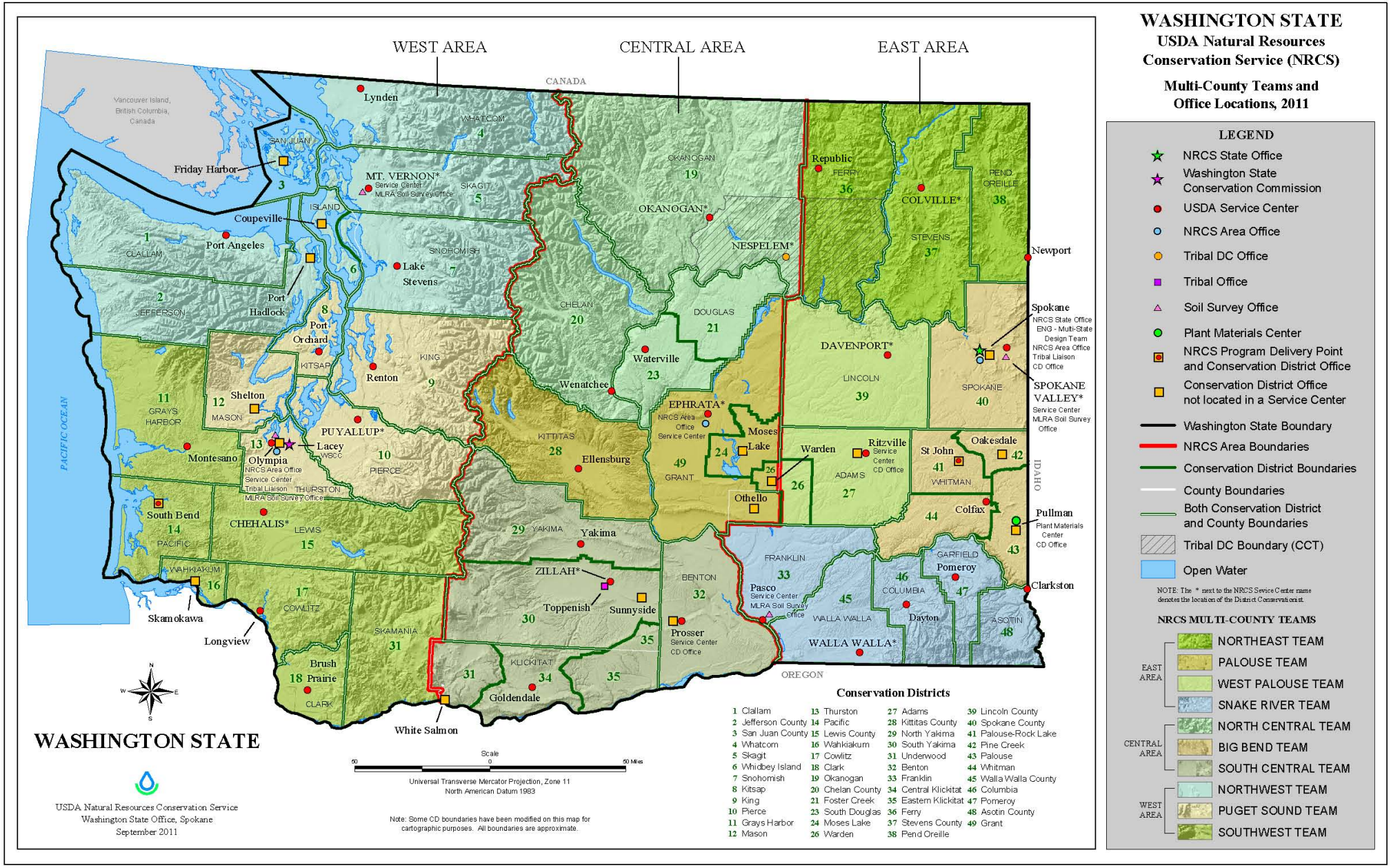
United States Department of Agriculture

Agroforestry Landowner Assistance

Natural Resource Conservation Service

How is NRCS Organized?



