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NRCS Technical and Financial Assistance in Pennsylvania

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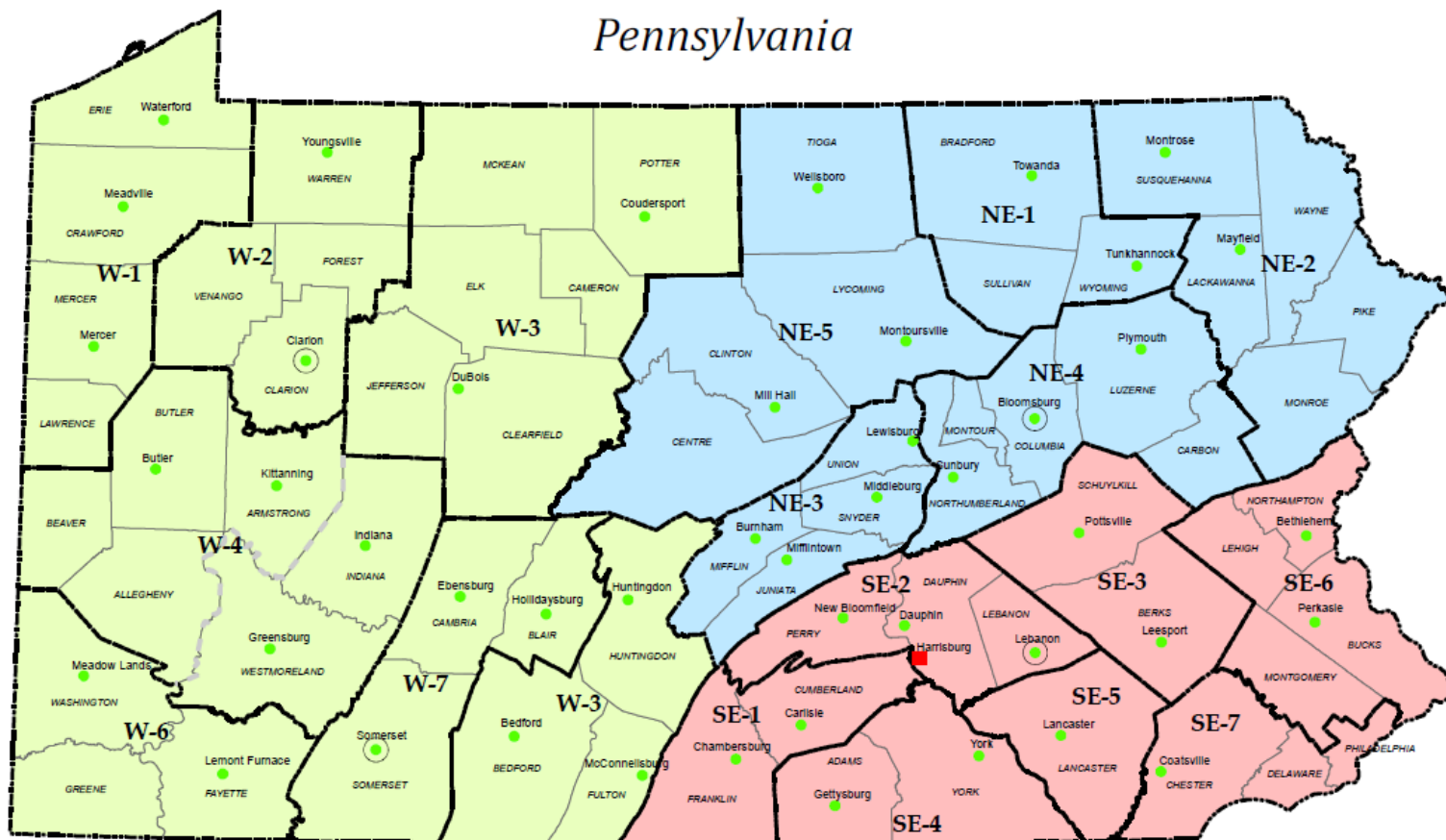




