

CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applicant (Decision Maker):	Application Date:
Address:	Location where assistance is requested:
Email:	
Telephone:	Receive text messages(optional):
Assistance Requested:	

Click here for [instructions](#) to complete this form or contact the local office for assistance.

1. Do you have a customer record with the Farm Service Agency (FSA)?

Yes No

2. Interested in participating in the following (select all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Wetland Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) | |

a) Program enrollment type, activity type, and/or project name, as applicable:

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3. Applicant Information:

Select the business structure and enter the legal name, and tax identification number for all applicants who will be participants on the contract or agreement including the decision maker.

Business Structure (Mark with an X)		Applicant Legal Name	Tax Number (last four digits)
Individual	Entity		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

To add more applicants, complete [NRCS-CPA-1200 Continuation Page](#), Applicant Information and attach to this form.

a) If applicant is a legal entity or joint operation, do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the entity or joint operation?

Yes No N/A

b) Complete the table below for all applicants who meet the requirements for one or more of the historically underserved categories. Refer to the instructions to learn more about the requirements. If none, leave blank. (optional)

Applicant Legal Name	Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher	Beginning Farmer or Rancher	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher	Veteran Farmer or Rancher	Veteran Discharge Date
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

4. Land Information. The following questions apply to the land being offered for enrollment through this application.

a) Land Type (check all that apply):

- Private Land
- Public Land: Federal Government State Government Local Government
- Indian Land: Allotted Tribal Trust Land Tribal Non-Trust Land Other

b) Control of Land Documentation (check all that apply):

- Deed or other evidence of land ownership
- Written lease agreement
- Other agreement or legal conveyance (describe):

c) Is the land currently enrolled in other USDA conservation program(s)?

- Yes No

Which program(s):

d) Organic Certification:

- Certified Organic by the National Organic Program (NOP)
- Transitioning to become Certified Organic by the NOP
- Exempt from Organic Certification as defined by the NOP
- Not Applicable

e) What is the primary crop type(s)?

f) What is the primary livestock type(s)?

The applicant agrees not to start any financially assisted conservation practice or activity or engage the reimbursable services of a certified technical service provider before an obligating document is executed by NRCS. The applicant understands that if they start a conservation practice or activity prior to NRCS executing an obligation the applicant will be ineligible to receive payment for the conservation practice or activity. The applicant may request a waiver to begin a conservation practice or activity early by submitting their written request to the applicable NRCS State Conservationist. Applicants must provide NRCS with written authorization from the landowner to install structural or vegetative practices on leased land included in this application.

The applicant acknowledges that they have or will file all other required eligibility information including highly erodible land conservation/wetland conservation certifications, adjusted gross income certifications, and member information for entities and joint operations with the FSA, as applicable, prior to NRCS approving an agreement based on this application.

The applicant may obtain a copy of the applicable conservation program contract appendix, which defines the full terms and conditions of program participation at the local NRCS office.

Check here if NRCS-CPA-1200 Continuation Page, Applicant Information is attached.

Applicant Signature	Date

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Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC)
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
Farmer Application & Information Release Form

Applicant Name		Farm Address	
Farm Name		City, State	
Phone Fax		ZIP Code	
E-mail			

I am hereby requesting technical and/or financial assistance under the VT DEC RCPP program to assist with the development and implementation of practices on agricultural and/or forest land for the purpose of improving water quality.

My commitment to participate in this program includes discussing my production and conservation goals with technical assistance providers and agreeing that all practices will be developed and implemented to plan standards by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS).

I authorize and will provide farm and/or forestland access to contracted conservation planners from the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD), Redstart, Inc., NRCS technical assistance providers, and VT DEC employees and/or the individual(s) listed below working specifically with the RCPP, for the purpose of collecting data to assist in the development of my contracts. All information shared is protected under the NRCS 1619 agreement from sharing with anyone other than those listed here.

Additional access is permitted to:

Name/email/title _____

I authorize the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) to release information regarding my farm and/or forestland for the purposes specified above only.

This authorization is for farm and/or forest records for any farms on which I am an owner/operator, or other producer:

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| -- Aerial Photography Property Map which includes farm ID, tract ID, field ID, acres and land use determinations such as HEL and WC. | -- USDA - FSA form AD-1026A – Farming Interest |
| | -- USDA - FSA form FSA-578 – Report of Acreage |
| | -- Crop Records |

I understand that this information will only be used for the purpose of assisting me in developing voluntary conservation planning and implementation activities of my choosing. This authorization is in effect for five years from the date of my signature.

Farm Owner/Operator:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____