WASHINGTON STATE

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Multi-County Teams and Office Locations, 2011

LEGEND

- NRCS State Office
- Washington State Conservation Commission
- USDA Service Center
- NRCS Area Office
- Tribal DC Office
- Tribal Office
- Soil Survey Office
- Plant Materials Center
- NRCS Program Delivery Point and Conservation District Office
- Conservation District Office not located in a Service Center
- Washington State Boundary
- NRCS Area Boundaries
- Conservation District Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- Both Conservation District and County Boundaries
- Tribal DC Boundary (CCT)
- Open Water

NOTE: The * next to the NRCS Sevice Center name denotes the location of the District Conservationist.

NRCS MULTI-COUNTY TEAMS

EAST AREA
- NORTHEAST TEAM
- PALOUSE TEAM
- WEST PALOUSE TEAM
- SNAKE RIVER TEAM

CENTRAL AREA
- NORTH CENTRAL TEAM
- BIG BEND TEAM
- SOUTH CENTRAL TEAM

WEST AREA
- NORTHWEST TEAM
- PUGET SOUND TEAM
- SOUTHWEST TEAM

NRCS APPROACH
01
Locally-led Solutions
02
Science & Research
03
Landowner Stewardship
04
Partnerships
05
Proven Conservation Practices

NRCS Planning Process

Technical Assistance

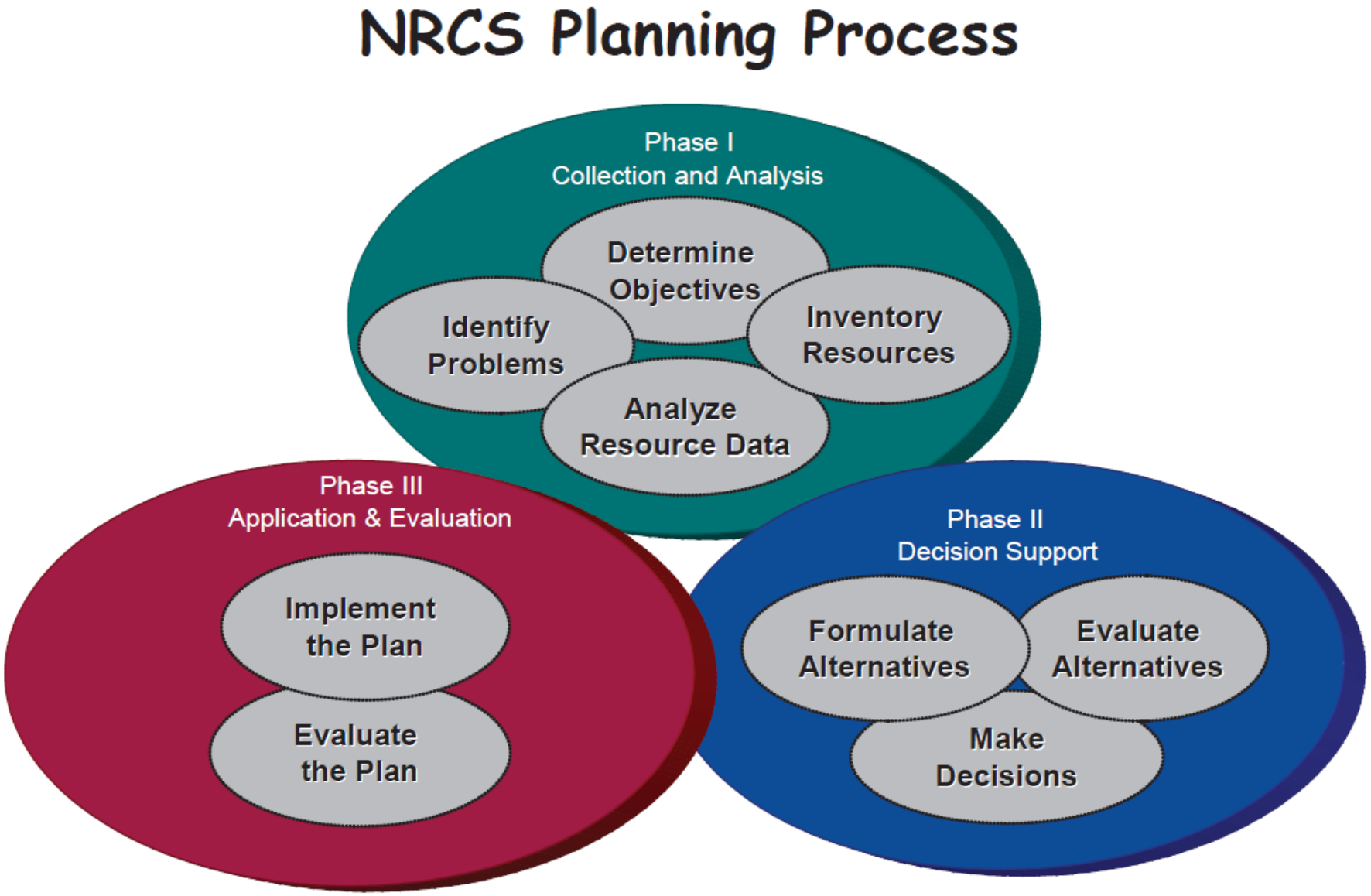


Figure 600-B2: An illustration of the dynamic nature of the planning process

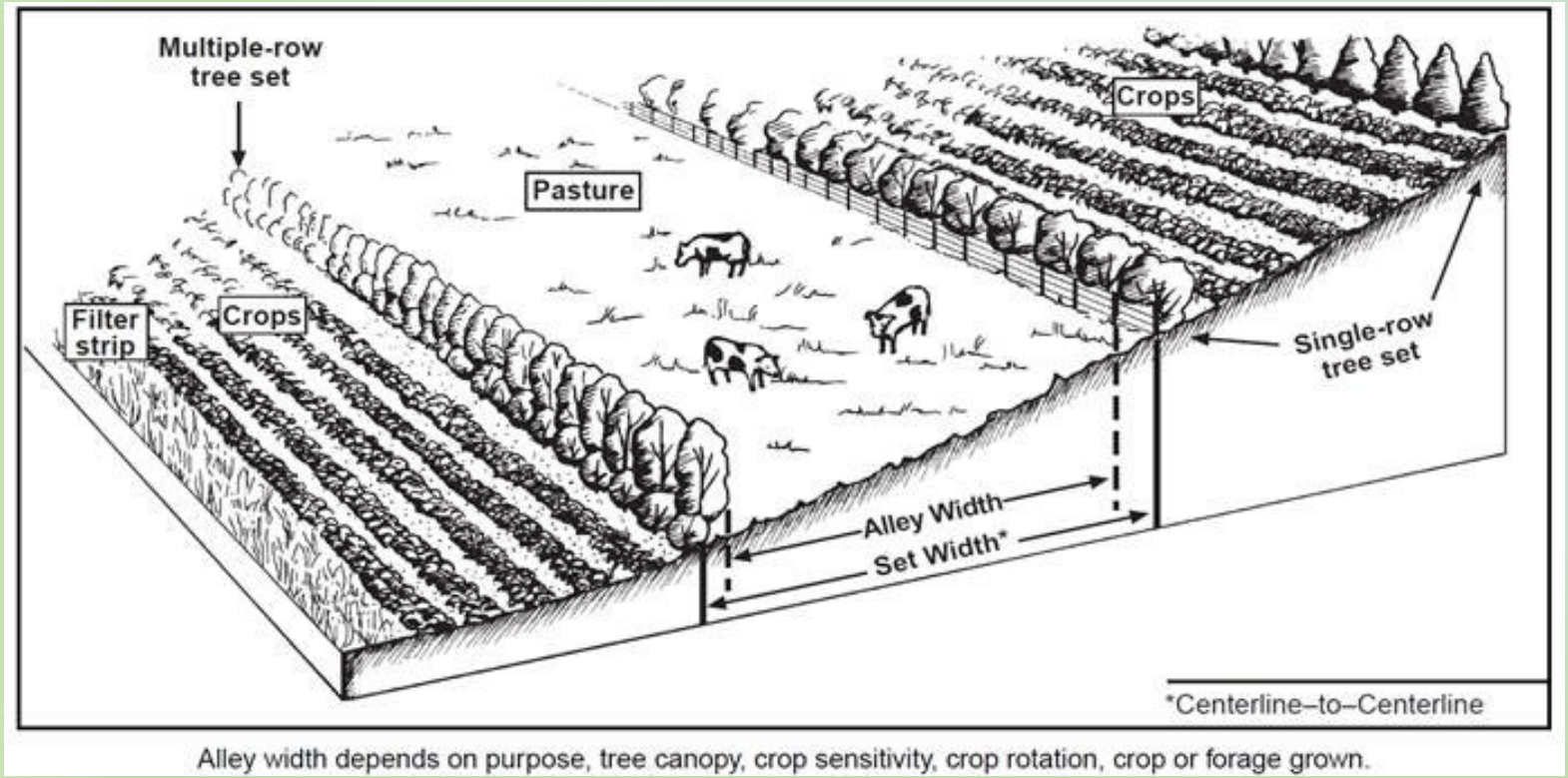
EQIP

Environmental Quality Improvement Program

Agroforestry Practices

- 311 Alley Cropping
- 379 Multi-Storied Cropping
- 380/ 650 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
- 381 Silvopasture Establishment
- 391 Riparian Forest Buffer

