



SADC Soil & Water Conservation Planning Grants Questionnaire

Introduction

This is a questionnaire for consideration for a **Soil and Water Conservation Planning Grant** from the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC). Cost-share up to 100% of the cost--*up to a pre-set amount OR up to the lowest of 3 local estimates*--is available for both **farm conservation planning assistance** AND/OR **conservation practice design assistance**. Either type of request can be submitted using this form. Obtaining a conservation plan is required for farms enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program. Both conservation plans and conservation practice designs are required as part of SADC cost-sharing programs. For these reasons the SADC is offering alternatives to help farmers fund conservation plans and practice designs with the ultimate goal of improving NJ farm soil, water, and viability. This application and grant are authorized under N.J.A.C. 2:76-5.

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The application must be filled out by the **landowner** of the selected property. The landowner may be the grantee OR authorize a separate grantee such as a farmer, land manager, or associated business entity as the Applicant.

This form is **5 sections** and takes approximately **15 minutes** total to complete. You will need some information about the farm, the planned project, and the contact information for the landowner, applicant, and planned consultant. If you have multiple farms that you need conservation plans for, please submit each farm individually.

Please note: Conservation plans must identify at least one soil and/or water resource concern and outline recommended conservation practices according to Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Planning Criteria. Conservation plans should include the information listed in NRCS CPA 199 or follow a state-provided template, and conservation practice designs must adhere to NRCS Conservation Practice Standards as outlined in the NJ E-FOTG.

This form can also be filled out and submitted online by scanning the QR code or by visiting
www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/grants/

Contact sadc@ag.nj.gov for questions or assistance.



Section 1 of 5: Farm Location

1. Full Street Address of the Farm: _____
Address _____ Apt/Suite # _____

2. Is this farm preserved? Yes No Unsure

3. SADC ID # (if known): ____ - ____ - ____ (If you do not know your SADC ID you may check the SADC public web map <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1b7247311ae348bcb2e4b77c9c2220a2>).

If you know your SADC ID # you may skip to Section 2. If not, fill out the table below regarding the location of your farm.

| Complete this table if you do not know your SADC ID # from Question 3. | |
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| COUNTY: | |
| MUNICIPALITY: | |
| BLOCK(S): | |
| LOT(S): | |

Section 2 of 5: Landowner and Applicant Information

The landowner of the farm described in Section 1 must fill out this form. The landowner can accept the grant on their eligible land OR authorize a different Applicant (e.g. farmer, land manager, business partner). Please note that whoever the Applicant is will be the ultimate payee of the grant and should be exact and consistent throughout the process.

4. Landowner Contact Name (First & Last): _____
5. Landowner Entity Name (as stated on tax record, if different than above): _____

6. Landowner E-Mail Address: _____
7. Landowner Phone Number: _____

8. As the landowner of the above farm, I/We/The Corporation... (select only one)

...will apply as the Applicant. ([Skip to Section 3.](#))

...will authorize a different person or entity as the Applicant. ([Enter Applicant information below.](#))

| Complete this table if your Applicant is different from the Landowner above. | |
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| APPLICANT NAME: | |
| APPLICANT ENTITY (if different than person above): | |
| APPLICANT E-MAIL: | |
| APPLICANT PHONE NUMBER: | |

Section 3 of 5: Assistance Request Information

Eligible Applicants may apply for cost-sharing for farm conservation planning OR technical assistance. **A conservation plan with the listed conservation practice is required before engineering and design assistance can be requested.** Please fill out separate forms for requesting assistance for conservation plans vs. practice designs.

- A. Requests for farm conservation planning can be for a new plan or updating an old plan.
- B. Requests for technical assistance--such as hiring engineers, specialists, designers, or other planning assistance necessary to complete Soil & Water projects—must be outlined by a farm conservation plan.

Planning Grant approvals are based on NRCS estimates determined by the extent and components of each project. Actual reimbursement may be adjusted to match the actual plan components or installed units.

Section 3A: Farm Conservation Plan Request

Complete this section if applying for cost-sharing for a farm conservation plan.

