

Step	Planning Steps	Conservation Technical Assistance - CTA	Environmental Quality Incentives Program - EQIP	Conservation Stewardship Program - CSP	Conservation Reserve Program - CRP	Emergency Conservation Program-ECP	Agricultural Conservation Easement - ACEP Agricultural Land Easements - ALE	Agricultural Conservation Easement - ACEP Wetland Reserve Easements - WRE	Emergency Watershed Protection - EWP	Emergency Watershed Protection - EWP - Floodplain Easement Program - FPE	Conservation Innovation Grants - CIG	Regional Conservation Partnership Program - RCPP	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program	Watershed Rehabilitation Program (Discretionary)	Watershed Rehabilitation Program (Mandatory)	Wetland Mitigation Banking Program
1	Identify Problems and Opportunities - Identify existing resource problems and concerns and potential opportunities in the planning area.	C	C	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	C
2	Determine Objectives - Identify and document the client's objectives.	C	C	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	C
3	Inventory Resources - Inventory and document the natural resources and their current onsite and offsite conditions and effects, as well as the economic and social considerations related to the resources.	C	C	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C
4	Analyze Resource Data - Analyze the resource information gathered in Step 3, "Inventory Resources," to clearly define the existing natural resource conditions, along with economic and social issues related to the resources. Information from this step will help to further define and clarify problems, concerns, and opportunities.	C	C	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C
5	Formulate Alternatives - Formulate alternatives that will achieve the client's objectives, solve identified natural resource concerns, and take advantage of opportunities to improve or protect resource conditions, and demonstrate a variety of technical and economic implementation strategies.	C	C	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C
6	Evaluate Alternatives - Evaluate the alternatives to determine their effects in addressing the client's objectives and the identified natural resource concerns and opportunities. Evaluate the projected effects on social, economic, and ecological concerns. Special attention must be given to those ecological values protected by law or Executive Order.	C	C	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C
7	Make Decision - Document Conservation Plan - The client selects their preferred alternatives and works with the planner to schedule the conservation system and practice implementation.	C	C	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C
8	Implement Plan - Design - The client implements the selected alternatives. The planner or technical expert provides the land manager with detailed practice implementation information, including engineered designs.	C	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P
7	Make Decision - Document Program Contract - The client works with the planner or others to determine program eligibility and develop contracting documents .	NA	P	P	P	P	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
8	Implement Plan - Installation - The client implements the selected alternatives. Conservation staff will provide practice layout and construction inspection based on implementation and design documents. Each land manager directs the implementation of each practice.	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
8	Implement Plan - Checkout - The client implements the selected alternatives. Conservation staff will provide construction inspection and certification that installed practices meet NRCS standards and specifications.	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
9	Evaluate Plan - Evaluate the effectiveness of the plan in solving the resource concerns as it is implemented and work with the client to make adjustments as needed.	C	C	C			P	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P
	NA = This activity does not apply to this program.															
	C = Report as CTA.															
	P = Charge the program for this activity.															
	* May be done through CTA prior to contract application.															
	Note: If not sure how to charge a task, seek guidance from supervisor.															