food systems and promoting locally grown foods through expanded access to affordable, fresh foods in urban areas.

NRCS Alabama will provide financial assistance to urban farmers to install high tunnel systems through its Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). NRCS staff will provide on-site technical assistance to help producers implement conservation practices that protect natural resources on their land.



“Working alongside landowners, NRCS Alabama will have the opportunity to do our part in supporting sustainability and conservation in an urban setting,” said State Conservationist Ben Malone. Eligible producers are encouraged to visit their local USDA Service Center to sign up by March 22, 2021.

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