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PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN NO. PA 180-23-2

SUBJECT: Ecological Sciences and Planning Winter-Spring Training Opportunities

Purpose: To encourage NRCS employees, partners, and Technical Service Providers to receive training regarding planning and implementing conservation management systems

Expiration Date: September 30, 2023

Background: Several annually occurring events provide NRCS field employees, partners, Technical Service Providers, and other consultants the opportunity to acquire knowledge and competencies about planning and implementing conservation systems. Certified Conservation Planners (CCP) can obtain their continuing education credit requirements in the no-till/cover crop, nutrient management, grazing, wildlife/buffers, and optional categories by attending the preapproved events listed below.

Explanation: The number of CCP credit hours available for each event is shown in parentheses (). Scheduled prerequisite courses, necessary to become a CCP, as well as other training opportunities for non-category subjects are also listed below. For NRCS employees, attendance at these events must be documented in the employee's Individual Development Plan (IDP) in order to receive Certified Conservation Planner Continuing Education Credits (CEC) or be eligible for participation in Modules 6-8 of the CCP training program.

2/16/23 (1 Forestry)

Forest Farming Series: Introduction to Forest Farming and Non-Timber Forest Products Webinar

Contact: <https://web.cvent.com/event/6b13727f-a4fb-4b29-8bd2-f601d4c789f0/summary>

2/17/2023 (1 Crop)

Making Cover Crops Pay: Cover Crops for Carbon Sequestration Webinar

Contact: <https://extension.psu.edu/making-cover-crops-pay-cover-crops-for-carbon-sequestration>

2/20/2023 (1 Crop)

Concentrated Flow Paths on Farms Webinar

Contact: <https://web.cvent.com/event/3336f4c2-3a34-4189-bb38-6ccff0a5af9a/summary>

2/28/2023 (1 Forestry)

Creating Open Woodlands to Promote Regeneration & Development of White Oak
Webinar

Contact: <https://conservationwebinars.net/webinars/open-forests-or-woodlands-to-regenerate-and-promote-development-of-white-oak-white-oak-initiative-1-of-3/?sr=wp~upcoming>

2/27/2023 (1 Wildlife)

Considerations of Grass Riparian Buffer Use on Farms
Webinar

Contact: <https://web.cvent.com/event/3081f86d-ed35-4aa9-becd-fab181b5ac59/summary?i=mgYQSSJWUa58NXIR-8yew&locale=en-US>

3/7/2023 (1 Wildlife)

Increase Wildlife Diversity by Restoring Oak/Pine Woodlands
Webinar

Contact: <https://conservationwebinars.net/webinars/restoring-oak-pine-woodlands-for-wildlife-brief-description-bullets/?sr=wp~upcoming>

3/7/2023 (1 Crop)

Forage Production Workshop Webinar
Webinar

Contact: <https://extension.psu.edu/forage-production-workshop-webinar>

3/9/2023 (3 Grazing)

Lancaster County Pasture Production Workshop
Lancaster, PA

Contact: <https://extension.psu.edu/pasture-production-workshop>

3/14/2023 (1 Forestry)

Establishing and Managing Open Pine-Hardwood Stands
Webinar

Contact: <https://conservationwebinars.net/webinars/tba/?sr=wp~upcoming>

3/16/2023 (5 Grazing)

Western Pa Grazing Conference
Clarion, PA

Contact: <https://www.westernpagrazing.com/>

3/17/2023 (1 Soil Health)

Ecosystem Research: The Art of Soil and Nutrient Management - Microbes and Cover Crops
Webinar

Contact: <https://extension.psu.edu/ecosystem-research-the-art-of-soil-and-nutrient-management-microbes-and-cover-crops>

3/20/2023 (1 Soil Health)

Beating the Weeds Without Herbicides: Soil-Friendly Organic Weed Management
Webinar

Contact: <https://conservationwebinars.net/webinars/beating-the-weeds-without-herbicides-soil-friendly-organic-weed-management/?sr=wp~upcoming>

3/21 & 23/2023 (Pre-requisite)

