

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MONTHLY REPORT****4/14/2023****PERSONNEL/OFFICE**

- LPSNRD Resource Technician Vacancy (Lincoln Field Office) – Vacancy/Job announcement closed on March 24, 2023, to replace Evan Sisel. Assisting LPSNRD with interviews 4/20/23.
- LPSNRD Resource Technician Vacancy (Weeping Water Field Office) – Vacancy/Job announcement closed on March 24, 2023, to replace Cole Johnson. Assisting LPSNRD with interviews on 4/20/23.
- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.

LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT

- Drought conditions have been impacting the installation of structural practices across the district. Extra consideration is required prior to construction to make sure there is enough soil moisture to obtain compaction requirements. With the recent precipitation events, we have been able to release some jobs again.
- The LPSNRD currently has the following land treatment cost-share program applications:
 - Lancaster County
 - 19 Fall Structural Applications – 1 Completed Project (1 paid)
 - 6 Summer Structural Applications
 - 36 Cover Crop Applications – staff will certify cover crops as they are terminated over the coming weeks
 - Cass County
 - 37 Fall Structural Applications – 5 Completed Projects (3 paid)
 - 3 Summer Structural Applications
 - 4 Cover Crop Applications – staff will certify cover crops as they are terminated over the coming weeks

USDA PROGRAMS

- Planning staff are completing planning/contracting for preapproved Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications.
- Planning staff are beginning to assess/rank EQIP-Inflation Reduction Act applications.
- Planning staff are assessing/ranking Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 28th – CSP Renewal Application Deadline

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