

STATE OF CONNECTICUT FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAM

CT Department of Agriculture / USDA NRCS / USDA FSA / NCCD roles

Applicant applying under an existing NRCS Conservation Plan

OR

Applicant planning to participate under an NRCS Conservation Plan

OR

Applicant planning to participate under a NCCD or other approved plan

Applicant visits USDA Service Center (FSA – Farm Service Agency) to get map showing common land units (field locations, crops grown, acres per field). Map must show land/acres of the restoration area.

At the USDA FSA office, applicants who want to stay in compliance with USDA programs must complete an AD-1026 for all land in the restoration area that does not already have a HEL and wetland determination from NRCS.

Applicant does not need a new AD-1026 or does not want to stay in compliance with USDA

NRCS completes HEL and wetland determinations within 15 days, 60 days if field visit needed, compliance plan developed with applicant, if needed.

All applicants must submit soil map – applicants make the soil map at the USDA web soil survey:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>

Also on the USDA web soil survey, applicants make the farmland classification map. The acres of soils that are prime or important will be listed below the map. Applicant sums up the acres of prime farmland soils and statewide important farmland soils and put the total on the application form.

Applicant gathers other information needed for the application.

Applicant submits application materials to CT Department of Agriculture

Application approved by CT Department of Agriculture

Applicant applying under an existing NRCS Conservation Plan

OR

Applicant contact s NRCS to develop conservation plan for the restoration area

OR

Applicant contacts NCCD to develop restoration plan for the restoration area

Applicant submits plan to CT Department of Agriculture

Plan approved by CT Department of Agriculture and funding available