

Over 7 billion people live on our planet today.
The earth's natural resources need to stay healthy to provide food, water, and energy for people today and for future generations.
That's where we come in.

Volunteer With the Earth Team!

Contact your local NRCS office or the National Earth Team office at (888) 526-3227.

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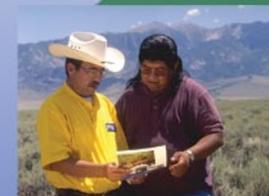
Volunteer for the Natural Resources Conservation Service Earth Team!



- Learn about conservation and agriculture



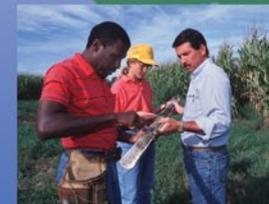
- Give back to your community



- Gain experience in field or office work

- Create opportunities for academic credit

- Have fun!



Natural Resources Conservation Service

Successful conservation calls for individuals like you!

The Earth Team Needs You!

Conserving natural resources requires the time, energy, knowledge and talent of many individuals. With the help of Earth Team volunteers, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can expand its services, ultimately putting more conservation on the ground.

NRCS and its volunteer program, the Earth Team, help America's farmers and ranchers conserve the Nation's soil, water, air, and other natural resources. Through partnerships with individual landowners and local communities, NRCS plans and implements voluntary conservation practices and offers incentive-based conservation programs that benefit both the landowner and the environment.

Who is the Earth Team?



It's Carlie, an engineering student. She gained hands-on job experience in her career field when she helped an NRCS civil engineer lay out terraces for erosion control.



It's Aaron, a recent college graduate. He volunteered with soil scientists on a technical writing project and was later hired to work full-time for NRCS.



It's a group of college students. They planted miles of vegetation along the coastline, providing protection from hurricanes and other environmental benefits.



It's Inez, a senior citizen who volunteers along with her husband to stay active in her retirement. She says volunteering brings joy and fulfillment to her life.

What can volunteers do?

Anyone age 14 and older can be an Earth Team volunteer.

Earth Team volunteers:

- Conduct soil surveys
- Test water quality
- Work on wetland restoration projects
- Assist with field visits
- Perform clerical duties
- Create communications products (writing, design, photography)
- Coordinate and staff events
- Assist with layout of conservation practices
- Work on land reclamation projects
- Develop and present educational materials

Although their reasons for volunteering may be different, they each contribute to the same goal of "Helping People Help the Land."