Virtual Boot Camp Basic

Online

Contact:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ojcxsrkab&oeidk=a07eji3qghi877613c1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

3/24-25/23 (8 Forestry)

PA Forest Landowners Conference - State College, PA

In-person Conference

Contact: <https://web.cvent.com/event/56b6e342-23ec-4991-96df-aad009154f4f/summary>

3/27-31/2023 (Pre-requisite)

Boot Camp Basic Training

Ft. Indiantown Gap

Contact:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ojcxsrkab&oeidk=a07eji3qghi877613c1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

3/30/2023 (3 Grazing)

Columbia County Pasture Production Workshop

Bloomsburg, PA

Contact: <https://extension.psu.edu/pasture-production-workshop>

3/30/23 (1 Forestry)

Forest Farming Webinar Series: Ramps/wild leeks

Webinar

Contact: <https://web.cvent.com/event/4f005894-44ed-42f6-baea-287bb188a1aa/summary>

4/4-6/2023 (Pre-requisite)

Conservation Desktop Training

Harrisburg, PA

Contact: Marcie Dunn at marcie.dunn@usda.gov

4/11/2023 (Pre-requisite)

Virtual Boot Camp II

Online

Contact:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ojcxsrkab&oeidk=a07eji3qgne70ab02b4&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

- 4/17-21/2023 (Pre-requisite)
Boot Camp II Training
Ft. Indiantown Gap
Contact:
http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ojcxsrkab&oeidk=a07eji3qgne70ab02b4&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- 4/18-20/2023 (Pre-requisite)
Cultural Resources Training, Part 2 (Modules 7 & 8)
Bloomsburg, PA
Contact: Christopher Plount at Christopher.Plount@usda.gov
- 4/20/23 (1 Forestry)
Forest Farming Webinar Series: Wild mushrooms: Morels
Webinar
Contact: <https://web.cvent.com/event/1bdfbf82-2b4c-4c29-8dcb-23e08be41f43/summary>
- 4/25-26/2023 (Pre-requisite)
Stormwater & Soil Loss Workshop
Spring Mills, PA
Contact: <https://www.paplants.pa.gov/NOMHB/NOMHBCourseWorkSearch.aspx>
- 4/27/2023 (Pre-requisite)
P-Index
Spring Mills, PA
Contact: <https://www.paplants.pa.gov/NOMHB/NOMHBCourseWorkSearch.aspx>
- 5/1-5/2023 (Pre-requisite)
Boot Camp Basic Training (Overflow)
Ft. Indiantown Gap
Contact:
http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ojcxsrkab&oeidk=a07eji3qghi877613c1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- 5/15-19/2023 (Pre-requisite)
Boot Camp II Training (Overflow)
Ft. Indiantown Gap
Contact:
http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ojcxsrkab&oeidk=a07eji3qgne70ab02b4&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- 5/23-24/2023 (Pre-requisite)
ACA & Manure Storage Workshop
Lewisburg, PA
Contact: <https://www.paplants.pa.gov/NOMHB/NOMHBCourseWorkSearch.aspx>

Training and travel must be requested and approved by your supervisor. NRCS employees with identified training needs should request approval from their supervisor for attendance by using the mandatory SF -182 process in AgLearn. The supervisor will then notify their Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations (ASTC-FO) to obtain approval for training fees and travel. All travel must be approved by the ASTC-FO. Employees approved for overnight travel must have their area administrative coordinator prepare a travel authorization with "training attendance" as the purpose code. Employees approved for overnight lodging must make their own hotel reservations. Unless otherwise specified, upon approval, it is the employee's responsibility to send the completed registration form for the appropriate conference to your Area Administrative Coordinator, prior to the registration dates listed on the appropriate website or form. All registration fees will be paid by the area administrative coordinators, unless otherwise specified.

These opportunities will also be promoted among Partners, Technical Service Providers and other consultants who may be assisting your field team to deliver technical assistance to the typical farming operations in your service area. Non-NRCS employees are responsible for their own registration, travel, and lodging arrangements.



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