Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25)

NMDA's Healthy Soil Program Conservation Planning Template required for Individual Applicants with rangeland USDA-NRCS in-field assessment and recommendations

NOTE: Conservation planning with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a pre-application requirement for Individual Applicants seeking Healthy Soil Program grants. If you are applying for a grant with a project that will occur on rangeland, you must submit this template (or an existing conservation plan from NRCS) as part of your application. This template was not designed for the Individual Applicant to complete themselves. This template must be completed in cooperation with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)* on or before March 22, 2024. Failure to submit an NRCS conservation plan or this template (completed in cooperation with NRCS, including the planner's signature) as part of your Healthy Soil Program application will render your application incomplete.

NOTE: NMDA's Healthy Soil Program requires grant applicants applying for rangeland projects to upload an Ecological Site Description map (using https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/) as part of their online application. Because such a map indicates different ecological sites within the project site and is essential to the conservation planning process, NMDA recommends that all applicants create and study this map *prior to* their conservation-planning appointment with NRCS.

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FOR THE CONSERVATION PLANNER: Complete the table below by listing the resource concerns you observe related to soil health, the agricultural/conservation practices you recommend to address each resource concern, and the soil health principle(s) that corresponds with that agricultural/conservation practice.

Reference these soil health principles (as defined in the Healthy Soil Act) when completing the table below.

- 1) Keeping soil covered
- 2) Minimizing soil disturbance on cropland and minimizing external inputs
- 3) Maximizing biodiversity
- 4) Maintaining a living root
- 5) Integrating animals into land management, including grazing animals, birds, beneficial insects or keystone species, such as earthworms

Agricultural/conservation practices must be planned in accordance with NRCS-NM Standards and Specifications. Please note if the practices will be completed in phases (Year 1, Year 2, etc.) as part of a soil health management system.

Planning criteria must include at a minimum:

- Planned implementation date
- Planned amount (acres/sq. ft. treated, lbs. applied, etc.)
- Planned species and seeding rates (cover crop, pollinator habitat, native grasses, field borders, etc.)

Soil Health-Related Resource	Agricultural Practice Please list all practices required for	Planning Criteria	Soil Health Principle
Concern	Please list all practices required for project implementation	Pasture name/number, planned date, amount implemented, species, etc.	Use numbers 1-5 from the list above
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