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Resources for Landowners and Land Managers

NRCS Technical and Financial Assistance Opportunities

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NRCS Background:

- 14 area field offices
- Private Landowners on Private Land
- Acreage size
- We are not regulators
  - Voluntarily
- Resource Concerns
  - soil, water, air, plant, energy, human, and animal
  - Aquatic Habitat for fish and other organisms
- Provide TA and FA Assistance

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Technical Assistance

- **Use science-based technology for TA and FA**
- **Conservation plan:**
  - Developed based on the landowner's goals
  - ID resource concerns/opportunities
  - Conservation practices
- **Specialists:**
  - Fisheries Biologist
  - Engineering

Enhanced Aquatic Opportunities in Maine

- **AOP is a priority resource**
- **AOP and instream habitat are exempted from needing a forest management plan**
- **Multiple FA opportunities:**
  - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
  - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Financial Assistance for Aquatic Restoration Opportunities

All Funding is competitive

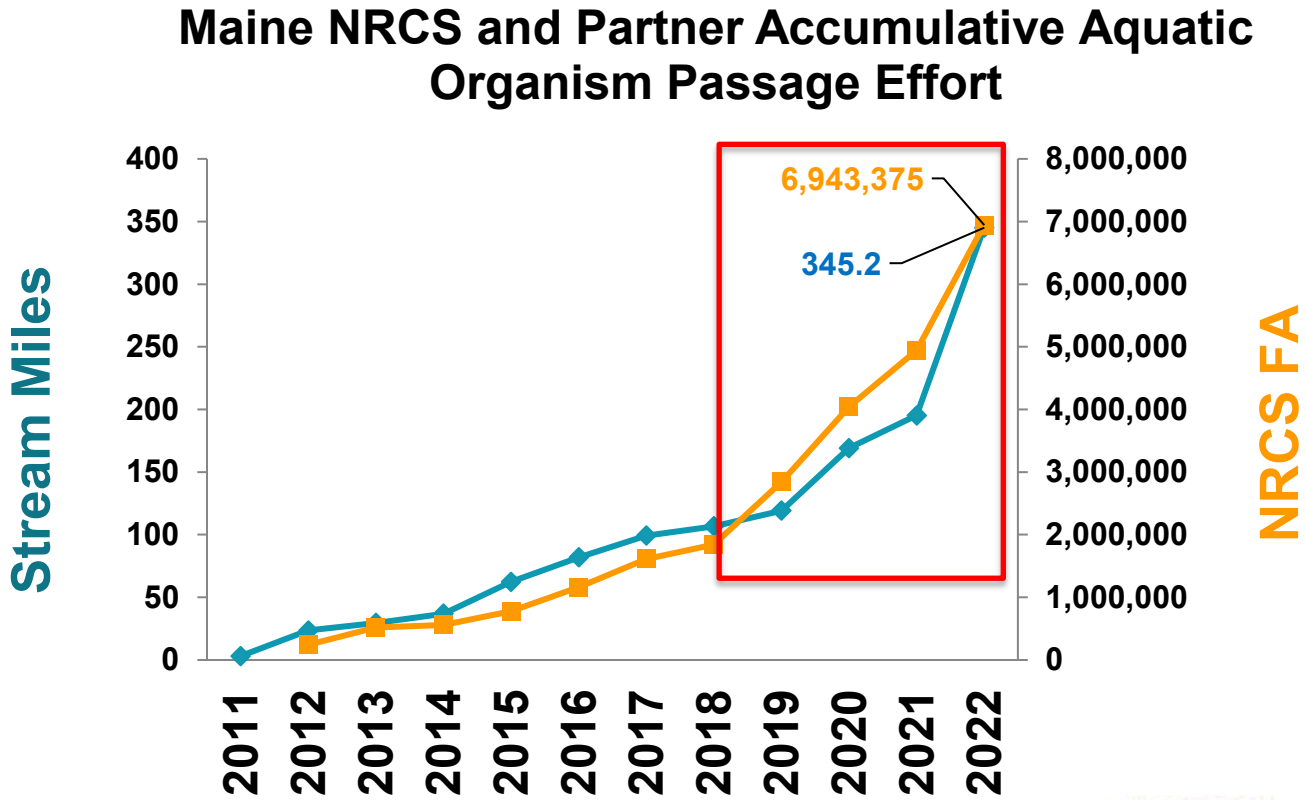
Cost Share Reimbursements

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):

