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Natural
Resources
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Private Forest Landowner Assistance Through NRCS

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Who Is NRCS?

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA)
 - Created As A Result of the Dust Bowl
- Only Work With Private Landowners
- Address Resource Concerns Associated With
 - Water Quality
 - Wildlife Habitat
 - Soil Erosion
 - Forest Health
- Work in Cooperation With Local Partners
 - Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)
 - MN-DNR
 - Many Other Groups
- Have Programs Available that Can Help You Implement Forestry Practices On Your Property



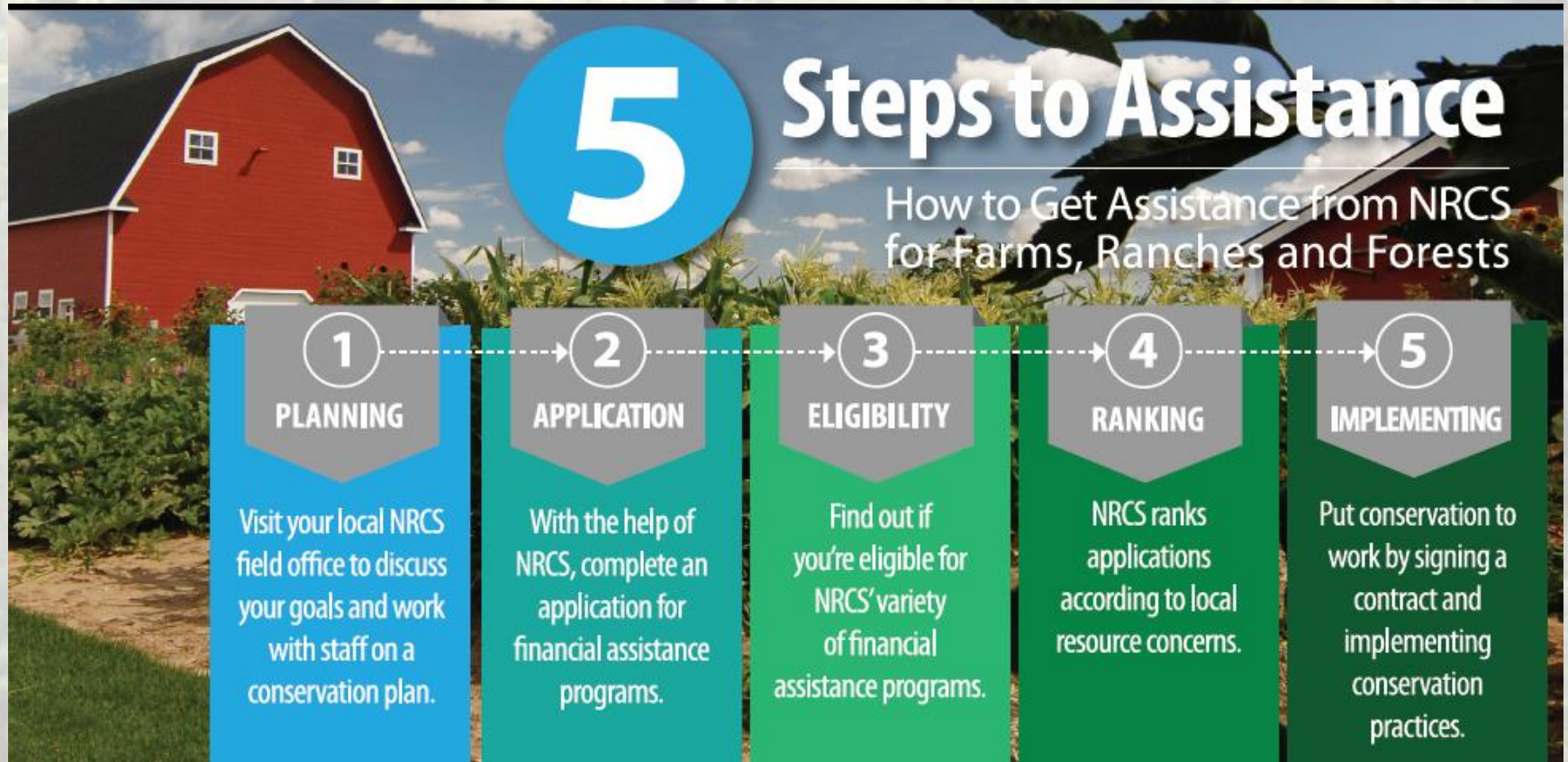
**NRCS Helps Private Landowners
Make Good Conservation Decisions
and Put Plans into Action**



What Types of Projects can EQIP Help With?

- Tree and Shrub Establishment
- Site Preparation (For Tree Planting)
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Stand Diversification (Prepare for Upcoming Forest Threats)
- Natural Regeneration
- Trails/Landings
- Fuel Reduction
- Deer Browse Protection

How Do I get Started?



How Do These Programs Work

- NRCS Financial Assistance Programs Provide Assistance at A Flat Rate Based on 50%-90% of The Regional Average Cost
- Landowners Are Responsible for Implementing the Practice or Hiring a Qualified Contractor To Implement The Practice
- Staff and Partners Are Available To Help With Project Layout and Inspection Along The Way (We're Here To Help Make Sure Your Project Is A Success).
- You Get Paid Once The Work Has Been Completed

How Do These Programs Work

- All Our Programs Are Voluntary
- You Must Be Able To Demonstrate That You Have Control for The Land Where The Project Will Be Implemented
- Our Programs Do Not Open Your Land To Public Access
- Your Long Term Commitment Consists of Operation and Maintenance To Make Sure Your Project Meets Identified Goals/Objectives

What Type of Plan Do I Need?

- Forest Stewardship Plans
 - Comprehensive Plans Available on For Sites That Have At Least 20 Forested Acres
 - May or May Not Contain Detailed Project Plans for Implementation, But Will Have Recommendations for Practices that Could Be Implemented
- Practice Plans/Project Plans
 - Contain Enough Detail for Project Implementation at A Specific Site/Location On Your Property (You Need To Have One Of These To Apply For Funding)

A misty forest scene with tall trees and ferns. The text is overlaid on the image.

Plans convey:

What

Where

When

How

How much

How Do I get a Plan?

- NRCS/Forest Service Field Staff
- MN-DNR Forestry
- Soil and Water District (SWCD) Forester
- Consulting Forester

When Can I Apply

- You Can Apply for Financial Assistance From NRCS At Anytime
- Starting Early In The Process Is a Good Idea So That You Make Sure You're Eligible
- Applications Are Usually Funded In The Spring Each Year
- The Application Deadline for 2017 is August 1st!

Learn more

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