

## Other Reference Materials and Resources

The following list is provided as reference material. The manuals and handbooks contain information about policy and conservation planning and practices that may be valuable to the TSP in designing, installing or checking out conservation work. Consider bookmarking pertinent policy documents for future reference. The following documents are available online:

- [Cultural Resources](#) (GM\_420\_401 - Part 401 - Cultural Resources (Archeological and Historic Properties): Guidance to NRCS policy and procedures for cultural resources during the planning and implementation of NRCS practices. The NRCS [National Cultural Resources Procedures Handbook](#) (H\_190\_601- Part 601) is also provided as a reference tool for TSPs. However, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's web page, [Working with Section 106](#), may be more appropriate reference material for most TSPs needing guidance on cultural resources.
- [National Agronomy Manual](#) (M\_190\_NAM): This manual gives the policy and requirements for providing technical assistance in agronomic activities. [Pest Management](#) policy can be found in the General Manual (GM\_190\_404-Part 404).
- [Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Policy](#) (H\_190\_620 -Part 620 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning): This technical reference is used to assist individuals in the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans.
- [Nutrient Management](#) Policy (GM\_190\_402- Part 402): This reference provides guidance and procedures to be followed when providing assistance involving nutrient management.
- [National Biology Manual](#) Biology Policy (Title 190): This reference gives the requirements for providing assistance in activities pertaining to wildlife and other biological resources.
- [National Engineering Manual](#) (M\_210\_NEM) and [National Engineering Handbook](#) (H\_210\_NEH): Both references outline guidance to NRCS policy and procedures for providing technical assistance involving engineering practices.
- [National Environmental Policy](#) (GM\_190\_410 - Part 410 - Compliance with NEPA): Describes procedures by which NRCS is to implement the provisions of National Environmental Policy Act.
- [National Forestry Manual](#) (M\_190\_NFM): This reference establishes NRCS policy for forestry and agro-forestry activities.
- [National Plant Materials Manual](#) (M\_190\_539): Establishes the policy for the NRCS Plant Materials Program who is charged with developing, testing, and transferring plant science technology to meet customer and natural resource needs.

- [National Range and Pasture Handbook](#) (H\_190\_NRPH): This reference provides information about the policy and procedures for providing conservation technical assistance on range and pastureland.
- [NRCS General Manual](#): The General Manual is the primary policy document for the agency. It is located on the eDirectives webpage. State Supplements to the General Manual are located at the bottom of this page. State Supplements contain specific state requirements related to conservation planning, technology, quality assurance and other topics that will be useful to TSPs working in a specific State.