NRCS Programs

Mariana Islands

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United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.)

- The Agency
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly SCS
- Created in 1935 in response to the Dust Bowl crisis
- Non-regulatory--NRCS works with landowners on a voluntary basis

NRCS is <u>not</u> a regulatory agency

Provide technical assistance in...
Natural Resource Planning
Design & Engineering
Implementation of techniques used to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and protect natural resources

NRCS Customers ...

- Farmers & Ranchers
- Local units of government
- Community groups
- Watershed Planning groups
- <u>ALL</u> Private landowners who need natural resource help!

NRCS Programs Address ...

- Conservation needs on the farm
- Community stormwater management issues
- Erosion and sediment control
- Water quality problems--rural & urban
- Flood prevention and damage repair
- Soil health & soil quality
- Wetland creation & restoration

Conservation Partners

Local SWCDs

- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Composed of locally elected volunteers
- NRCS works hand-in-hand with SWCDs to address <u>local</u> conservation issues

NRCS Technical Specialists...

- Soil Scientists
- Biologists--Wetlands and Wildlife
- Engineers--Civil/Agricultural/Hydraulic
- Soil Conservationists
- Agronomy & Water Quality Specialists
- Resource Planning Specialists

Our 9-Step Conservation Planning

- 1. Identify the problem
- 2. Determine the objectives
- 3. Inventory the resources
- 4. Analyze the data
- 5. Formulate alternatives
- 6. Evaluate alternatives
- 7. Make decisions
- 8. Implement the plan
- 9. Evaluate

Conservation Practices

Before NRCS Assistance Exposed Soils in Cropland

After NRCS Assistance

Residue Management, Strip-Till/No-Till/Direct Seed

Before NRCS Assistance

After NRCS Assistance with:

- Strip-Till/No-Till
- Contour Farming
- Field Border

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Vegetative Row Barrier







•Mulching with Composted Materials •Conservation Cover





Low Water Crossing/Access Road

Before NRCS Assistance



Animal Waste Management System





Animal Waste Management System



Before NRCS Assistance













Watering Facility

Heavy Use Area Protection Pad





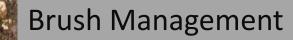
Heavy Use Area Protection Pad

Pasture Before NRCS Assistance









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Marine Park















Helping People Help the Land



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