

# Conservation Planning in Minnesota

is one of the best methods around to help landowners assess and inventory and analyze their natural resources. It documents the information that if implemented, can have a positive impact on your farm, or non-industrial woodlands.



Contact your local Minnesota NRCS Service Center to make an appointment to develop a Conservation Plan in your area.

A conservation plan provides you with the information necessary to make better land use decisions.

## Our Mission

NRCS programs are voluntary and incentive-based. Producers apply to participate in NRCS programs and we provide them with the technical guidance and financial assistance they need to implement proven conservation practices on their lands.

The conservation practices NRCS promotes are helping to protect our natural resources for the long term while at the same time improving Minnesota farms.



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# Minnesota Conservation Planning with the Natural Resources Conservation Service



# Helping People Help The Land

The **Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** is reminding farmers, and non-industrial private woodland owners, about the importance of conservation planning. Developing a conservation plan is a process where NRCS combines your existing production methods with recommended conservation practices. This helps you to best manage your property's unique natural resources, while allowing to grow sustainability, productivity, and improve your natural resources.

Your conservation plan is the end product of NRCS's conservation planning process. As your conservation decision partner, NRCS provides free assistance to landowners like you to reach land use and natural resource goals. Our local offices, staffed with skilled conservation professionals, can help you make well-informed conservation decisions.

## ▶ **Your Path for Profit, Protection and Production**

NRCS is committed to conservation planning because it is the foundation of successful land management and natural resource protection.

## Key Reminders

- ▶ A Conservation Plan is your plan. It includes helpful information on each of the practices included in your plan, how they benefit your property, how to maintain them, and how they help soil, water and wildlife.

## Your Plan Benefits

- ▶ Reducing soil erosion and improving soil health
- ▶ Improving water quality on your property and in your watershed
- ▶ Improving wildlife habitat
- ▶ Helping you comply with environmental regulations and USDA compliance requirements
- ▶ Having a conservation plan in place gives your program application for funding a higher priority

## What We Can Do For You

- ▶ Inventory your property with you
- ▶ Identify potential natural resource concerns
  - Discuss your objectives and economic goals for your property
- ▶ Recommend conservation practice options
- ▶ Respect you as the decision-maker for your property