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**Thank you for your service, sacrifice and
securing our way of life!**

NRCS Service Centers Pennsylvania



- Technical Center
- Service Center
- State Office
- ▭ Field Team Boundary

- Northeast Area
- Southeast Area

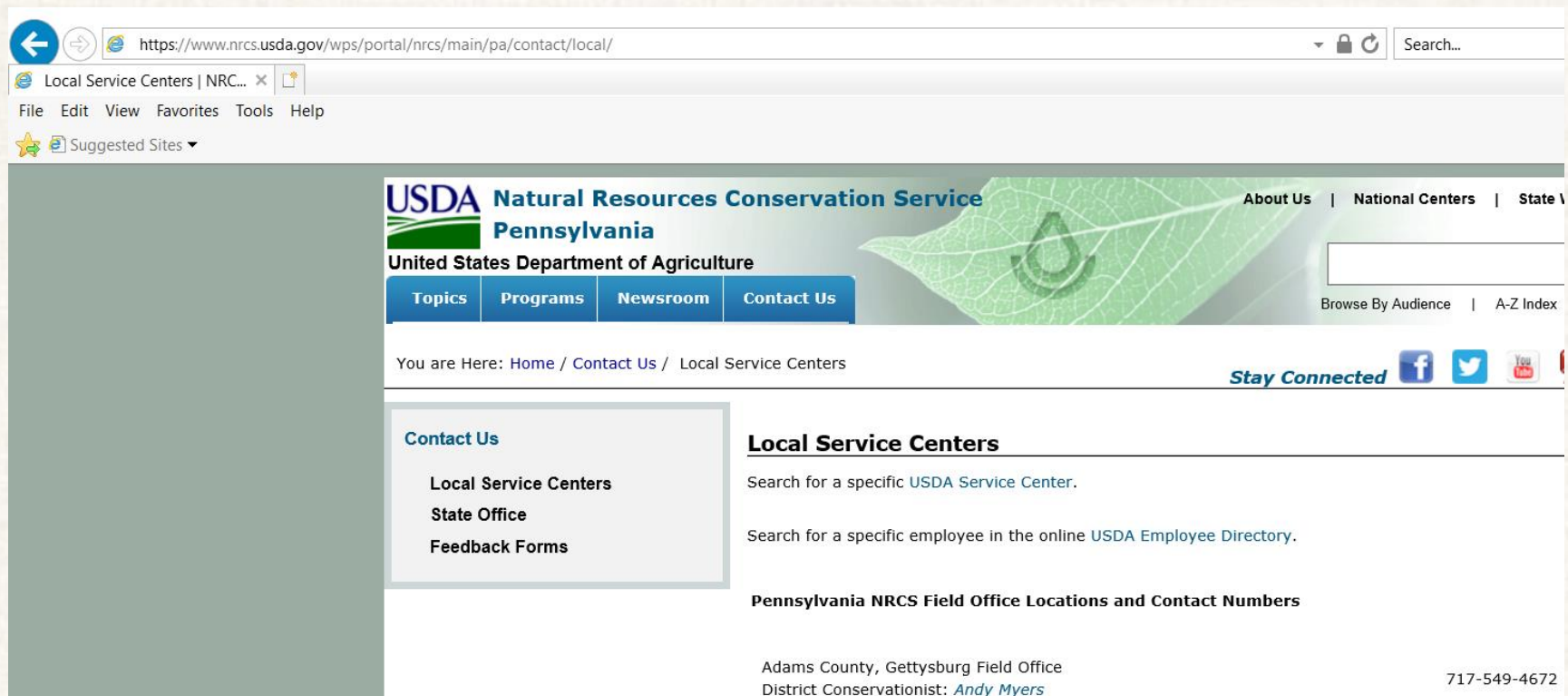
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PA NRCS website – Contact Us tab

