

Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26)
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 February 21, 2025.** 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 and thus ineligible.

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/](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.

Rancher/Land Manager: _____

Ranch Location: (Physical Address, Section/Range/Township, Latitude/Longitude) _____

County: _____

Pasture names with associated acres/square footage:

Pasture name/number									
Acres/sq. ft.									

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT: Using only the space below, describe your soil health-related goals.

