

# Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

## MISSION:

The NRCS helps private landowners conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment.





- Work with private landowners
- Work closely with local conservation districts
- Voluntary science-based assistance
- Locally led conservation process
- Technical assistance
- Financial assistance



- **Stream work varies by state**
- **Program emphasis varies by state**
- **Federal, State, and local agencies are often not eligible**



# Examples of Conservation Programs

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)

Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention (PL-566)

Watershed Rehabilitation

Floodplain Acquisition Program

Others





**Point of contact is the local district conservationist**

**Program manager in the State office.**



# Benefits of livestock exclusion and selective planting / buffer establishment

## Racer Run, VA



2000



2001



2002



2003



- **Treatments are often spot treatments**
- **Bandaid treatments**
- **Streambank Stabilization**
- **Protect infrastructure**
- **Multiple landowners**





- **INITIATIVES**

- **Chesapeake Bay Initiative**
- **Healthy Forest Initiative**
- **Mississippi River Basin Initiative**
- **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

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**Select: Programs and services**



## Streambank Stabilization Assistance

Training



# Stream Restoration



**Training**

When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging!  
(Tex Bender)



