



USDA NRCS and Wildlife Conservation

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- NRCS/SCS has been around for over 80 years.
- Emerged out of the worst agricultural disaster in American history – the “Dust Bowl”



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- NRCS conservation efforts are focused on private lands working with private landowners to meet their conservation objectives
- NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to landowners to assist accomplishing their conservation goals



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- NRCS has over 142 conservation practices to address resource concerns on all land uses
- Practices focused primarily on wildlife concerns are:
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
 - Wetland Habitat Management
 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover
 - Riparian Forested Buffer
 - Stream Habitat and Improvement
 - Fish Pond Management
 - Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats
 - Shallow Water Development and Management
 - Early Successional Development/Management
 - Wetland Creation
 - Wetland Enhancement
 - Structures for Wildlife

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- NRCS takes an inter-disciplinary approach to address the resource concerns of landowners interested in wildlife management
 - Developing a conservation plan to address resource concerns and alternatives to solve conservation issues
 - Conservation plan may addresses Wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species and Invasive Species



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