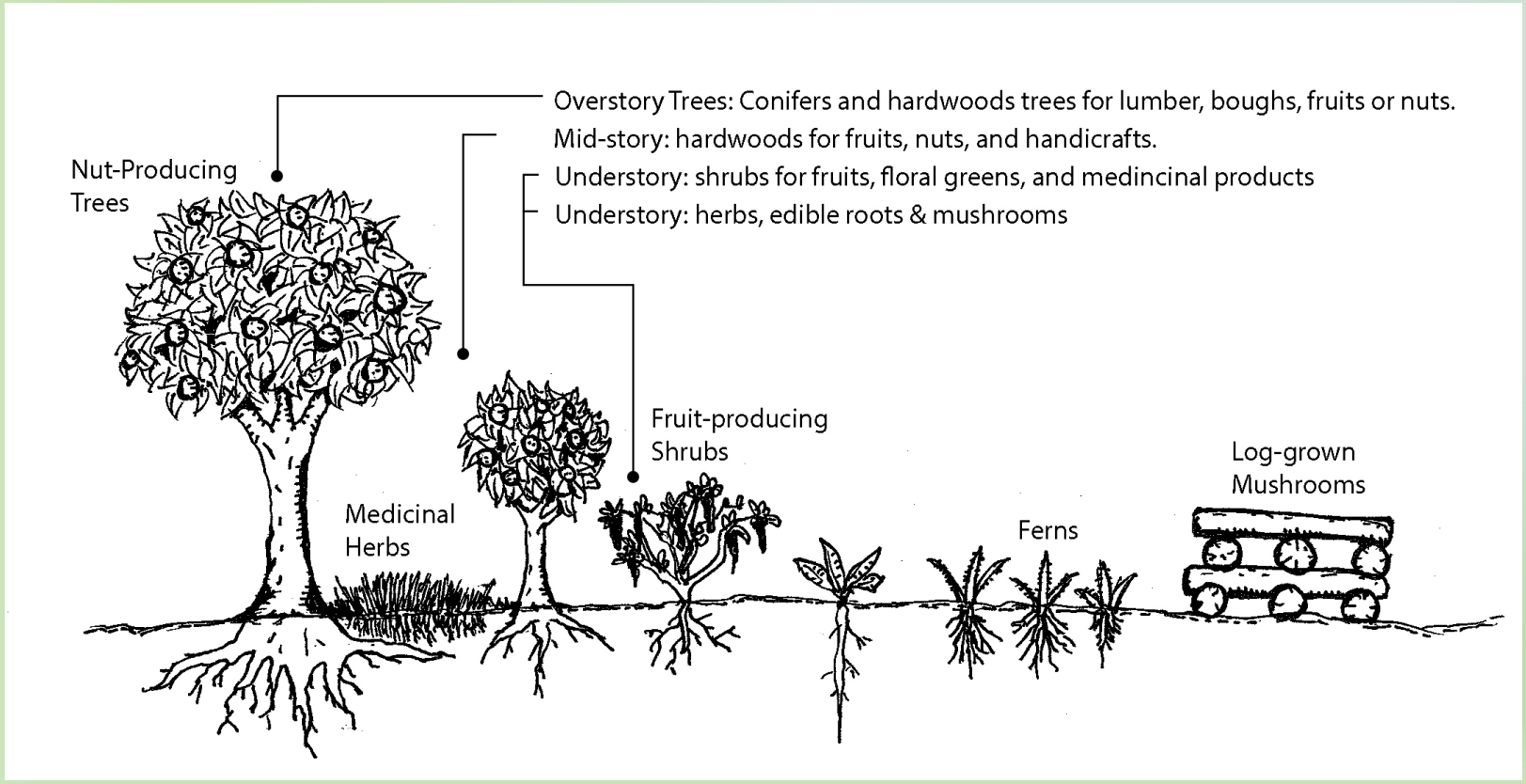
Alley Cropping



Alley width depends on purpose, tree canopy, crop sensitivity, crop rotation, crop or forage grown.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJSYT26pq6k

