



# Assistance to Connecticut's Forest Landowners

*The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance to private forestland owners on forest conservation activities. Our agency works to provide resources and support for private family forest owners to continue to be great stewards of the land. That work is carried out through these NRCS programs:*

## **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to promote healthy forest systems and sustainable harvests. EQIP Forestry Planning includes reimbursement for a portion of an approved Forest Stewardship Plan. EQIP Forestry provides for implementation of forest conservation practices. Applicants must be eligible producers to qualify.

## **Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)**

WHIP provides financial and technical assistance to promote wildlife and wildlife habitat improvements in forest ecosystems. A Forest Stewardship Plan may be required prior to WHIP, depending on desired goals.

## **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**

CSP encourages producers to undertake additional conservation activities or improve, maintain, and manage existing conservation activities. CSP does not reimburse for practices like other programs, but allows for annual payments to be made based on the level of environmental conservation.

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