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/pa/contact/local/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/pa/contact/local/>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website header features the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture". The main navigation bar includes links for "About Us", "National Centers", and "State V". Below this, a search bar is present. The "Contact Us" tab is selected, and the page content is displayed. On the left, a sidebar menu lists "Local Service Centers", "State Office", and "Feedback Forms". The main content area is titled "Local Service Centers" and contains a search bar for "USDA Service Center" and a link to the "USDA Employee Directory". Below this, the "Pennsylvania NRCS Field Office Locations and Contact Numbers" section lists the "Adams County, Gettysburg Field Office" and the "District Conservationist: Andy Myers". The phone number "717-549-4672" is displayed in the bottom right corner.

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Local Service Centers

Search for a specific [USDA Service Center](#).

Search for a specific employee in the online [USDA Employee Directory](#).

Pennsylvania NRCS Field Office Locations and Contact Numbers

Adams County, Gettysburg Field Office
District Conservationist: [Andy Myers](#)

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NRCS Programs and Tools

- **Conservation Technical Assistance –**
 - conservation planning
- **Financial Assistance –**
 - implementation of plans with funding through contracts, designs and various programs.

Conservation Programs

Agricultural Management Assistance AMA
Conservation Stewardship Program CSP
Environmental Quality Incentives Program
EQIP

Easement Programs

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
ACEP
Agricultural Lands
Wetland Restoration
Healthy Forest Reserve Program

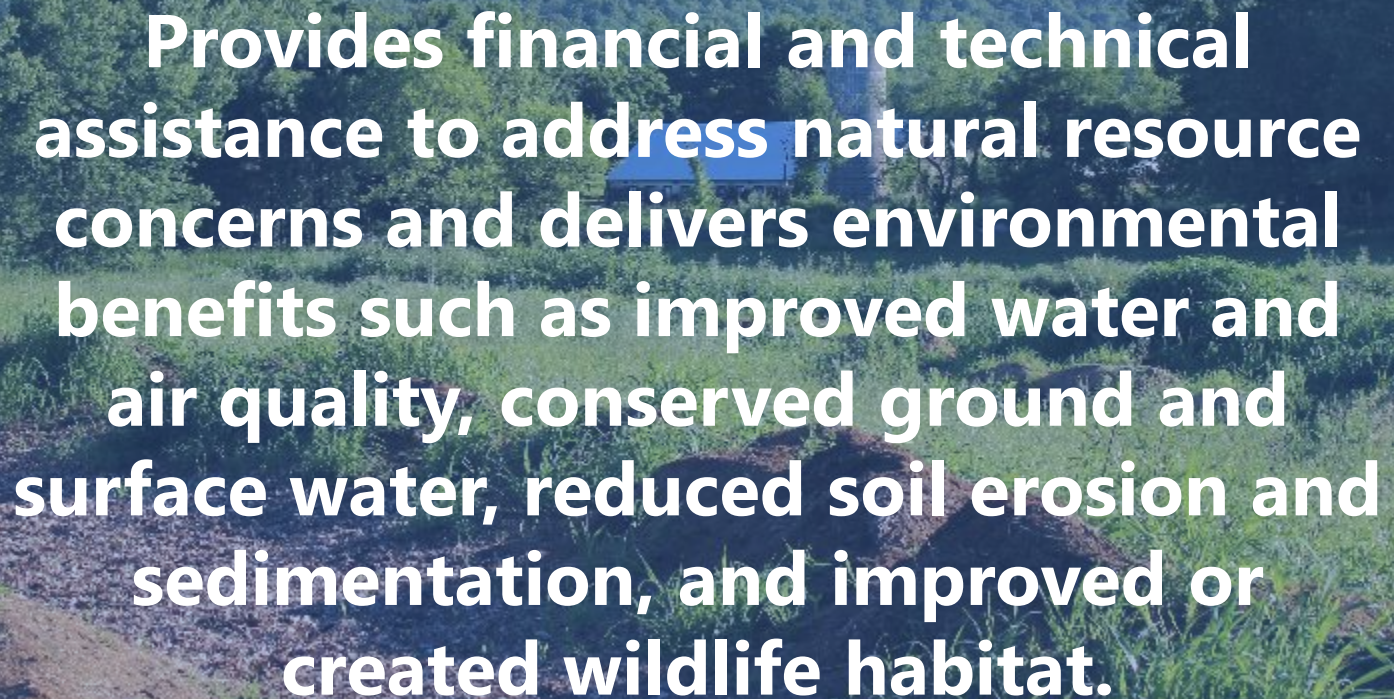
Regional Conservation Partnership Program RCPP

