

Funding

Group discussion of % funding to each Resource Issue: Entities that could fund the work.

Resource Issue	%	Entity and Funding

Building an Area Initiative(s)

Highest priority natural resource issue(s)

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High priority area

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Practices to promote

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Programs to use

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Funding needed, and partners to involve

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Community development and issues addressed

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Next Steps

Action	Timeline	Lead



Local Working Group

NOTES EXAMPLE 2

Local Working Group Reporting Instructions

1. Review Local Working Group Bulletin
2. The Conservation Partnership has the current business plan goals of strategically identifying and analyzing natural resource needs on a landscape-level scale, determining the best solutions to address those needs and prioritize technical and financial assistance to those targeted needs, using locally led conservation and cutting-edge technology. To aid us in moving toward this goal, LWG should develop recommendations that help focus human and financial resources toward achievable natural resource solutions.
3. Based on the action plan developed by the Local Working Group, complete the Conservation Needs Assessment Report to inform NRCS and the State Technical Committee and other partners of opportunities to solve resource concerns.
 - a. **Narrative of priority resource issue:** In paragraph form, discuss each of the resource concerns. Include items such as geographic area, environmental threats, wildlife, societal, or economic effects of the resource concern. What opportunities identified in the LWG Action Plan are appropriate for Local, State and Federal focused efforts? What is the likelihood of solving the resource concern with a strategic effort?
 - b. **NRCS resource concern categories:** Document the NRCS resource concern categories that fit the situation.
 - c. **Extent:** Document the extent of the resource issue as it exists in appropriate units or detail.
 - d. **Recommended activities to solve resource concerns:** List activities (name and code) that have been identified in the LWG Action Plan for addressing the resource concern. Think beyond the commonly used EQIP practice codes. Please consider enhancements and long term protection also.
 - e. **Local, State or Federal Programs and fund pools that may help treat the identified resource concerns:** Identify if NRCS funding of practices is appropriate. If so, identify programs and fund pools that would best address the resource concern. If existing pools do not address the resource concern, consider the SFP proposals process, or the recommendation of resource-specific pools.

- f. **Funding required:** (Local, State, or Federal) estimate the total funding for each Farm Bill program and other programs necessary to treat the resource concern over the next 3 years.
 - g. **Identify suggestions for technical, policy, or application selection criteria that should be forwarded to the State Technical Committee for consideration in addressing the resource concerns:** Document the concerns and recommendations from the Local Working Group. These items will be reviewed by the appropriate leadership team members and shared with the State technical committee where appropriate.
Suggestion will be considered during the annual ranking development.
4. Reports will be completed and submitted to ASTC- FO and ASTC- Programs