- $450,000 cap per farm bill
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) cap of $900,000

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

- NRCS works closely with partners
- Ability to work with larger landowners
- Project AGI waiver
- No Farm Bill payment limitation, contract limitation of 450,000



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Commodity Credit Corporation

FARM OPERATING PLAN FOR AN ENTITY

For "actively engaged in farming" and other payment eligibility/limitation determinations.

1. County
2. State
3. Program Year

*This form is to be completed for a legal entity, including a joint operation, that is seeking benefits from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) under one or more programs that are subject to the regulations at 7 CFR Part 1400. This form collects farming and other information about the entity that receives program benefits **directly** using the tax identification number listed in Part A. This form also collects information about the members of such entity. A person who receives program benefits directly as an individual must complete a CCC-902I with respect to that person's operation. Payment eligibility is based upon the contribution of certain inputs to a farming operation such as land, capital, equipment, labor, and management by the entity listed in Part A. The information on this form will be used by FSA to determine payment eligibility and limitation of payments by direct attribution.*

PART A - ENTITY INFORMATION

1. Farming Entity's Name and Address *(Include Zip Code)*
2. Tax Identification Number *(If the taxpayer identification Number is already on file with FSA, only the last 4 digits are required)*
3. Date of Formation *(MM-DD-YYYY)*

PART B - TYPE OF OPERATION *(Select only one)*

1. Select appropriate type of operation that defines the entity identified in Part A:

- ☐ General Partnership
- ☐ Joint Venture
- ☐ Sole Proprietorship/DBA
- ☐ Corporation
- ☐ Limited Partnership
- ☐ Limited Liability Company
- ☐ Revocable/Living Trust
- ☐ Irrevocable Trust
- ☐ Estate
- ☐ Charitable/Tax-exempt Organization
- ☐ Public School
- ☐ City, County or State-owned Entity
- ☐ Indian Tribe
- ☐ Other:

2. Trust documents for an Irrevocable Trust are required to be provided. Other supporting documentation (such as articles of incorporation, partnership agreement, evidence of heirship, and operational authorities of all shareholders, members and owners) may be required, except for public schools, States, State entities, cities, and counties, to verify the legal status of the entity and the authority of its shareholders, members or owners to the satisfaction of CCC.

PART C - MEMBER INFORMATION *(Use CCC-902E Continuation if additional space is needed for any information in Part C)*

1. **Members** - List all members/shareholders/beneficiaries/heirs/partners of the entity identified in Part A of this form:

A. Name	B. Tax ID Number *(Last 4 digits if already on file)*	C. % Share	D. Position and Salary *(If applicable)*	E. Family Member Relationship* *(If applicable)*	F. Does this member have signature authority for the legal entity? *(Yes or No)*
			$		☐ YES ☐ NO
			$		☐ YES ☐ NO
			$		☐ YES ☐ NO

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FA Opportunities for 2024

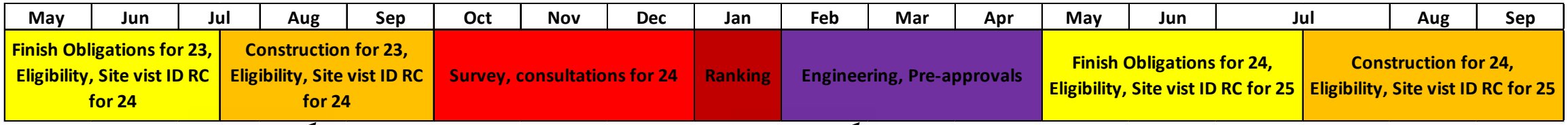
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):

- Local pools, dependent on annual allocation
- State aquatic pool, $500,000 to $1,000,000

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP):

- Watershed Approach to Restoring Stream Systems, $1,100,000

Service Timeline



Mid August Deadline for applications

Cost Comparison

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Questions?

RCPP Program Related Questions contact me
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