Conservation Easements
Conservation Practices
Conservation Practice Enhancements



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Financial Assistance through: Environmental Quality Incentives Program - EQIP

A photograph of two people standing in a field, looking at something in the distance. The background is a dense forested hill under a clear blue sky. The image is used as a background for the text box.

Provides financial and technical assistance to address natural resource concerns and delivers environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, and improved or created wildlife habitat.



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PA EQIP options could include:

Livestock & Grazing Improvements

Cropland Management, including erosion control

Pasture Management & Prescribed Grazing

Forestry Practices/Forest Management Plan

Organic Farming & Organic Transition

Seasonal High Tunnels

Historically Underserved

On-Farm Energy Conservation

Conservation Innovation Grants



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How to sign up for USDA programs

- Establish farm and producer records with the Farm Service Agency (FSA).**
- Eligibility - conservation compliance, Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)...**
- Submit a Conservation Program application with NRCS.**



CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

NRCS-CPA-1200
03/2019

CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name:	Application Number:
Address:	Application Date:
Email:	County and State:
Telephone:	Watershed:
	Subaccount:
Location (Legal Description or Farm and Tract Number):	

1. ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have farm records established with the appropriate USDA Service Center Agency?

If no, you must establish them with the appropriate USDA Service Center Agency prior to submitting this application.

2. This is an application to participate in the:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) <input type="checkbox"/> CSP Renewal	Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) - Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) <input type="checkbox"/> EQIP <input type="checkbox"/> CSP	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) <input type="checkbox"/> ACEP - (WRE) <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)

3. Are you applying to participate in a conservation program as an (check one of the following):

☐ Individual

- a) Please enter your legal name and tax identification number:

Name: Tax Number:

☐ Entity (Corporation, Limited Partnership, Trust, Estate, etc.)

- a) Please enter entity legal name and tax identification number:

Name: Tax Number:

- b) ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the entity?

☐ Joint Operation (General Partnership, Joint Venture)

- a) Please enter joint operation legal name and tax identification number:

Name: Tax Number:

- b) ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the joint operation?



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Military Veteran Farmers

Veteran Farmer or Rancher – The term "Veteran Farmer or Rancher" means a producer who served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, including the reserve component thereof; was released from service under conditions other than dishonorable; and:

- has not operated a farm or ranch, or has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years; or
- who first obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 10-year period.

A legal entity or joint operation can be a Veteran Farmer or Rancher only if all individual members independently qualify.

USDA's updated definition of Veteran
Farmer



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Helpful links and additional information

For Help go to www.farmers.gov

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A banner image featuring a close-up of a sunflower's head, with the word "CONSERVE" in large, white, sans-serif capital letters overlaid.

Conserve

USDA recognizes that conservation by farmers, ranchers, and forest owners today means thriving and sustainable agriculture for our future.

Seventy percent of the nation's land is privately owned. Conservation of our nation's private lands not only results in healthy soil, water, air, plants, animals, and ecosystems but also provides productive and sustainable working lands.

Whether you are small-scale vegetable grower, a cattle rancher on 10,000 acres of range, a multi-tract timber manager, or someone who owns agricultural land, USDA has tools and resources to help you learn about conservation and what you can do, voluntarily, to improve the natural resource conditions on your land.

Visit our [Soil Health](#) page to learn about best practices to improve the health of your land.

Manage Your Natural Resources
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Questions ?





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