

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The New Jersey Natural Resources Conservation Program is authorized by the Soil Conservation Act of 1937 and its several amendments (N.J.S.A. 4:24-1 et seq.) The State Soil Conservation Committee and the Soil Conservation Districts have responsibility for conservation of soil resources, control and prevention of erosion and sedimentation, prevention of damage by stormwater and floods, control of pollution from sediment and associated nonpoint source pollutants, stormwater quality and the conservation of water for agricultural purposes.

Program objectives include:

1. Control and prevent soil erosion and sedimentation on construction, agricultural and other land disturbance activities
2. Protect and enhance water quality through control of nonpoint source pollution and stormwater discharge.
3. Control and prevent storm and flood water damages.
4. Protect agricultural lands through farmland retention and productivity improvements.
5. Promote public understanding of natural resource limitations, potentials and management needs through information transfer and environmental education.
6. Enhance quality in the natural resource base for the benefits of all citizens.

Program implementation is accomplished through a core Conservation Partnership which includes the State Soil Conservation Committee, NJDA, Soil Conservation Districts, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, NJ Association of Conservation Districts and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.



# N. J. CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP VISION, MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Vision:** To be recognized as a leader in caring for New Jersey’s natural resources and meeting the conservation needs of its citizens

**Mission:** To care for the natural resources of New Jersey and meet the conservation needs of its citizens.

## Guiding Principles

The partnership jointly provides leadership to the State on conservation issues. As partners we are inter-dependent, have independent responsibilities, yet are dependent on each other for the successful delivery of programs. In addition...

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### **We share a commitment to:**

Sustain, promote and conserve our natural resources and environment.

Improve the quality of life for future generations.

Advocate a sound science based, ecosystem management approach.

Listen, anticipate and respond to our customers’ needs.

Anticipate, identify, prioritize and address conservation issues.

Promote decision-making at the lowest appropriate level whenever possible.

Maintain and enhance our local delivery system.

Build new alliances to expand our partnership.

Promote Conservation Education.

### **We pledge to work together by:**

Communicating, coordinating and cooperating.

Involving each partner in the decision-making process by advancing and practicing teamwork.

Promoting mutual respect, support, trust and honesty.

Sharing the leadership and ownership, the credit and the responsibility.

### **We will continue to improve our effectiveness and efficiency by:**

Demonstrating professionalism and dedication.

Striving for excellence.

Empowering people to make decisions.