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AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE SOILS CONSERVATION PLAN INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

What is a Soils Conservation Plan?

Advice from farming experts to help: 1) Protect your soils from erosion; 2) Improve crop production; 3) Preserve agricultural lands; 4) Conserve water; 5) Control Soil salinity; and 6) Manage irrigation water use.

How much does a Soil Conservation Plan cost?

Nothing. In fact, a Soils Conservation Plan can save you money by suggesting ways to conserve water and by recommending farming practices to improve the productivity of your soils.

Who prepares a Soils Conservation Plan?

Soil Conservation Service technicians from your local Resource Conservation District under the supervision of the elected Board of Directors. They will work closely with you during the preparation of the plan.

What does a Soils Conservation Plan provide?

1. Soils map for your property.
2. Map showing the intended agricultural use of your land.
3. Description of soils and land capabilities.
4. Suggestions to prevent soil erosion.
5. Suggestions to conserve water.

What are the obligations?

None. A Soils Conservation Plan is advice to help you in the operation of your farm or ranch by keeping the soils productive.

Why is a Soils Conservation Plan required to be submitted with an agricultural preserve application?

A Soils Conservation Plan provides valuable free information to the landowner. Submission of a plan indicates the landowner's awareness of those erosion-control and conservation measures necessary for continued agricultural production on his property. (It should be noted that submission of a plan does not ensure favorable consideration of an agricultural preserve application.)

What if a Soils Conservation Plan is not submitted?

Submission of a Soils Conservation Plan is a required element of the application for entry into an agricultural preserve. Failure to include a Soils Conservation Plan with the application will result in the rejection of the application as incomplete.