

Access Control	Nutrient Management
Access Road	Nutrient Management Planning
Agricultural Energy Management Planning	Obstruction Removal
Agrichemical Mixing Facility	On Farm Energy Efficiency Improvement
Animal Trails & Walkways	Pipeline (Livestock Watering)
Brush Management	Pond (Livestock Watering)
Composting Facility	Pond Sealing or Lining
Comprehensive Nutrient - Management Planning	Prescribed Grazing
Conservation Cover	Pumping Plant
Conservation Crop Rotation	Residue Management - No-Till, Strip Till, Direct Seed
Conservation Plan to Support Organic Transition	Residue Management - Mulch-Till
Cover Crops	Residue Management - Seasonal Restoration/Management of Declining Habitats
Critical Area Planting	Riparian Forest Buffer
Deep Tillage	Roof Runoff Structure
Diversion	Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management	Sediment Basin
Fence	Spring Development
Filter Strip	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Planning	Stream Crossing
Fish Passage	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
Forage and Biomass Planting	Stripcropping
Forest Management Plan	Structure for Water Control
Forest Stand Improvement	Subsurface Drain
Forest Trails and Landings	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Grade Stabilization Structure	Tree/Shrub Pruning
Grassed Waterway	Tree/Shrub Site Prep
Grazing Management Planning	Underground Outlet
Heavy Use Area Protection	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Herbaceous Weed Control	Vegetated Treatment Area
Integrated Pest Management	Waste Facility Cover
Irrigation Pipeline	Waste Storage Facility
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	Waste Transfer
Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery	Waste Treatment
Irrigation Storage Reservoir	Waste Utilization
Irrigation Water Management	Water Well
Irrigation Water Management Planning	Watering Facility
Lined Waterway or Outlet	Wetland Enhancement
Mulching	Wetland Restoration

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603-527-5880

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### Merrimack County Conservation District

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### Conway Field Service Center

### Carroll County Conservation District

73 Main St.  
Conway, NH 03818  
603-447-2771

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Knightly Plaza  
629 Calef Highway, Suite 201  
Epping, NH 03042  
603-679-1587

### Lancaster Field Service Center

### Coos County Conservation District

4 Mayberry Lane, Lancaster,  
NH 03584  
603-788-4651

### Milford Field Service Center

### Hillsborough County Conservation District

Chappell Professional Ctr.,  
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Milford, NH 03055  
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### Orford Field Service Center

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19 Archertown Rd., Suite 1  
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# Environmental Quality Incentives Program

## in New Hampshire



Helping People Help the Land

## The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

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EQIP offers technical expertise for planning and designing conservation practices that protect our water and air, improve soil health, enable us to better care for farm animals, manage animal waste and sustain our agricultural land. EQIP also offers financial assistance to make these practices more affordable.

### Who can participate?

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All non-governmental land-owners and operators who are engaged in crop or livestock production on eligible land may participate in the EQIP Program. Participation is voluntary.



Eligible land includes cropland, pasture, hayland, forestland or other lands on which crops or livestock are produced. All lands are equally eligible; there are no longer priority areas.

### What's new in EQIP?

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- Forest management, conservation practices related to organic production, and energy efficiency have been given stronger emphasis in EQIP.
  - Conservation Activity plans include: Agricultural Energy, Comprehensive Nutrient Management, Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management, Forest Management, Grazing Management, Integrated Pest Management, Irrigation Water Management (New for 2011!), and Nutrient Management (New for 2011!).
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### How do I get started?

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Visit your local NRCS office to talk with the staff about conservation activities on your land. A conservation planner may visit your property to inventory your resources and identify opportunities for conservation improvements. Together you will decide how to address your natural resource concerns.

Your decisions will be recorded in a conservation plan. Practices you select from your conservation plan will become part of your EQIP application and will be ranked against other New Hampshire applications for a portion of available funding.

### How does the ranking process work?

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NRCS evaluates each application using a locally-developed ranking procedure. There is one primary criterion for the ranking system—the level of environmental benefit that will be achieved. Applications which demonstrate the highest environmental benefit will be awarded contracts until all New Hampshire EQIP funds are obligated.

### Will my application be funded?

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If your application ranks high and receives funding, you may sign an EQIP contract if you agree to follow the contract requirements and do the conservation work according to NRCS standards and specifications.

### Where does the funding come from?

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Funds for EQIP come from the Federal government's 2008 Farm Bill appropriations, and are administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

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### How does the contract work?

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The contract length is determined by the participant, and may last from one to ten years. The contracts expire one year after the last conservation practice has been implemented. The contract will be carried out according to the conservation plan that you developed.



All practices established with EQIP funding must be maintained for the life span of the practice.

### How does financial assistance work?

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EQIP offers payments to eligible producers based on average costs associated with practice implementation. Historically underserved producers may be eligible for a higher practice payment rate. Approved practices for New Hampshire are listed on the other side of this page.

The total limitation on EQIP payments is \$300,000 per individual or entity for the period from 10/1/2008 to 9/30/2014, regardless of the number of farms or contracts. Payments are made to participants once conservation practices are completed according to NRCS requirements.

