NRCS Conservation Policy

General Manual Section 180, Part 409
Conservation Planning Policy

- Planning Policy sets the rules and framework for our actions as conservation planners.

- This policy establishes guidelines and methodology to direct the agency toward accomplishing our vision.

- There are several key elements in our current planning policy.
The use of a three phased, nine step planning process to accomplish resource management.
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The NRCS objective is to help the client bring about the sound use and management of soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources to prevent their degradation and assure their sustained use and productivity, through the use of resource management systems.
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The NRCS Conservation Planning process will encompass development of resource management systems.

In the case of specific purpose programs, the client may only be required to select and implement management systems that address specific resources and specific resource considerations.
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Human considerations (economic and social), related to the resources, will be addressed.
All NRCS conservation planners and technical service Providers will be certified.
All plans developed with the assistance of NRCS and partner employees will be approved by an NRCS or partner certified planner.
State Conservationists will establish and implement a process to ensure training is provided to NRCS employees and Technical Service Providers.
Questions?