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Assistance for Improving the Health of Creeks & Streams

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Agencies Available to Assist With Riparian Conservation Projects

- Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Agrilife Extension
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- Texas A&M Forest Service
- Texas A&M Feral Hog Resources
- USDA NRCS

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Conservation Programs Available through the USDA-NRCS

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2018 FARM BILL

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- EQIP** Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- CSP** Conservation Stewardship Program
- ACEP** Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- HFRP** Healthy Forests Reserve Program
- RCPP** Regional Conservation Partnership Program

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EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, increased soil health and reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, and improved or created wildlife habitat.

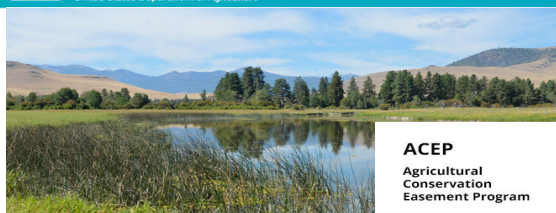
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CSP
Conservation Stewardship Program

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance—the higher the performance, the higher the payment.


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ACEP
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program helps landowners, land trusts, and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands, grasslands, and working farms and ranches through conservation easements.

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HFRP
Healthy Forests Reserve Program

The Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) helps landowners restore, enhance and protect forestland resources on private and tribal lands through easements and financial assistance. Through HFRP, landowners promote the recovery of endangered or threatened species, improve plant and animal biodiversity and enhance carbon sequestration.

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RCPP
Regional Conservation Partnership Program

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and RCPP conservation program contracts.

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The ACT
Avoid, Control or Trap

- Use a “systems approach” to address your resource concerns.
- Select appropriate practices for Avoiding, Controlling, or Trapping contaminants

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Avoid

Practices such as **Nutrient Management**, **Cover Crop**, and **Conservation Crop Rotation** help producers avoid pollution by reducing the amount of nutrients available in runoff or leaching into water bodies and watersheds. Practices such as cover crops and crop rotation help take up nutrients to avoid potential runoff and pollution. Crop rotations that include differing crops, such as legumes, can limit amounts of commercial nutrients applied.

