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I have worked with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) since 1977.

My current position and location is Conservation Initiatives Coordinator in Washington DC. I coordinate a number of NRCS interstate conservation programs and initiatives including the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Duties include coordinating initiative or project activities with other NRCS area-wide planning and conservation program efforts and with NRCS Science and Technology Divisions; coordinating program delivery at the State and National level and with other Federal agencies and partners; developing criteria to identify and quantify environmental outcomes and the monitoring protocols to capture conservation environmental outcomes, including coordinating efforts with the conservation effects assessment project.

Prior to this assignment, I had a number of positions with USDA-NRCS, all in Pennsylvania:

Assistant State Conservationist for Programs: Managed NRCS conservation financial assistance programs in Pennsylvania, including AMA, CSP, EQIP, RCPP-EQIP, FRPP, WRP. Also coordinated NRCS technical assistance for CRP. Manage technical staff for biology and forestry.

State Resource Conservationist: Managed NRCS technical assistance support services in Pennsylvania, including conservation planning, Field Office Technical Guide and associated practice standards, and managed technical specialists including agronomy, biology, forestry, grasslands & forages.

Soil Conservationist on Pennsylvania Ecological Sciences/Resources staff. Primary duties were conservation planning specialist and program coordinator for the USDA Farmland Protection Program.

Assignment to Pa. Association of Conservation Districts: Coordinated several Whole Farm Planning projects.

Assignment to Pa. Dept. of Agriculture/Bureau of Farmland Protection: Provide technical conservation assistance to Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture during start-up and initial implementation of their Farmland Preservation Program.

District Conservationist, Northampton County PA and Mifflin County PA: County officer manager with duties including conservation planning and implementation; assistance for USDA financial assistance programs; manage soil conservationists and soil conservation technicians; represent agency with partners including county conservation district and other cooperating agencies.

Soil Conservationist, Cambria County PA, Union County PA and Tioga County PA: Provide conservation planning and implementation assistance to farmers and landowners.

Graduated from Pennsylvania State University, 1978, Bachelor of Science, Plant Science.

I live in Cumberland County PA; Married, with three children