USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
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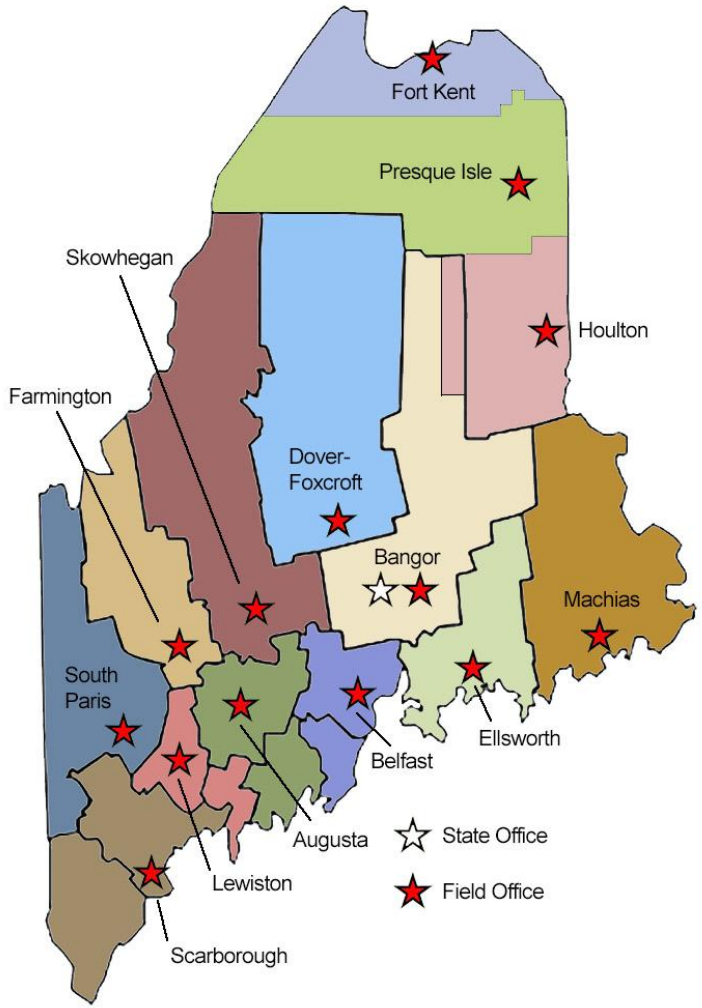
Leadership and Expertise

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides leadership, financial assistance, and technical assistance to address natural resource conservation issues on private land.

Employees work to **improve and protect natural resources** in partnership with Soil and Water Conservation Districts; federal, state and local agencies; farmers; landowners; and communities.

This commitment to conservation provides a solid foundation to a locally led program delivery system, and is also committed to a **voluntary,** incentive-based approach to private land stewardship and conservation treatment.



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Financial and **Technical** Assistance to landowners and partners to address natural resource conservation issues.

NRCS Clients Include:

- Farmers and Woodlot Operators
- Cities and Towns
- Community Groups
- Conservation Groups

- ALL private landowners or operators of private land who need natural resource help!

Funding Programs

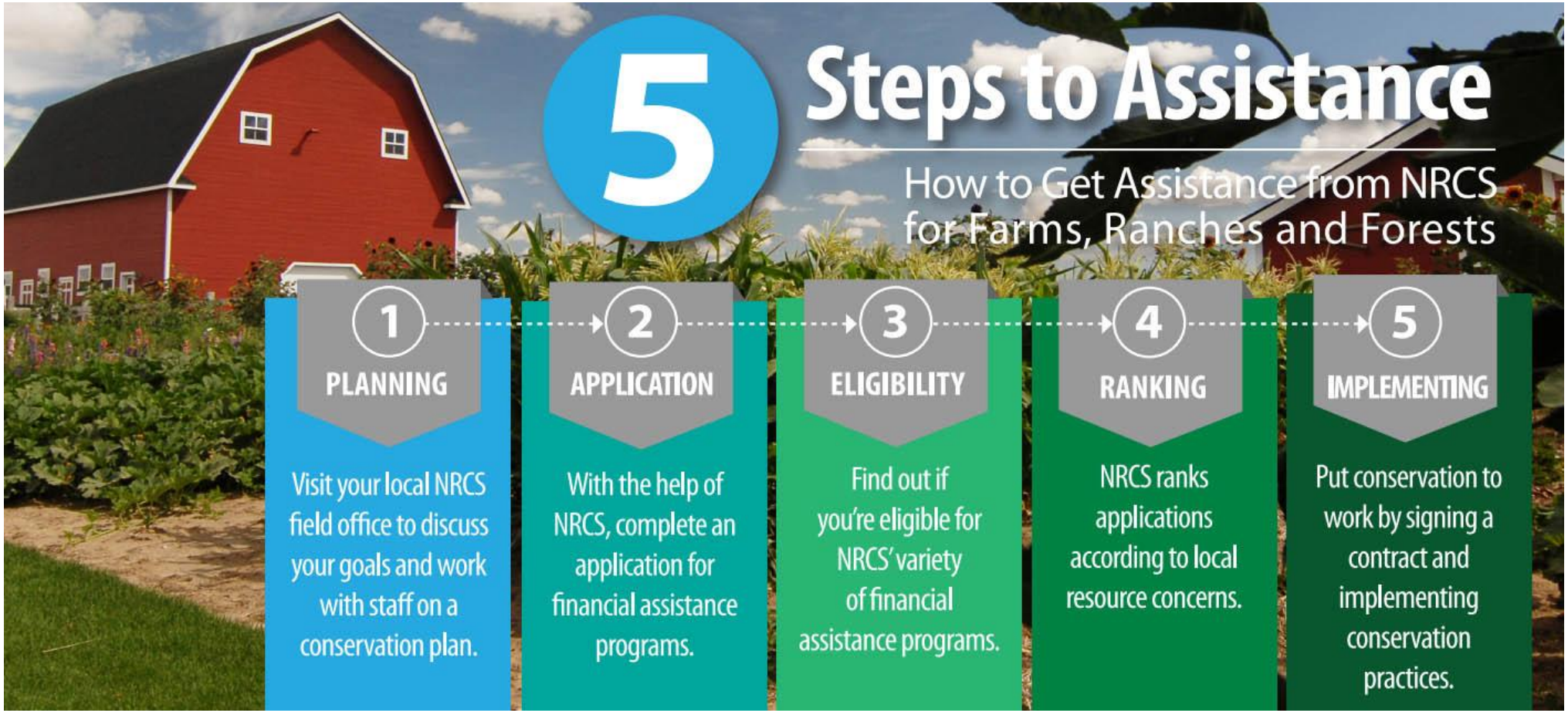
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offers financial and technical assistance to eligible producers to help install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) helps agricultural producers manage financial risk through diversification, marketing or natural resource conservation practices.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is merit-based and targets specific vulnerable areas and is administered through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP/CStP) helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resource concerns.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits.


5 Steps to Assistance
How to Get Assistance from NRCS for Farms, Ranches and Forests
1
PLANNING
Visit your local NRCS field office to discuss your goals and work with staff on a conservation plan.
2
APPLICATION
With the help of NRCS, complete an application for financial assistance programs.
3
ELIGIBILITY
Find out if you're eligible for NRCS' variety of financial assistance programs.
4
RANKING
NRCS ranks applications according to local resource concerns.
5
IMPLEMENTING
Put conservation to work by signing a contract and implementing conservation practices.

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