

ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE

(To Be Completed by the Grant Applicant)

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and NRCS implementing regulations (7 CFR Part 650) to consider the potential environmental impacts resulting from providing Federal financial assistance. As an applicant for Federal financial assistance, your project will be subject to the requirements of NRCS' Environmental Policies and Procedures prior to the release of any grant funds.¹

Please complete the following project profile to facilitate NRCS' initial environmental review. NRCS will evaluate the requested information as part of the final pre-award review for selected applicants. Should there be a need to prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement before a funded project is implemented, applicants will be asked to prepare the required document. Preparation of the document in such cases may count towards their in-kind contribution for the project.

Part I: General Information

1. Describe the potential impacts of the project. For example, identify any new facilities to be constructed, capital purchases, equipment purchases, modifications to existing facilities, or other ground-disturbing activities. Attach a map or orthophoto identifying the location of activities.

2. Is any part of your project located on land owned or under the jurisdiction of a Federal or state agency? If yes, please identify the agency(s).

3. Does any part of your project require review or permitting by any Federal, State, regional, or local environmental regulatory agency? If yes, please provide a list of required reviews and permits.

4. Has an environmental impact review (e.g. NEPA documentation, permits, agency consultations) related to the project been prepared? If yes, please provide details. You may be asked to provide a summary or copy of the report as part of a pre-award review.

¹ NRCS retains lead agency responsibility for this program and therefore will carry-out at the State level all consultations and findings under the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and NEPA.

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5. Is the proposed project part of a larger project? If yes, please describe.

If the scope of your project is limited to the installation or replacement of equipment or facilities located within existing buildings or other structures and does not involve outside construction or ground disturbance, please skip to Part III. Otherwise continue with Part II.

Part II: Environmental Considerations

Provide the following information, as appropriate, for the construction of new facilities or modification of existing facilities.

1. The amount of clearing or excavation required. Indicate the estimated number of acres or length and width of the right-of-way if the project is linear (e.g. pipeline or power line).

2. The amount of dredge and/or fill in wetlands. Indicate the number of acres involved.

3. Describe any pre-existing contamination of the construction site.

4. Areas with special designation that may be impacted (e.g. National or State Forests, Parks, Trails, historic and archaeological resources (cultural resources), endangered species, etc. (Contact your local environmental agency for a complete list.)

5. Proximity of the project to floodplains, wetlands, coastal management zones, or coastal barrier resource areas, such as coral reefs, tidal pools and barrier islands.

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Part III: Contact Information

Please provide the name, address, telephone number and email address of the preparer of this form and a contact person who can answer questions or provide additional information.

Part IV: Certification

I certify that the information provided on this environmental profile is accurate and factual to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of preparer

Date

I agree to prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement as may be needed before implementing the project.

Signature of project sponsor

Date