9A. Select the amount of acreage that will be in your farm conservation plan for this farm. **Select only one.**

Less than 10 acres 10-199 acres 200-1,000 acres More than 1,000 acres

10A. Select each land use that will be a part of your farm conservation plan for this farm. The 8 types of land uses are defined below. **Select all that apply.**

- CROP** = Land used primarily for the production and harvest of annual or perennial field, forage, food, fiber, horticultural, orchard, vineyard, or energy crops.
- PASTURE** = Land composed of introduced or domesticated native forage species that is used primarily for livestock... Pastures are NOT in rotation with crops.
- FOREST** = Land on which the vegetation is predominantly tree cover managed for wood products or non-timber forest products.
- WATER** = A geographic area whose dominant characteristic is open water (streams, ponds, rivers, lakes, etc.) including intermingled land such as tidal-influenced coastal marsh lands.
- FARMSTEAD** = Land used for facilities and supporting infrastructure where farming, forestry, animal husbandry, and ranching activities are often initiated, including: dwellings, equipment storage, farm input/output storage and handling facilities, containment facilities, etc.
- DEVELOPED LAND** = Land occupied by buildings and related facilities for residences, commercial sites, public highways, airports, and open space associated with towns and cities.
- ASSOCIATED AG LAND** = Land associated with farms that are not purposefully managed for food, forage, or fiber and are typically associated with nearby production or conservation lands including ditches, watercourses, riparian areas, field edges, wetlands, and other similar areas.
- OTHER** = Other land that is barren, sand, rock, or that is impacted by the extraction of natural resources such as minerals, gravel, sand, coal, shale, rock, oil, or natural gas.

11A. Select any statements that apply to you:

- I have recently purchased this farm within the last year.
- This farm does not have a previous conservation plan.
- This farm has a previous conservation plan that needs to be updated due to ownership changes.
- This farm has a previous conservation plan that needs to be updated due to other farm management changes (such as change in production, new resource concerns, etc.)
- I have concerns about erosion and water management on this farm.

[Skip to section 4.](#)

Section 3B: Conservation Practice Technical Assistance Request

Complete this section if applying for cost-sharing for technical assistance (surveying, engineering, design, planning, etc.) to implement conservation practices in a farm conservation plan.

9B. List the conservation practice(s) that you are seeking a design or other technical assistance for. (The name of the conservation practice(s) must match what is listed in your conservation plan.)

10B. Please describe the conservation practice project in your own words, including what type of assistance you need to complete the project, the extent of the project, materials and components you think you will use, and your planned timeline for installation.

11B. Please acknowledge by checking the box that you must submit a farm conservation plan that includes the practice(s) listed above in order to be considered for funding.

Conservation plans can be e-mailed to SADC@ag.nj.gov or mailed to State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) P.O. Box 330 Trenton, NJ 08625.

I acknowledge that I must submit a conservation plan to apply for technical assistance cost-share. I have the conservation plan with the conservation practice(s) I am applying for and will send it to the SADC.

Continue to section 4.

Section 4 of 5: Consultant/Technical Service Provider (TSP) Information

You should utilize a qualified consultant for your project that is able to adhere to federal and state standards and specifications. Although this section is optional, we highly recommend speaking with consultants prior to applying for funding to understand project components, make informed decisions about costs, and ensure they are qualified.

You may find a consultant at SADC's Agricultural Resources Pages at <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/> or a TSP at NRCS's certified list at <https://nrcsregistrypublic.sc.egov.usda.gov/prweb/PRAuth>. These lists are not exclusive nor intended as recommendations but rather as resources to help landowners make their own informed decisions.

12. Name of Planned Consultant/TSP (if known):

13. Contact Information (E-mail AND/OR Phone Number):

14. (Optional) Estimated total cost AND/OR Quoted amount:

15. (Optional) How did you find out about this consultant? *Select all that apply.*

- NRCS TSP List Online
- SADC Agricultural Resource Pages Online
- Word of mouth
- Other Online source
- Other _____
- I need assistance in finding a technical professional

Section 5 of 5: Submission

16. Applicant Mailing Address: _____

(where eventual payment would be sent)

Address

Apt/Suite #

City

State

Zip

17. Do you plan to use your conservation plan or conservation practice design to apply for additional funding in the future? Yes No Unsure

18. (Optional) How did you find out about the Planning Grant opportunity? *Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Previous SADC Grant Applicant | <input type="checkbox"/> SADC Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SADC Website | <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SADC Email Communications, Newsletter, or Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Other word of mouth |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Online source |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

19. (Optional) Is there anything else you wish to tell us? (e.g. *description of why you are looking for this assistance, additional information about your farm or applicant, project details, etc.*)

20. **AUTHORIZATION:** By signing my name below and submitting this questionnaire, I/We/The Corporation certify that I/We/The Corporation own(s) the land described above and hereby authorize(s) the designated Applicant as agent to apply for a State Soil & Water Conservation Planning Grant. I/We/The Corporation agree(s) to abide by all provisions of the agreement, program and policy rules, and applicable provisions of the Agriculture Retention and Development Act (N.J.A.C. 2:76-5).

Landowner Signature

Print Name

Date

Please complete this form and submit via e-mail to SADC@ag.nj.gov

OR via mail to State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) P.O. Box 330 Trenton, NJ 08625