



# The Path to NRCS Technical Resources & the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG)

This is a simple walk through of how to access Engineering materials on the Wisconsin Field Office Technical Guide site.

## Step 1:

Visit the NRCS homepage and under **Popular Topics**, click on **Field Office Technical Guide**.

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## Step 2:

Under the Technical Resources toolbox, click on the link: **Go to Your State's FOTG**.

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**Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG)**  
**What is FOTG?**  
 Technical guides are the primary scientific references for NRCS. They contain technical information about the conservation of soil, water, air, and related plant and animal resources.  
 Technical guides used in each field office are localized so that they apply specifically to the geographic area for which they are prepared. These documents are referred to as Field Office Technical Guides (FOTGs).  
 Appropriate parts of the Field Office Technical Guides are automated as data bases, computer programs, and other electronic-based materials such as those included in these web based pages.

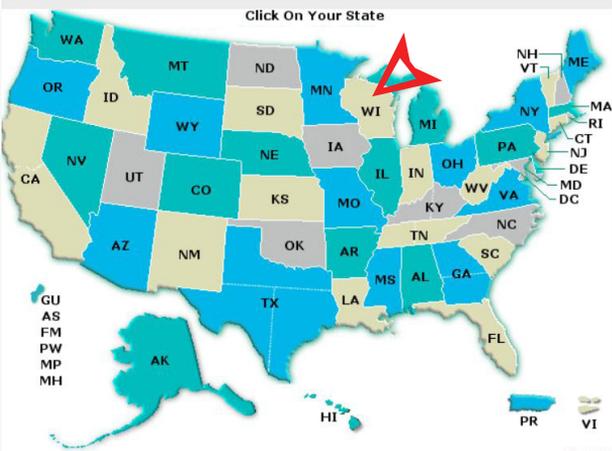
**What information is located in FOTG**  
**Section I – General References**  
 In this section you will find general state maps, descriptions of Major Land Resource Areas, watershed information, and links to NRCS reference manuals and handbooks. Section I contains links to researchers, universities, and agencies we work. Section I also contains conservation practice costs, agricultural laws and regulations, cultural resources, and information about protected plant and animal species.

**Section II – Soil and Site Information**  
 In this section you will find detailed information about soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources. NRCS Soil Surveys, Hydric Soils Interpretations, Ecological Site Descriptions, Forage Suitability Groups, Cropland Production Tables, Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides, Water Quality Guides, and other related information can be found here as it becomes available.

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 Go to Your State's FOTG

### Step 3:

Follow the directions given on the right hand side, and **select the state** of interest from the map to the left.



Click On Your State

#### FOTG County Locator

Select your State of interest by clicking the map to the left.

### Step 4:

Continue to follow the directions given on the right hand side, and **select the county** of interest from the map to the left.



Wisconsin

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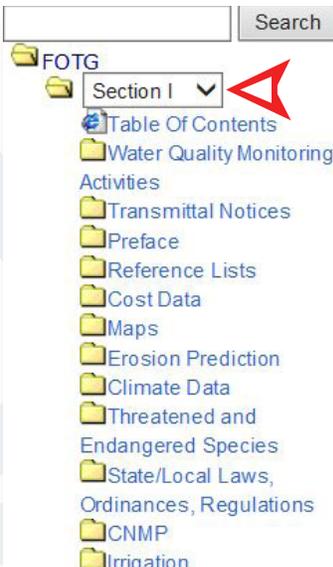
Select your County of interest by clicking the map to the left.

- To select a different state, click [here](#).

▶ Any county can be selected.  
The **FOTG** is the same for each county.

### Step 5a:

Locate the **FOTG Tree Menu** and select the arrow for the drop down menu.



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### Step 5b:

Select **Section IV** and make your selection from the list of folders.



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