



Programs and Offices



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WHAT IS THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE?

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, provides assistance to private land owners to conserve and manage soil, water, and other natural resources.

Local, state and federal agencies and policymakers also rely on our expertise. We deliver science-based technical assistance specific to our customer's needs. Cost shares and financial incentives are available in some cases. Participation in our programs is voluntary.

NRCS offices are located throughout the state providing service to New Jersey communities. Visit our website to learn more about our work in the Garden State.

Working with Conservation Partners

In New Jersey, NRCS's natural resource conservationists, soil scientists, planners, agronomists, biologists, engineers, and geologist work together with NJ Soil Conservation Districts and other local, state and federal partners to:

- **Promote wise land use**
- **Reduce erosion and improve soil quality**
- **Improve water quality**
- **Conserve soil, water, and other natural resources**
- **Restore wetlands**
- **Improve wildlife habitat**
- **Maintain land in grass cover and improve pasture quality**

NRCS PROGRAMS

Conservation Technical Assistance and Farm Bill Programs

Through programs authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill and other voluntary conservation programs, NRCS works with farmers, private landowners, communities, units of state and local government, and other federal agencies to plan and implement conservation practices.

Soil Surveys

Soil surveys completed by NRCS soil scientists provide soil maps and interpretations needed for technical assistance to farmers, community planners and others.

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)

RC&D Areas exist to coordinate the efforts of soil conservation districts, county and local governments, and local groups for the improvement of environmental, social, and economic conditions in communities of the region served by the RC&D Council.

Plant Materials Center (PMC)

PMC specialists develop plants and plant establishment technologies to be used to reduce cropland erosion, to restore and stabilize eroding areas, to improve water quality, and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Emergency Watershed Protection

NRCS engineers provide assistance to reduce soil erosion and sedimentation following natural disasters, such as floods.

Watershed Protection and Reduction of Flood Damage

NRCS watershed specialists assist communities to protect water supply, reduce flood damage, control erosion and sediment loss, improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.



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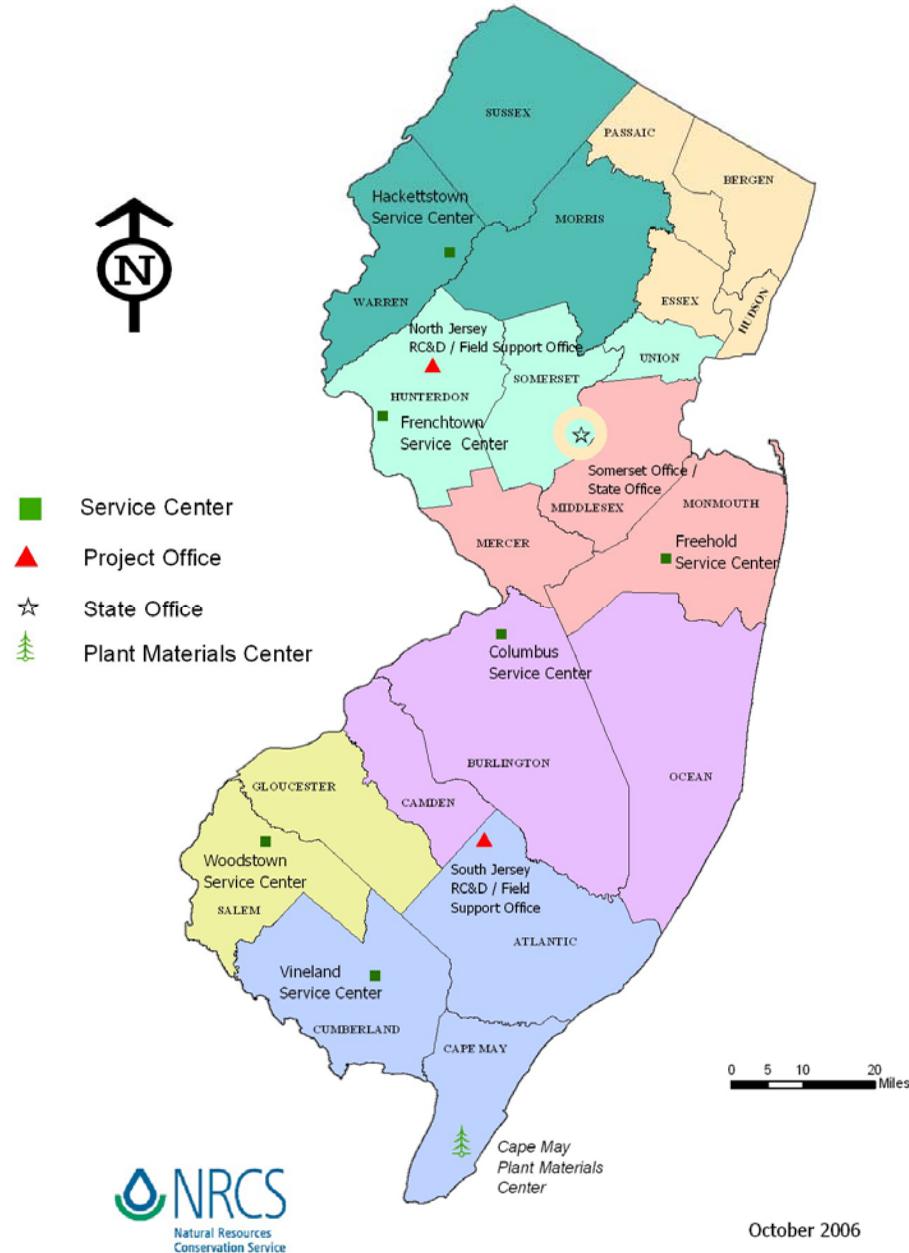
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