

# USDA-NRCS ANNOUNCES \$780K OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS TO IMPLEMENT CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE



## APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 21, 2023

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is making over \$780,000 in fiscal year 2023 funds available for conservation programs in Rhode Island – the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) – through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). IRA funding is targeted to help farmers and forest landowners apply climate-smart practices to improve their operations' resiliency and productivity. Investments in practices like cover crops, conservation tillage, wetland restoration, prescribed grazing, nutrient management, tree planting, forage and hay planting, and livestock waste management will also benefit the environment, and the producer's bottom line, by conserving water, improving soil health and wildlife habitat, and reducing runoff.

Farmers and forest landowners should apply for this year's EQIP-IRA and CSP-IRA funding cycle by April 21, 2023. Visit: [www.RI.NRCS.USDA.gov](http://www.RI.NRCS.USDA.gov) for details.

- 1 CONTACT YOUR CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
Your local conservation district staff is available to advise you on navigating this new funding opportunity.
- 2 SCHEDULE A SITE VISIT**  
A conservation planner can come out to your property to advise you on practices you may be eligible for.
- 3 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION**  
Conservation District staff is available to assist you with submitting an application and any eligibility paperwork you may need.



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