

COURSE PRE-REQUISITES

2008 CONSERVATION PLANNING COURSE

1. Awareness of the National USDA Conservation Program including pertinent policy and procedures. Each participant must successfully complete Modules 1-5 of the Conservation Planning Course (000019 - Conservation Planning - Part I). This requirement can be achieved by accessing and completing the on-line version of the training at: <http://elearning.sc.egov.usda.gov/>
2. Knowledge and ability to plan and implement conservation practices common to their geographic area.
3. Knowledge of NRCS Field Office Technical Guide practice standards and specifications for common conservation practices identified as being important in their geographic location.
4. Demonstrated skill in applying approved erosion prediction technology including the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE2) and the Wind Erosion Equation for common sites in their geographic location.
5. Knowledge of applicable site vulnerability assessment tools, which could include the Leaching Index and Soil Pesticide Interaction Ratings for common sites in their geographic location.
6. Knowledge of the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation System.
7. Awareness of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and how it relates to NRCS policy, conservation planning and plan implementation.