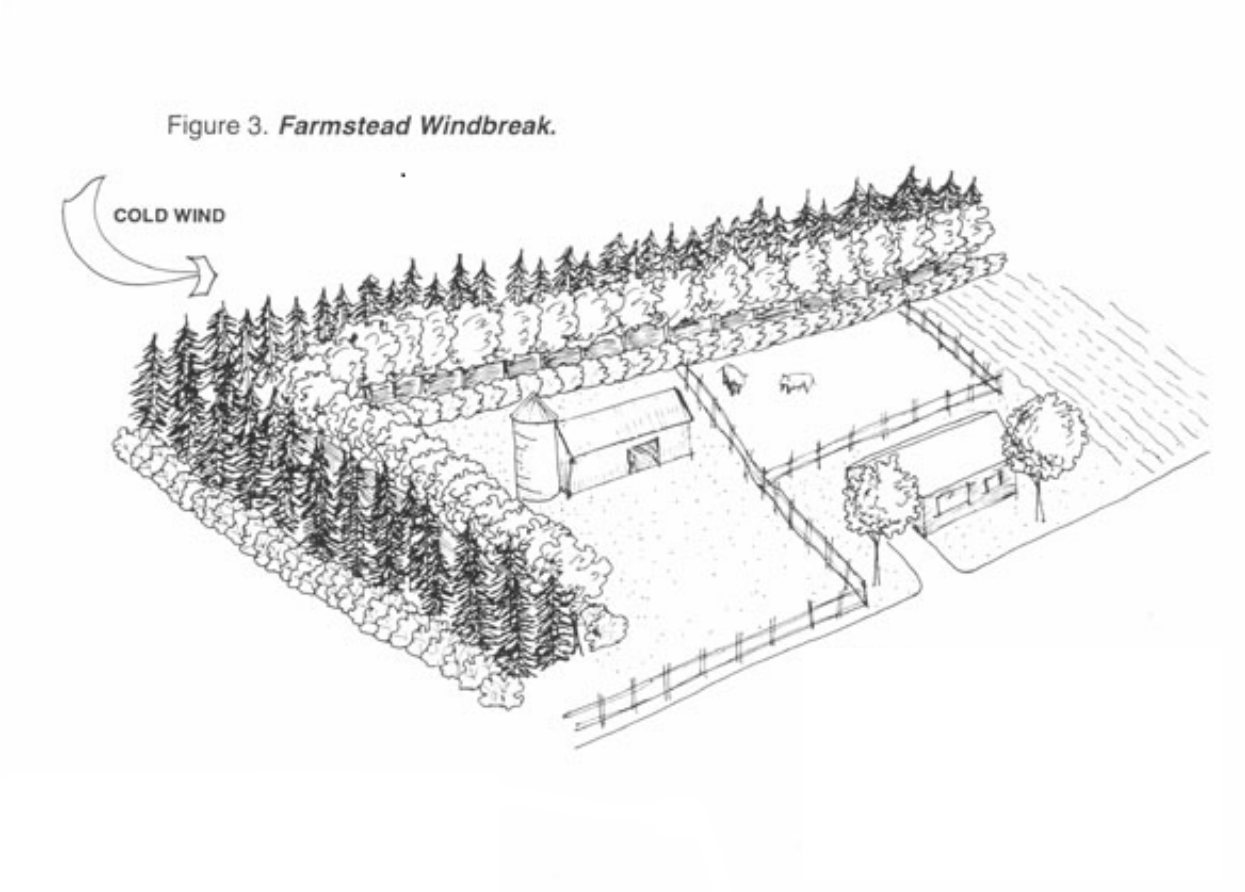
Multi-Storied Cropping



Floral Greens

Berries

Windbreaks/Shelterbelts and Living Snow Fences



Riparian Forest Buffer

CSP

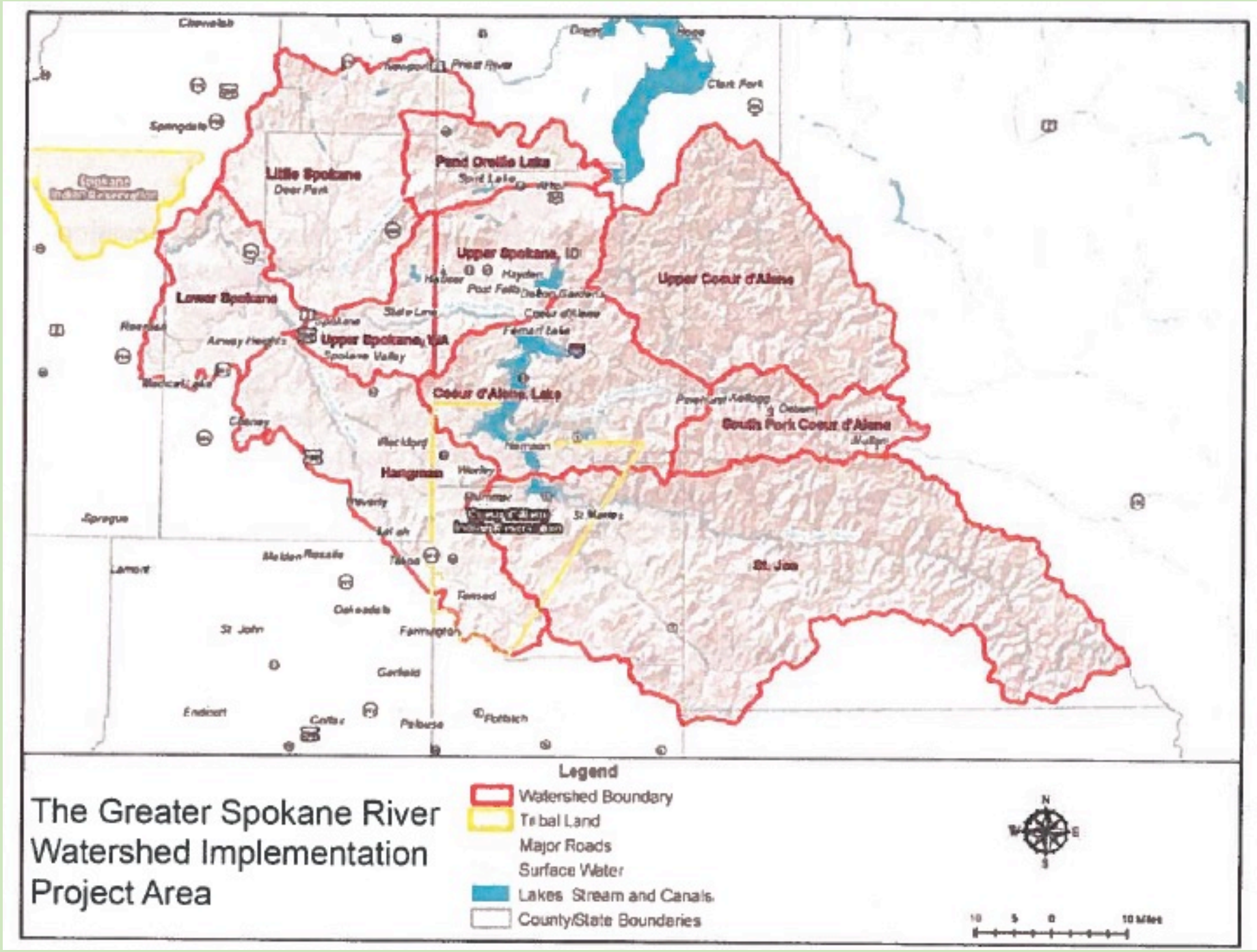
Conservation Stewardship Program

CSP

- Stewardship Program
  - Entire forestland ownership
  - Need to meet (two) targeted resources willing to bring up a third
- Enhancements (100%) and Practices (10%)
- Paid once a year
  - by the Acre, (this is likely to change in 2018 Farm Bill)
  - resource concern maintained or improved,
  - by the enhancement or practice installed

