

How do I apply for Financial Assistance?

STEP 1: You will need to fill out and submit an application to your local USDA NRCS Service Center. Forms can also be found on our website at www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov.

* **If this is your first time applying**, visit USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to ensure your land is in the farm data system. Bring a copy of your deed or other document that shows you have legal control of the property. **If you are a business entity**, you will need to provide information about how your business is set up, and individual members of the business will need to verify their eligibility.

STEP 2: An NRCS conservation planner will schedule a field visit to discuss your concerns and help you identify ways to improve your operation.

STEP 3: Your application will be ranked based on specific resource concern criteria.

STEP 4: High-scoring applications addressing priority resource concerns will be funded first.

STEP 5: A contract agreement and estimate of cost will be provided. If you are in agreement, you can sign the contract and start practice implementation.

Interested in Technical Assistance Only?

Contact a local USDA NRCS Service Center. Technical assistance is provided at no cost to you.

Targeted Groups May Be Eligible for Special Incentives.

Targeted underserved groups may be eligible for special incentives. Such groups include:

- **Beginning Farmer-** A person who has operated a farm not more than 10 consecutive years.
- **Limited Resource Farmer-** A farm operator whose household income is below their local county poverty level and farm income is below annual total table, approximately \$150,000 (based on annual farm income tables.)
- **Socially Disadvantaged or Historically Underserved Farmers/Landowners-** Includes Hispanics, Asians, Native American Indians, Blacks or African Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders.



Let Us Help You Help the Land!



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How NRCS Can Help

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance to private owners and/or operators of:

- Organic Farms
- Non-Organic Farms
- Livestock, Dairy, or Poultry Farms
- Fruit and Vegetable Farms
- Vineyards
- Specialty Crop Farms
- Grain/Hay Farms
- Forestland
- Other Ag Products

Through voluntary participation, we can help you practice conservation activities such as the following to address natural resource concerns:

- Erosion/Runoff Control
- Transition to Organic
- Manure and Nutrient Management
- Crop or Pasture Irrigation
- Barnyard Improvement
- Feed Management
- Wildlife Habitat Establishment
 - Streambank Protection
 - Energy Conservation
 - Forest or Pasture Improvement
 - Air Quality Improvement

**Who Can
NRCS
Assist?**

**What Can
NRCS
Do for Me?**

**I Have a
Small Lot/
Greenhouse**

**How Do
I Get
Assistance?**



Small-Scale Producers are Welcome!

We can help you plan to:

- Increase soil fertility
- Irrigate Efficiently
- Manage Pests
- Produce Compost
- Increase Pollinators
- Extend the Growing Season
- And More!



- Contact your local USDA NRCS Service Center. A list of offices can be found at:
<http://offices.usda.gov>



- Visit us on the web at:
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