RCPP

Regional Conservation Partnership Program



Funding from NRCS RCPP-EQIP or CSP funds

Healthy Forest Reserve Easement Program (HFRP)

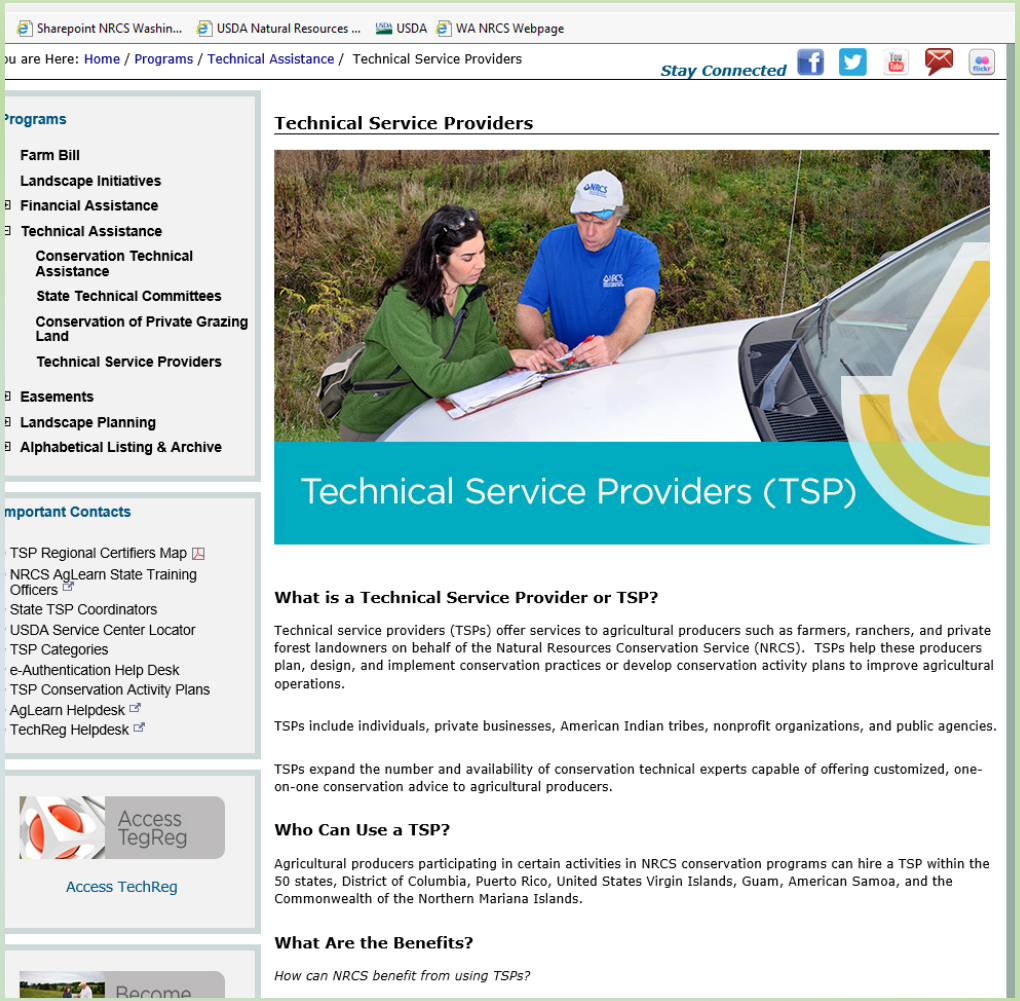
ACEP

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Wetland Reserve Easement

- Permanent easements
- 30-year easements
- Term easements
- 30 year contracts.

NRCS Webpage for Technical Service Provider



https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/tsp/

TechReg

Carri will see you on the Thursday to talk about becoming a Technical Service provider

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/technical/tsp/?cid=nrcseprd1409610

Questions?